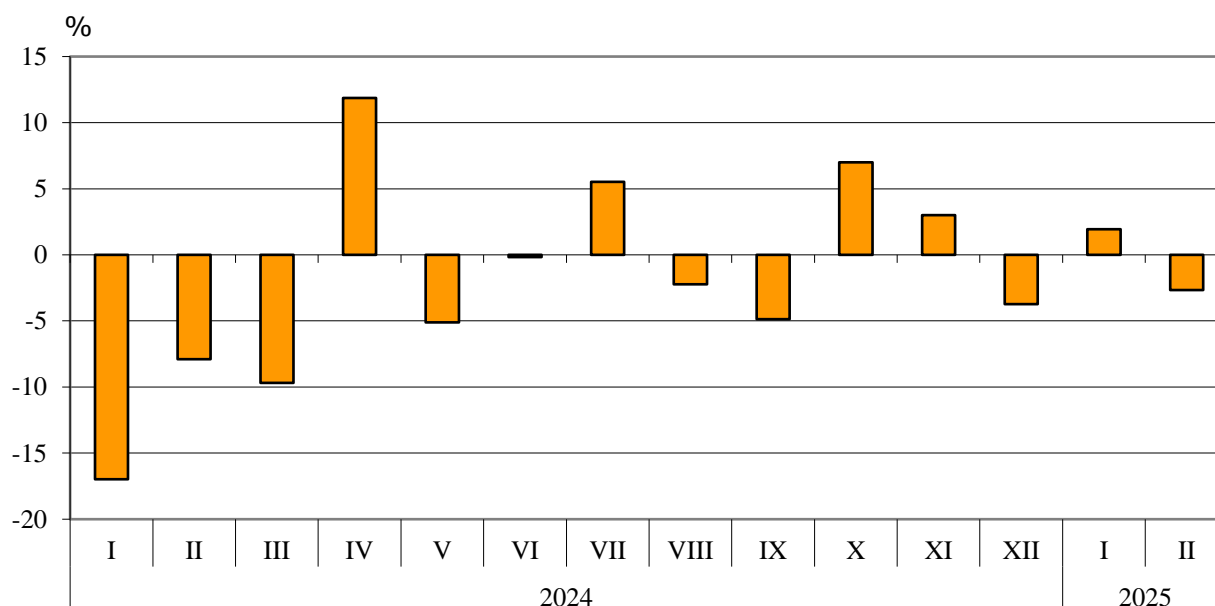




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In the period **January - February 2025**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 0.4% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 8 306.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.5% 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' (34.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (18.1%).

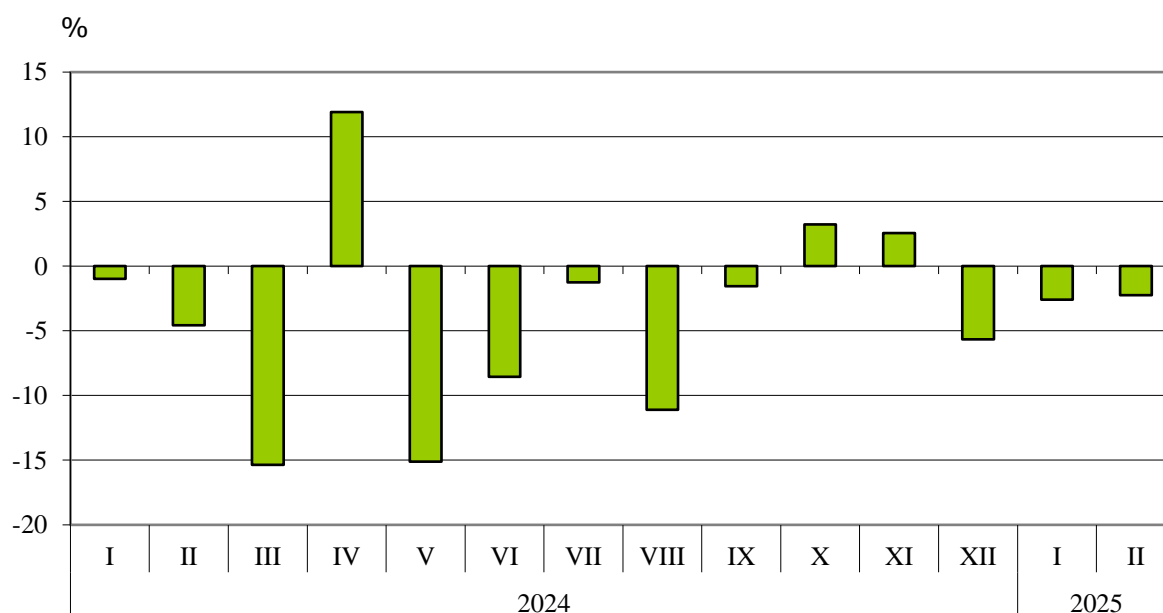
In **February 2025**, the exports to the EU decreased by 2.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 132.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - February 2025** decreased by 2.4% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 8 936.5 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 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (27.0%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (16.9%).

