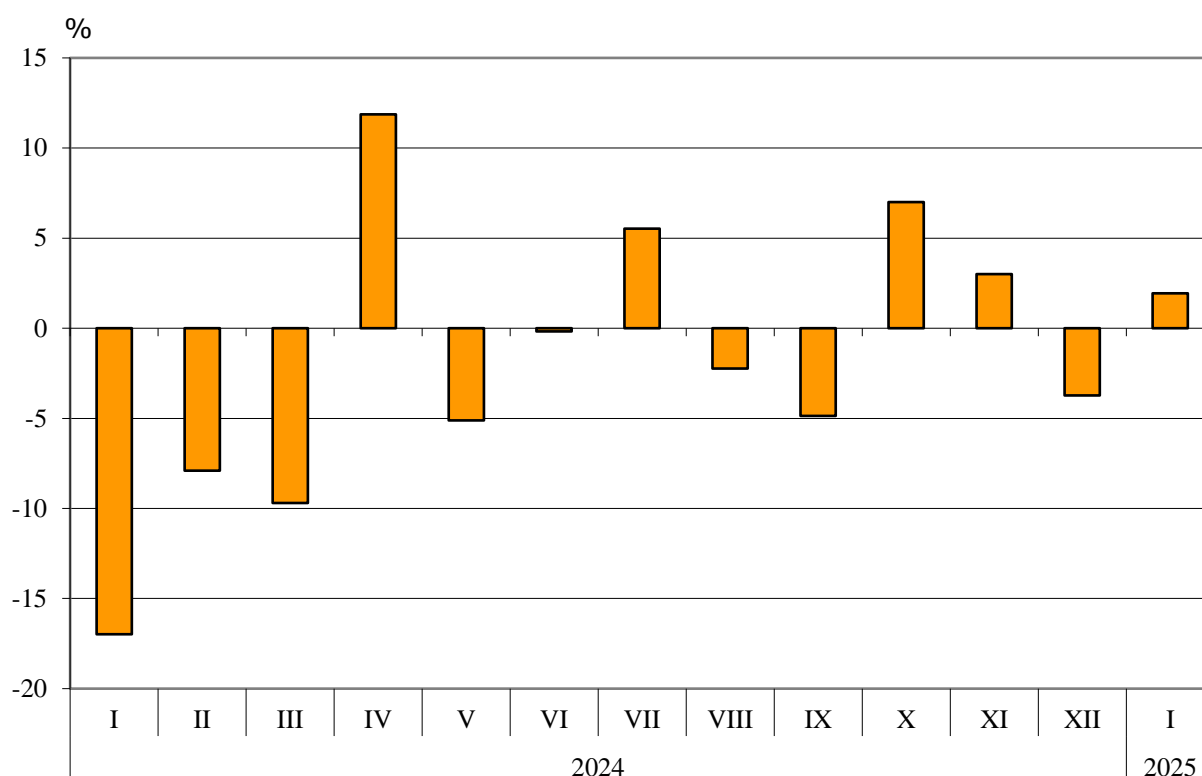




TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2025**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 1.9% in comparison with the same month of 2024 and amounted to 4 174.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU
in the period 2024 - 2025
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



