

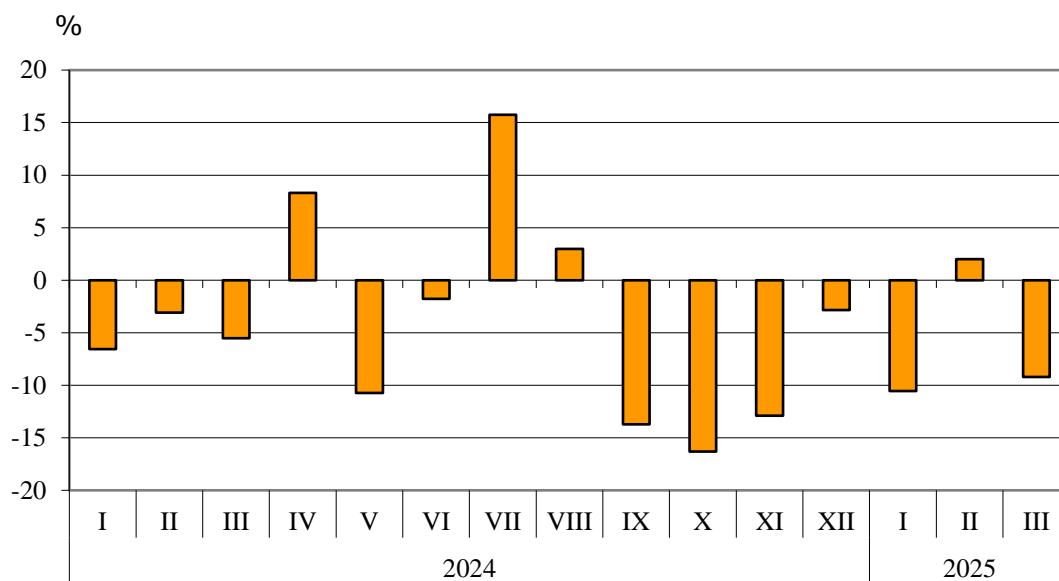


**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES  
IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period January - March 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 6.0% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 7 011.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, Algeria, the Republic of North Macedonia, Ukraine and China, which accounted for 55.8% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 9.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 485.2 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2024 - 2025  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (75.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (75.8%).

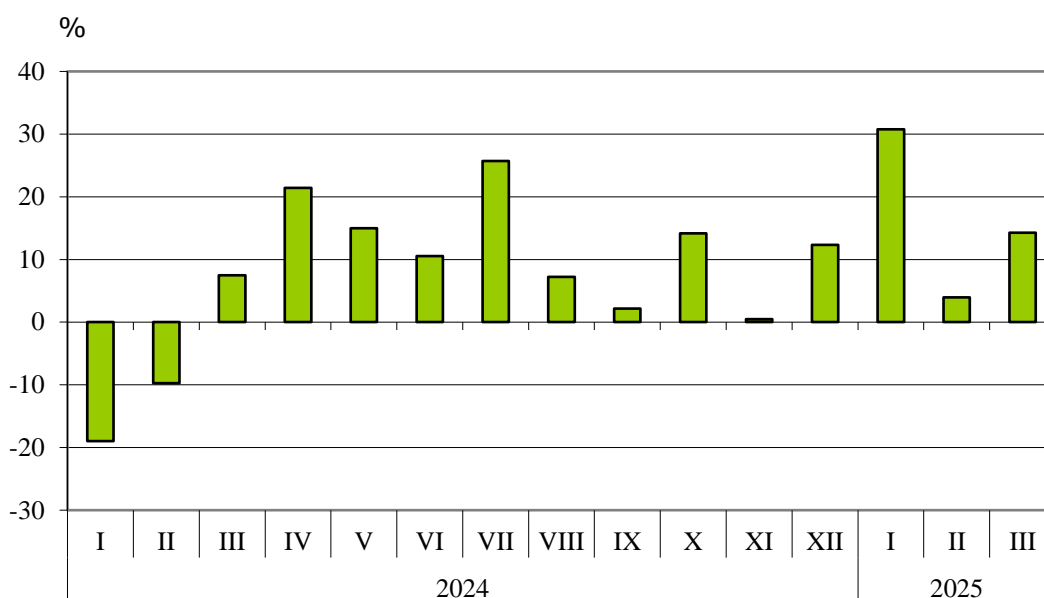
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**The imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in the period **January - March 2025** increased by 16.1% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 10 719.5 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Serbia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