In **February 2025**, the imports from the EU dropped by 2.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 520.1 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - February 2025** was negative and added up to 629.9 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.

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Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 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
II.2024	6684.5	4245.6	2438.9	7575.8	4624.0	2951.8	-891.3	-378.4	-512.9
I - II.2024	13058.4	8340.6	4717.8	14994.0	9158.1	5835.9	-1935.6	-817.5	-1118.1
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
I - II.2025	12832.9	8306.6	4526.3	15776.5	8936.5	6840.0	-2943.6	-629.9	-2313.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 13, 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 the period
January - February 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
II	-1.0	-2.7	2.0	0.2	-2.2	4.0
I - II	-1.7	-0.4	-4.1	5.2	-2.4	17.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2025.

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	13058.4	12832.9	-1.7	14994.0	15776.5	5.2	-1935.6	-2943.6
EU	8340.6	8306.6	-0.4	9158.1	8936.5	-2.4	-817.5	-629.9
Austria	228.5	221.9	-2.9	386.3	349.7	-9.5	-157.8	-127.8
Belgium	479.4	176.6	-63.2	324.6	335.2	3.3	154.8	-158.6
Croatia	201.2	102.3	-49.2	51.5	62.7	21.7	149.7	39.6
Cyprus	38.2	40.2	5.2	12.0	16.4	36.7	26.2	23.8
Czechia	276.6	258.5	-6.5	440.2	372.1	-15.5	-163.6	-113.6
Denmark	59.8	93.7	56.7	85.8	77.4	-9.8	-26.0	16.3
Estonia	15.2	16.1	5.9	53.4	95.7	79.2	-38.2	-79.6
Finland	29.1	26.7	-8.2	35.4	29.1	-17.8	-6.3	-2.4
France	457.5	436.2	-4.7	420.6	378.3	-10.1	36.9	57.9
Germany	1905.0	1915.7	0.6	1802.8	1840.8	2.1	102.2	74.9
Greece	712.5	693.8	-2.6	839.7	852.3	1.5	-127.2	-158.5
Hungary	190.7	194.4	1.9	575.1	555.8	-3.4	-384.4	-361.4
Ireland	36.4	44.7	22.8	56.8	74.2	30.6	-20.4	-29.5
Italy	1021.8	963.1	-5.7	884.8	754.5	-14.7	137.0	208.6
Latvia	12.9	19.3	49.6	13.8	14.9	8.0	-0.9	4.4
Lithuania	35.1	36.2	3.1	30.7	39.2	27.7	4.4	-3.0
Luxembourg	5.3	3.4	-35.8	13.3	12.4	-6.8	-8.0	-9.0
Malta	6.2	5.2	-16.1	5.0	3.0	-40.0	1.2	2.2
Netherlands	229.3	326.7	42.5	598.8	575.4	-3.9	-369.5	-248.7
Poland	377.9	372.0	-1.6	560.0	623.6	11.4	-182.1	-251.6
Portugal	33.1	40.4	22.1	45.6	42.6	-6.6	-12.5	-2.2
Romania	977.1	1185.9	21.4	1184.9	1060.6	-10.5	-207.8	125.3
Slovakia	139.0	143.8	3.5	201.6	210.6	4.5	-62.6	-66.8
Slovenia	64.1	56.2	-12.3	147.2	182.3	23.8	-83.1	-126.1
Spain	237.7	256.4	7.9	252.1	270.4	7.3	-14.4	-14.0
Sweden	133.6	123.2	-7.8	104.8	77.2	-26.3	28.8	46.0
Not specified	437.4	554.0	26.7	31.3	30.1	-3.8	406.1	523.9

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 May 13, 2025.

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	4717.8	4526.3	-4.1	5835.9	6840.0	17.2	-1118.1	-2313.7
CIS ³	270.0	245.2	-9.2	505.7	542.7	7.3	-235.7	-297.5
of which:								
Kazakhstan	31.4	22.3	-29.0	0.7	378.4	53957.1	30.7	-356.1
Russian Federation	103.0	101.2	-1.7	448.9	122.5	-72.7	-345.9	-21.3
OECD ⁴	1844.1	1724.5	-6.5	2186.5	2472.6	13.1	-342.4	-748.1
of which:								
Canada	65.4	33.4	-48.9	29.8	61.3	105.7	35.6	-27.9
Chile	9.4	6.2	-34.0	141.5	1.7	-98.8	-132.1	4.5
Israel	47.2	51.4	8.9	19.0	24.8	30.5	28.2	26.6
Japan	21.4	21.4	0.0	68.9	51.2	-25.7	-47.5	-29.8
Korea, Republic of	134.9	27.8	-79.4	48.9	61.4	25.6	86.0	-33.6
Türkiye	828.7	945.7	14.1	1453.2	1681.2	15.7	-624.5	-735.5
United Kingdom ⁵	223.0	120.0	-46.2	110.1	117.8	7.0	112.9	2.2
United States	323.3	332.2	2.8	123.9	265.8	114.5	199.4	66.4

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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.