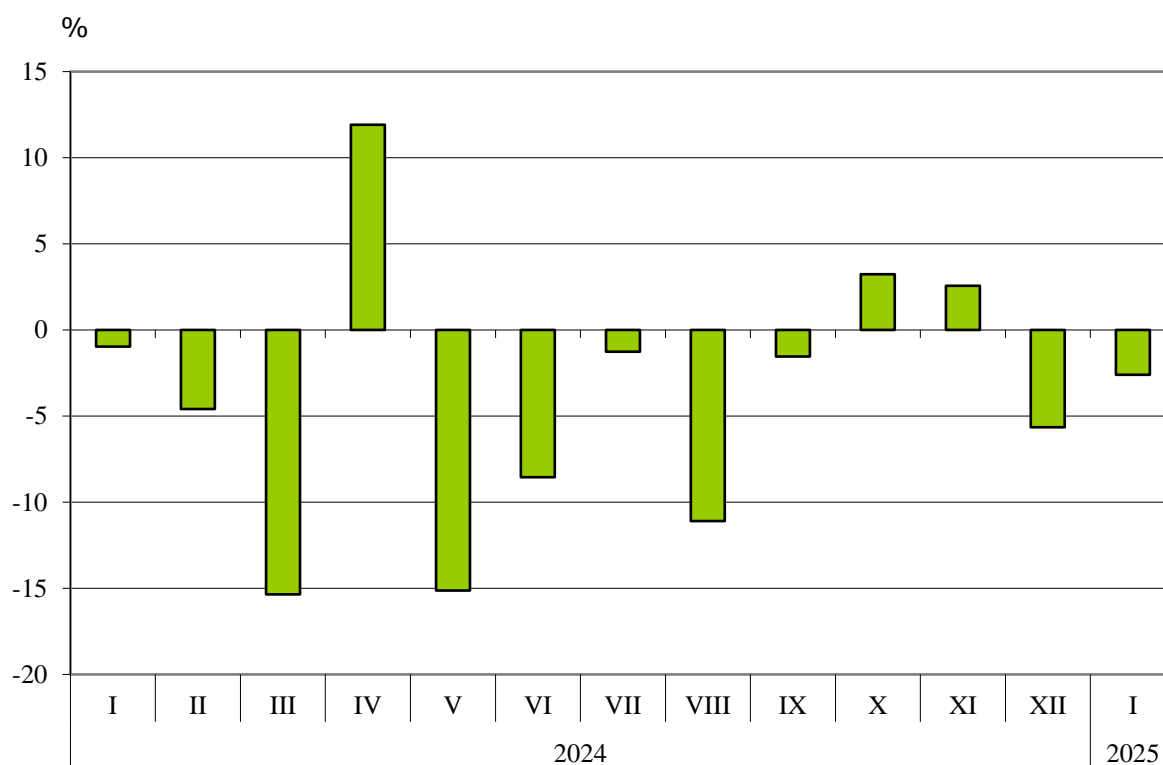
In **the exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **the EU**, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (41.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (25.6%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in **January 2025** decreased by 2.6% in comparison with the same month of 2024 and is worth to 4 416.4 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, Italy and Poland (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2024 - 2025
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **the imports** of goods to Bulgaria from **the EU** Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (34.6%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (34.7%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) **with the EU** in **January 2025** was negative and added up to 241.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and Table 3).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB
(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in
January 2024¹ and 2025¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/ Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2024	6373.9	4095.0	2278.9	7418.2	4534.1	2884.1	-1044.3	-439.1	-605.2
I.2025	6213.1	4174.5	2038.6	8187.6	4416.4	3771.2	-1974.5	-241.9	-1732.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>).

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2025¹
compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/ Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	-2.5	1.9	-10.5	10.4	-2.6	30.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in January 2024² and 2025²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6373.9	6213.1	-2.5	7418.2	8187.6	10.4	-1044.3	-1974.5
EU	4095.0	4174.5	1.9	4534.1	4416.4	-2.6	-439.1	-241.9
Austria	114.6	110.0	-4.0	187.6	167.9	-10.5	-73.0	-57.9
Belgium	311.5	90.6	-70.9	143.4	182.3	27.1	168.1	-91.7
Croatia	127.0	54.5	-57.1	20.9	22.9	9.6	106.1	31.6
Cyprus	16.8	19.3	14.9	5.3	10.3	94.3	11.5	9.0
Czechia	130.0	124.1	-4.5	219.5	171.2	-22.0	-89.5	-47.1
Denmark	27.8	51.9	86.7	54.2	35.8	-33.9	-26.4	16.1
Estonia	7.6	7.3	-3.9	29.7	42.4	42.8	-22.1	-35.1
Finland	14.3	12.5	-12.6	16.5	14.7	-10.9	-2.2	-2.2
France	219.2	226.4	3.3	189.9	184.7	-2.7	29.3	41.7
Germany	924.7	982.1	6.2	875.9	875.3	-0.1	48.8	106.8
Greece	341.8	347.1	1.6	491.2	444.1	-9.6	-149.4	-97.0
Hungary	84.3	93.8	11.3	280.6	266.0	-5.2	-196.3	-172.2
Ireland	20.4	18.9	-7.4	22.4	40.0	78.6	-2.0	-21.1
Italy	468.2	474.4	1.3	413.3	367.8	-11.0	54.9	106.6
Latvia	5.8	9.0	55.2	6.0	7.9	31.7	-0.2	1.1
Lithuania	18.1	18.2	0.6	11.9	18.2	52.9	6.2	0.0
Luxembourg	2.9	1.7	-41.4	5.5	7.1	29.1	-2.6	-5.4
Malta	3.7	2.5	-32.4	2.4	1.1	-54.2	1.3	1.4
Netherlands	115.2	176.9	53.6	292.9	291.0	-0.6	-177.7	-114.1
Poland	173.1	191.3	10.5	258.6	314.0	21.4	-85.5	-122.7
Portugal	13.8	20.6	49.3	16.0	32.1	100.6	-2.2	-11.5
Romania	452.2	541.0	19.6	649.7	535.7	-17.5	-197.5	5.3
Slovakia	66.2	64.4	-2.7	95.6	112.9	18.1	-29.4	-48.5
Slovenia	33.0	28.3	-14.2	60.0	81.3	35.5	-27.0	-53.0
Spain	119.1	143.0	20.1	122.6	138.2	12.7	-3.5	4.8
Sweden	65.3	55.1	-15.6	49.7	28.0	-43.7	15.6	27.1
Not specified	218.4	309.6	41.8	12.8	23.5	83.6	205.6	286.1