**In March 2025 the imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** increased by 14.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 879.5 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2024 - 2025**  
**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**In the imports of goods** to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (46.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (29.0%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - March 2025** was negative and added up to 3 708.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In March 2025**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 394.3 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

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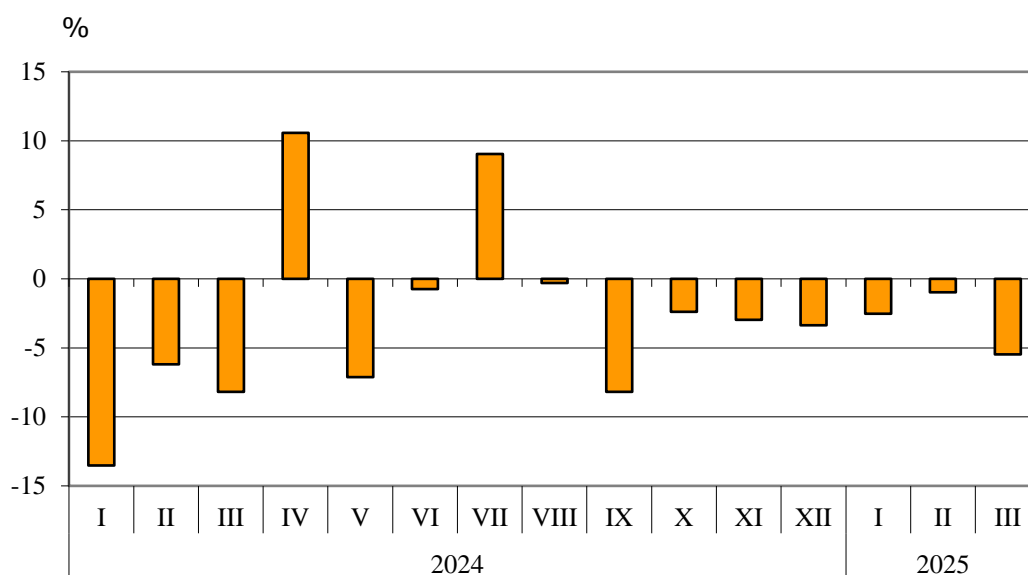
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**Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total**

In **the period January - March 2025**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 19 750.7 million BGN, which is 3.1% less than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In March 2025**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 917.8 million BGN and decreased by 5.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria**  
**in the period 2024 - 2025**  
**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



