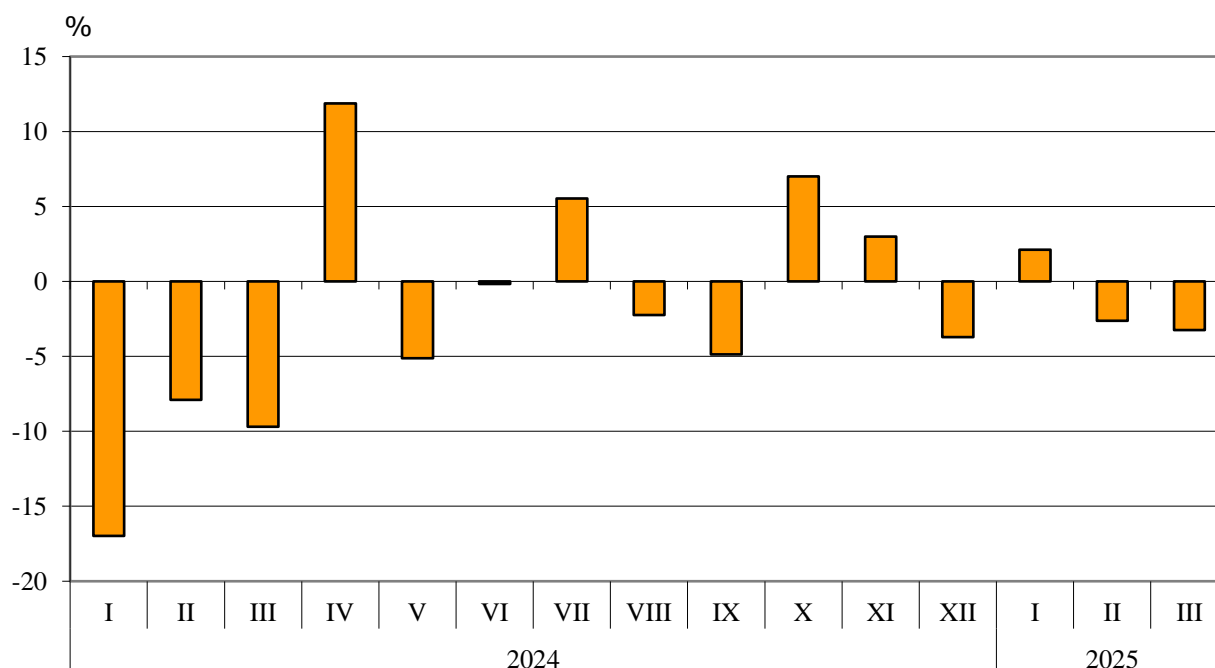




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In the period **January - March 2025**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 1.3% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 12 749.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 63.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 'Food and live animals' (32.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (37.8%).

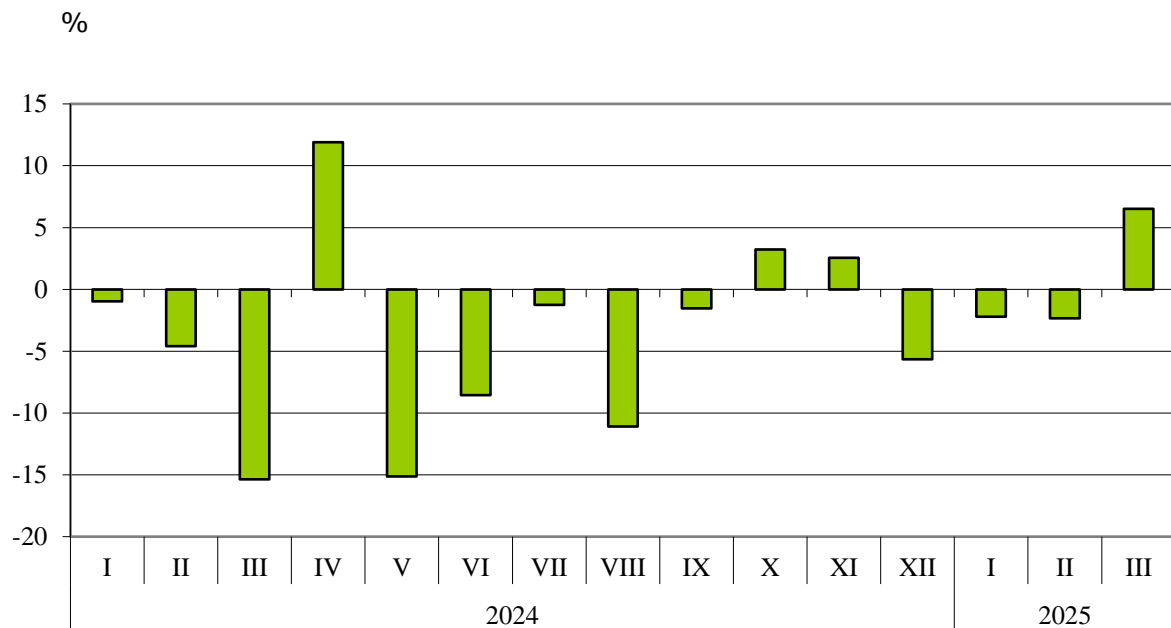
In **March 2025**, the **exports to the EU** decreased by 3.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 432.6 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - March 2025** increased by 0.7% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 13 898.5 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 value<sup>2</sup> 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' (42.6%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (19.2%).

In **March 2025**, the **imports** from **the EU** grew by 6.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 948.1 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the **EU** in the period **January - March 2025** was negative and added up to 1 149.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and Table 3).