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

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(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in January 2024² and 2025²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	2278.9	2038.6	-10.5	2884.1	3771.2	30.8	-605.2	-1732.6
CIS ³	124.4	117.1	-5.9	251.0	326.5	30.1	-126.6	-209.4
of which:								
Kazakhstan	16.9	7.7	-54.4	0.3	231.7	77133.3	16.6	-224.0
Russian Federation	45.9	49.5	7.8	229.4	72.2	-68.5	-183.5	-22.7
OECD ⁴	893.0	783.5	-12.3	1118.4	1325.4	18.5	-225.4	-541.9
of which:								
Canada	13.3	14.1	6.0	20.5	56.7	176.6	-7.2	-42.6
Chile	6.7	0.8	-88.1	86.5	1.3	-98.5	-79.8	-0.5
Israel	23.6	27.4	16.1	9.8	10.0	2.0	13.8	17.4
Japan	10.3	10.6	2.9	30.7	23.0	-25.1	-20.4	-12.4
Korea, Republic of	99.4	13.5	-86.4	23.4	32.7	39.7	76.0	-19.2
Türkiye	393.8	419.8	6.6	762.3	828.5	8.7	-368.5	-408.7
United Kingdom ⁵	113.6	47.7	-58.0	49.3	56.1	13.8	64.3	-8.4
United States	140.7	162.6	15.6	65.6	198.7	202.9	75.1	-36.1

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan and Israel.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2024² and 2025²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
EFTA ³	62.5	66.2	5.9	60.0	78.1	30.2	2.5	-11.9
of which:								
Norway	9.6	12.3	28.1	5.9	10.2	72.9	3.7	2.1
Switzerland	52.5	53.1	1.1	54.0	67.8	25.6	-1.5	-14.7

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

³ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN JANUARY 2025
(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in January 2024² and 2025²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	52.1	17.7	-66.0	7.7	9.3	20.8	44.4	8.4
Algeria	51.7	23.6	-54.4	23.6	0.8	-96.6	28.1	22.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14.7	10.4	-29.3	3.8	4.6	21.1	10.9	5.8
Brazil	7.0	6.5	-7.1	51.3	146.8	186.2	-44.3	-140.3
China	167.6	28.8	-82.8	269.9	544.0	101.6	-102.3	-515.2
Egypt	75.2	24.5	-67.4	141.8	55.3	-61.0	-66.6	-30.8
Georgia	25.6	45.3	77.0	11.6	78.5	576.7	14.0	-33.2
India	20.2	25.4	25.7	54.7	39.7	-27.4	-34.5	-14.3
Indonesia	9.4	4.5	-52.1	128.3	5.2	-95.9	-118.9	-0.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	23.1	13.8	-40.3	7.0	9.1	30.0	16.1	4.7
Peru	1.8	3.1	72.2	117.7	2.4	-98.0	-115.9	0.7
Republic of North Macedonia	128.2	114.6	-10.6	61.0	87.3	43.1	67.2	27.3
Serbia	100.4	131.5	31.0	145.7	164.5	12.9	-45.3	-33.0
Singapore	10.6	9.4	-11.3	3.0	4.7	56.7	7.6	4.7
South Africa	39.4	7.2	-81.7	6.8	2.6	-61.8	32.6	4.6
Taiwan ³	6.5	4.1	-36.9	22.0	24.1	9.5	-15.5	-20.0
Tunisia	15.0	60.3	302.0	36.1	6.2	-82.8	-21.1	54.1
Ukraine	94.2	109.2	15.9	194.6	216.9	11.5	-100.4	-107.7
United Arab Emirates	21.6	20.7	-4.2	6.2	13.4	116.1	15.4	7.3
Viet Nam	6.3	2.9	-54.0	26.2	40.9	56.1	-19.9	-38.0