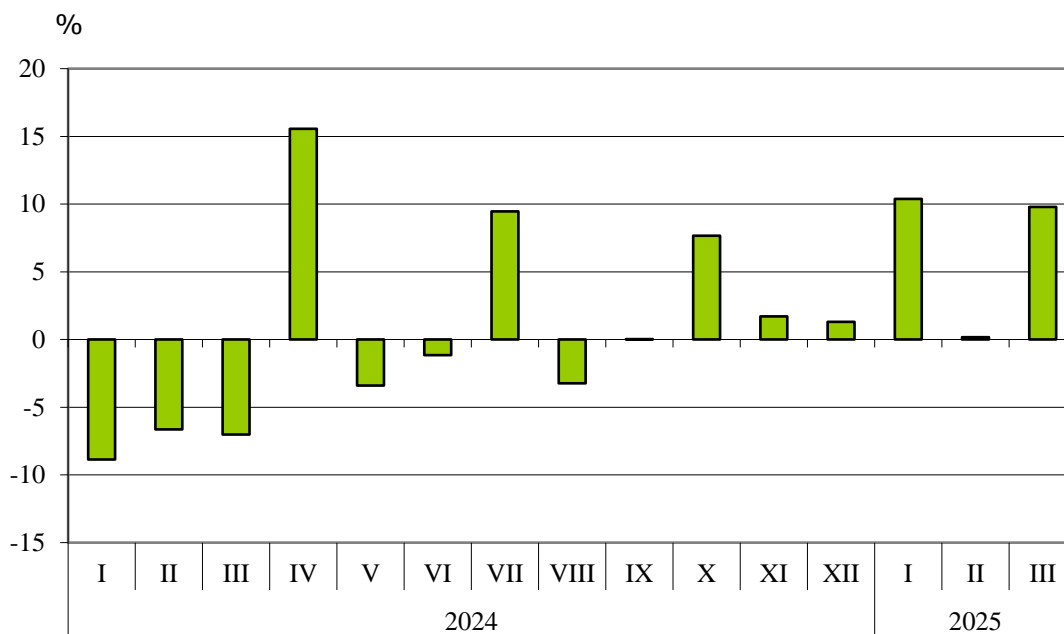
The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - March 2025** amounted to 24 604.2 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 6.8% more than the same period of 2024 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In March 2025**, the total imports of goods increased by 9.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 827.7 million BGN.

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**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria**  
**in the period 2024 - 2025**  
**(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - March 2025** and amounted to 4 853.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In March 2025**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 909.9 million BGN.

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period**  
**January - March 2024<sup>1</sup> and 2025<sup>1</sup> by months**

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
II.2024	6684.5	4245.6	2438.9	7575.8	4624.0	2951.8	-891.3	-378.4	-512.9
III.2024	7318.5	4581.1	2737.4	8040.0	4645.0	3395.0	-721.5	-63.9	-657.6
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20376.9</b>	<b>12921.7</b>	<b>7455.2</b>	<b>23034.0</b>	<b>13803.1</b>	<b>9230.9</b>	<b>-2657.1</b>	<b>-881.4</b>	<b>-1775.7</b>
I.2025	6213.1	4174.5	2038.6	8187.6	4416.4	3771.2	-1974.5	-241.9	-1732.6
II.2025	6619.8	4132.1	2487.7	7588.9	4520.1	3068.8	-969.1	-388.0	-581.1
III.2025	6917.8	4432.6	2485.2	8827.7	4948.2	3879.5	-1909.9	-515.6	-1394.3
<b>I - III.2025</b>	<b>19750.7</b>	<b>12739.2</b>	<b>7011.5</b>	<b>24604.2</b>	<b>13884.7</b>	<b>10719.5</b>	<b>-4853.5</b>	<b>-1145.5</b>	<b>-3708.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> 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 the**  
**period January - March 2025<sup>1</sup> compared to the same period**  
**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
II	-1.0	-2.7	2.0	0.2	-2.2	4.0
III	-5.5	-3.2	-9.2	9.8	6.5	14.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - March 2024<sup>2</sup> and 2025<sup>2</sup>**