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner
countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	129.3	135.3	4.6	151.6	151.0	-0.4	-22.3	-15.7
of which:								
Norway	17.8	25.0	40.4	27.4	14.7	-46.4	-9.6	10.3
Switzerland	110.4	109.2	-1.1	123.2	135.9	10.3	-12.8	-26.7

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2025.

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

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Table 3

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countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - February 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	124.3	38.3	-69.2	16.6	19.8	19.3	107.7	18.5
Algeria	92.0	259.3	181.8	25.4	1.4	-94.5	66.6	257.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.2	25.5	-15.6	8.5	10.2	20.0	21.7	15.3
Brazil	15.4	11.9	-22.7	58.6	161.7	175.9	-43.2	-149.8
China	257.7	135.4	-47.5	636.1	1084.1	70.4	-378.4	-948.7
Egypt	169.0	91.3	-46.0	345.0	74.4	-78.4	-176.0	16.9
Georgia	68.3	109.6	60.5	24.8	129.4	421.8	43.5	-19.8
India	43.9	52.9	20.5	80.4	65.9	-18.0	-36.5	-13.0
Indonesia	18.9	11.8	-37.6	133.2	9.4	-92.9	-114.3	2.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52.9	30.4	-42.5	16.0	17.3	8.1	36.9	13.1
Peru	4.3	5.2	20.9	161.5	52.1	-67.7	-157.2	-46.9
Republic of North Macedonia	256.0	258.7	1.1	135.2	169.7	25.5	120.8	89.0
Serbia	219.0	274.1	25.2	304.1	345.8	13.7	-85.1	-71.7
Singapore	17.3	18.2	5.2	6.0	8.7	45.0	11.3	9.5
South Africa	45.7	14.3	-68.7	15.0	4.9	-67.3	30.7	9.4
Taiwan³	12.4	6.6	-46.8	43.6	39.1	-10.3	-31.2	-32.5
Tunisia	64.6	119.7	85.3	62.5	9.3	-85.1	2.1	110.4
Ukraine	176.8	192.1	8.7	377.7	373.6	-1.1	-200.9	-181.5
United Arab Emirates	46.1	45.1	-2.2	16.1	24.9	54.7	30.0	20.2
Viet Nam	12.3	9.1	-26.0	45.5	68.8	51.2	-33.2	-59.7

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² Data are preliminary as of May 13, 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 the period January - February 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	13058.4	12832.9	-1.7	14994.0	15776.5	5.2	-1935.6	-2943.6
of which: EU	8340.6	8306.6	-0.4	9158.1	8936.5	-2.4	-817.5	-629.9
Food and live animals	1301.0	1738.9	33.7	1361.7	1554.3	14.1	-60.7	184.6
of which: EU	681.9	895.9	31.4	1020.5	1090.6	6.9	-338.6	-194.7
Beverages and tobacco	98.2	154.3	57.1	239.4	292.7	22.3	-141.2	-138.4
of which: EU	66.8	89.5	34.0	194.4	239.5	23.2	-127.6	-150.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	772.0	810.0	4.9	1318.5	1222.3	-7.3	-546.5	-412.3
of which: EU	435.7	498.5	14.4	401.1	426.0	6.2	34.6	72.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	948.7	754.9	-20.4	1903.4	1981.7	4.1	-954.7	-1226.8
of which: EU	269.3	225.5	-16.3	635.2	527.8	-16.9	-365.9	-302.3
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	232.5	97.5	-58.1	185.8	188.8	1.6	46.7	-91.3
of which: EU	78.2	80.0	2.3	64.5	81.9	27.0	13.7	-1.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1474.4	1455.2	-1.3	2056.9	2181.0	6.0	-582.5	-725.8
of which: EU	805.6	894.9	11.1	1538.9	1579.1	2.6	-733.3	-684.2

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - February 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	3029.8	2633.6	-13.1	2207.8	2376.7	7.7	822.0	256.9
of which: EU	2210.0	1809.9	-18.1	1117.4	1093.9	-2.1	1092.6	716.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3198.4	3012.3	-5.8	4368.3	4271.3	-2.2	-1169.9	-1259.0
of which: EU	2268.2	2155.5	-5.0	3291.9	2877.1	-12.6	-1023.7	-721.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1978.0	2148.9	8.6	1287.9	1549.5	20.3	690.1	599.4
of which: EU	1513.7	1650.3	9.0	844.5	881.0	4.3	669.2	769.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	25.4	27.3	7.5	64.3	158.2	146.0	-38.9	-130.9
of which: EU	11.2	6.6	-41.1	49.7	139.6	180.9	-38.5	-133.0

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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.