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

³ Separate territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in January 2024¹ and 2025¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	6373.9	6213.1	-2.5	7418.2	8187.6	10.4	-1044.3	-1974.5
of which: EU	4095.0	4174.5	1.9	4534.1	4416.4	-2.6	-439.1	-241.9
Food and live animals	653.1	785.5	20.3	679.4	759.1	11.7	-26.3	26.4
of which: EU	348.7	456.6	30.9	493.8	528.4	7.0	-145.1	-71.8
Beverages and tobacco	45.3	79.3	75.1	105.0	128.0	21.9	-59.7	-48.7
of which: EU	30.5	43.2	41.6	84.0	106.2	26.4	-53.5	-63.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	410.9	367.6	-10.5	775.0	755.0	-2.6	-364.1	-387.4
of which: EU	236.4	275.6	16.6	180.7	243.2	34.6	55.7	32.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	451.6	368.3	-18.4	1009.9	1102.8	9.2	-558.3	-734.5
of which: EU	155.6	115.7	-25.6	466.7	304.6	-34.7	-311.1	-188.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	129.4	47.7	-63.1	89.9	112.5	25.1	39.5	-64.8
of which: EU	45.3	39.4	-13.0	39.8	45.7	14.8	5.5	-6.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	729.1	706.7	-3.1	1002.6	1101.9	9.9	-273.5	-395.2
of which: EU	401.7	422.6	5.2	741.5	788.8	6.4	-339.8	-366.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

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(PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in January 2024¹ and 2025¹

(Continued and end)

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1458.8	1280.2	-12.2	1060.8	1206.3	13.7	398.0	73.9
of which: EU	1052.4	913.0	-13.2	509.1	500.7	-1.6	543.3	412.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1512.5	1454.7	-3.8	2076.7	2158.0	3.9	-564.2	-703.3
of which: EU	1056.4	1037.3	-1.8	1584.7	1396.8	-11.9	-528.3	-359.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	974.6	1110.2	13.9	592.7	799.3	34.9	381.9	310.9
of which: EU	760.5	868.8	14.2	408.4	443.8	8.7	352.1	425.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	8.6	12.9	50.0	26.2	64.7	146.9	-17.6	-51.8
of which: EU	7.5	2.3	-69.3	25.4	58.2	129.1	-17.9	-55.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics (including intra-EU trade in goods).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and rules pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704 of 14 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council by further specifying the details of the statistical information to be provided by tax and customs authorities, and amending Annexes V and VI thereof (text relevant to the EEA).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1225 of 27 July 2021 laying down the rules for data exchange pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 regarding the member country of extra-EU export and the obligations of reporting units.

Law on Statistics of Intra-EU Trade in Goods effective from 1 July 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 August 2022.

Scope and Basic Terminology

External trade in goods covers trade with third countries (Extrastat) and with EU Member States (Intrastat), with detailed statistical information collected at the commodity code level (8 digits) of the Combined Nomenclature.

Imports include all goods entering the statistical territory* of the Republic of Bulgaria from other countries intended for domestic consumption, processing in the country for export after processing, as well as imports of goods processed outside the country.

Exports include all goods leaving the statistical territory of the Republic of Bulgaria intended for normal export to another country. This includes goods returned to the trading partner after processing in Bulgaria or goods exported for processing in another country with the intention of being returned to Bulgaria.

The **statistical territory of the European Union (EU)**, in the context of international trade in goods statistics, corresponds to the combined customs territories of the EU member states with one exception: unlike the customs territory, the statistical territory of Germany includes Helgoland.

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Statistical volumes of imports and exports do not include imported goods placed under customs warehousing without processing, nor do exports include the re-export of these goods.

International trade statistics do not account for the transit of goods through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Main Sources of Information

Customs declaration - Single Administrative Document (SAD), which is filled out by all entities importing or exporting goods to/from third countries.

Intrastat declaration for intra-EU imports and exports to/from EU Member States.

The **Customs Agency** is the institution responsible for collecting customs declarations (SAD), and the **National Revenue Agency** is responsible for Intrastat declarations.

Trade estimates are made to compensate for the impact of thresholds below which traders are exempt from submitting Intrastat declarations, as well as for those who have not responded.