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	
Third countries - total	7455.2	7011.5	-6.0	9230.9	10719.5	16.1	-1775.7	-3708.0
of which:								
Albania	217.2	60.2	-72.3	24.1	29.1	20.7	193.1	31.1
Algeria	152.2	419.1	175.4	28.4	1.8	-93.7	123.8	417.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43.8	38.7	-11.6	12.3	19.9	61.8	31.5	18.8
Brazil	22.5	17.6	-21.8	66.6	379.9	470.4	-44.1	-362.3
Canada	89.0	69.5	-21.9	115.9	207.7	79.2	-26.9	-138.2
Chile	16.2	9.5	-41.4	188.9	44.7	-76.3	-172.7	-35.2
China	407.5	301.6	-26.0	1078.8	1606.7	48.9	-671.3	-1305.1
Egypt	291.4	114.2	-60.8	601.1	122.9	-79.6	-309.7	-8.7
Georgia	135.0	160.6	19.0	57.3	163.5	185.3	77.7	-2.9
Gibraltar	379.4	170.9	-55.0	0.0	0.0	x	379.4	170.9
India	64.9	85.9	32.4	101.3	132.2	30.5	-36.4	-46.3
Indonesia	47.9	19.1	-60.1	266.7	16.5	-93.8	-218.8	2.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	80.7	54.3	-32.7	24.0	32.0	33.3	56.7	22.3
Israel	68.6	76.7	11.8	27.8	36.0	29.5	40.8	40.7
Japan	34.3	34.7	1.2	92.7	72.9	-21.4	-58.4	-38.2
Kazakhstan	52.2	33.9	-35.1	1.0	400.0	39900.0	51.2	-366.1
Korea, Republic of	180.3	39.3	-78.2	74.5	86.5	16.1	105.8	-47.2
Libya	9.8	28.0	185.7	282.0	97.4	-65.5	-272.2	-69.4
Morocco	89.6	150.0	67.4	56.2	52.8	-6.0	33.4	97.2
Namibia	0.0	3.3	x	0.0	10.5	x	0.0	-7.2
Norway	37.8	37.4	-1.1	33.1	23.4	-29.3	4.7	14.0
Peru	5.8	9.0	55.2	225.9	128.6	-43.1	-220.1	-119.6
Republic of North Macedonia	401.1	398.6	-0.6	217.3	257.8	18.6	183.8	140.8
Russian Federation	165.9	176.6	6.4	751.2	318.2	-57.6	-585.3	-141.6
Serbia	386.8	422.6	9.3	461.8	575.9	24.7	-75.0	-153.3
Singapore	23.2	22.8	-1.7	10.9	13.0	19.3	12.3	9.8
South Africa	52.7	21.1	-60.0	19.3	5.9	-69.4	33.4	15.2
Switzerland	166.7	165.3	-0.8	206.3	223.5	8.3	-39.6	-58.2
Taiwan <sup>4</sup>	17.9	11.7	-34.6	64.9	56.9	-12.3	-47.0	-45.2
Tunisia	67.9	137.0	101.8	65.6	11.6	-82.3	2.3	125.4
Türkiye	1344.4	1499.4	11.5	2131.6	2982.3	39.9	-787.2	-1482.9
Ukraine	264.3	365.5	38.3	569.6	563.3	-1.1	-305.3	-197.8
United Arab Emirates	75.6	74.5	-1.5	18.4	31.4	70.7	57.2	43.1
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	341.9	208.7	-39.0	174.1	181.5	4.3	167.8	27.2
United States	498.7	509.1	2.1	235.1	356.2	51.5	263.6	152.9
Viet Nam	19.7	14.4	-26.9	74.7	90.8	21.6	-55.0	-76.4

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

<sup>4</sup> Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - a quantity less than half of the unit of measure used.

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**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - March 2024<sup>1</sup> and 2025<sup>1</sup>**

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	
Third countries - total	7455.2	7011.5	-6.0	9230.9	10719.5	16.1	-1775.7	-3708.0
Food and live animals	981.0	1189.0	21.2	508.7	694.3	36.5	472.3	494.7
Beverages and tobacco	54.8	96.1	75.4	73.8	87.1	18.0	-19.0	9.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	539.2	619.3	14.9	1438.4	1460.9	1.6	-899.2	-841.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1252.3	694.0	-44.6	1998.8	2111.2	5.6	-746.5	-1417.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	232.6	56.3	-75.8	179.2	127.2	-29.0	53.4	-70.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1004.8	852.9	-15.1	785.2	880.1	12.1	219.6	-27.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1252.8	1281.6	2.3	1632.5	1953.1	19.6	-379.7	-671.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1428.5	1372.1	-3.9	1833.0	2265.9	23.6	-404.5	-893.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	694.7	819.7	18.0	750.5	1098.9	46.4	-55.8	-279.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.5	30.5	110.3	30.8	40.8	32.5	-16.3	-10.3

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## **Methodological Notes**

### **Legislative Framework**

**Regulation (EU) 2019/2152** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 December 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 October 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 statistics of international trade in goods, 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.