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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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	6304.0	4181.9	2122.1	8205.7	4434.3	3771.4	-1901.7	-252.4	-1649.3
II.2025	6669.0	4134.5	2534.5	7601.0	4516.1	3084.9	-932.0	-381.6	-550.4
III.2025	6942.1	4432.6	2509.5	8841.6	4948.1	3893.5	-1899.5	-515.5	-1384.0
<b>I - III.2025</b>	<b>19915.1</b>	<b>12749.0</b>	<b>7166.1</b>	<b>24648.3</b>	<b>13898.5</b>	<b>10749.8</b>	<b>-4733.2</b>	<b>-1149.5</b>	<b>-3583.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2025.

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(<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 month of the previous**  
**year**

(Per cent)

Months/ Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	-1.1	2.1	-6.9	10.6	-2.2	30.8
II	-0.2	-2.6	3.9	0.3	-2.3	4.5
III	-5.1	-3.2	-8.3	10.0	6.5	14.7
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2025.

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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	20376.9	19915.1	-2.3	23034.0	24648.3	7.0	-2657.1	-4733.2
EU	12921.7	12749.0	-1.3	13803.1	13898.5	0.7	-881.4	-1149.5
Austria	342.6	361.8	5.6	586.5	576.4	-1.7	-243.9	-214.6
Belgium	610.1	268.5	-56.0	475.5	557.1	17.2	134.6	-288.6
Croatia	290.0	147.1	-49.3	75.6	92.8	22.8	214.4	54.3
Cyprus	56.7	74.8	31.9	17.4	31.0	78.2	39.3	43.8
Czechia	412.9	395.8	-4.1	651.8	584.1	-10.4	-238.9	-188.3
Denmark	91.1	126.0	38.3	130.0	109.2	-16.0	-38.9	16.8
Estonia	26.7	23.5	-12.0	69.5	167.8	141.4	-42.8	-144.3
Finland	41.0	43.9	7.1	52.8	48.0	-9.1	-11.8	-4.1
France	689.3	649.3	-5.8	622.9	578.7	-7.1	66.4	70.6
Germany	3014.8	2927.9	-2.9	2719.1	2822.2	3.8	295.7	105.7
Greece	1055.3	1074.7	1.8	1282.0	1241.9	-3.1	-226.7	-167.2
Hungary	288.4	291.7	1.1	844.1	861.5	2.1	-555.7	-569.8
Ireland	54.2	69.7	28.6	87.7	112.8	28.6	-33.5	-43.1
Italy	1552.8	1479.4	-4.7	1380.8	1240.1	-10.2	172.0	239.3
Latvia	20.4	28.5	39.7	24.0	22.4	-6.7	-3.6	6.1
Lithuania	52.3	56.3	7.6	51.8	64.3	24.1	0.5	-8.0
Luxembourg	8.5	6.0	-29.4	18.8	18.8	0.0	-10.3	-12.8
Malta	8.8	8.0	-9.1	7.4	4.5	-39.2	1.4	3.5
Netherlands	415.4	451.7	8.7	884.5	918.8	3.9	-469.1	-467.1
Poland	548.1	563.8	2.9	841.5	945.5	12.4	-293.4	-381.7
Portugal	51.1	58.7	14.9	58.8	55.4	-5.8	-7.7	3.3
Romania	1620.1	1926.8	18.9	1700.8	1627.3	-4.3	-80.7	299.5
Slovakia	213.3	201.6	-5.5	296.3	329.0	11.0	-83.0	-127.4
Slovenia	112.5	90.4	-19.6	210.9	305.1	44.7	-98.4	-214.7
Spain	364.6	407.7	11.8	396.0	422.0	6.6	-31.4	-14.3
Sweden	198.7	184.4	-7.2	159.1	118.6	-25.5	39.6	65.8
Not specified	782.0	831.0	6.3	157.5	43.2	-72.6	624.5	787.8

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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(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	7455.2	7166.1	-3.9	9230.9	10749.8	16.5	-1775.7	-3583.7
CIS <sup>3</sup>	421.5	402.8	-4.4	826.7	634.1	-23.3	-405.2	-231.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	52.2	34.8	-33.3	1.0	400.0	39900.0	51.2	-365.2
Russian Federation	165.9	177.0	6.7	751.2	170.0	-77.4	-585.3	7.0
OECD <sup>4</sup>	2869.6	2843.5	-0.9	3330.4	4168.8	25.2	-460.8	-1325.3
of which:								
Canada	89.0	71.2	-20.0	115.9	207.8	79.3	-26.9	-136.6
Chile	16.2	9.5	-41.4	188.9	44.7	-76.3	-172.7	-35.2
Israel	68.6	77.7	13.3	27.8	36.0	29.5	40.8	41.7
Japan	34.3	35.0	2.0	92.7	73.0	-21.3	-58.4	-38.0
Korea, Republic of	180.3	39.6	-78.0	74.5	86.5	16.1	105.8	-46.9
Türkiye	1344.4	1586.2	18.0	2131.6	2870.1	34.6	-787.2	-1283.9
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	341.9	204.7	-40.1	174.1	181.8	4.4	167.8	22.9
United States	498.7	531.6	6.6	235.1	356.4	51.6	263.6	175.2

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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(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 <sup>3</sup>	205.8	205.4	-0.2	240.7	239.1	-0.7	-34.9	-33.7
of which:								
Norway	37.8	37.9	0.3	33.1	23.4	-29.3	4.7	14.5
Switzerland	166.7	166.0	-0.4	206.3	214.5	4.0	-39.6	-48.5

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<sup>3</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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(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	217.2	60.7	-72.1	24.1	29.0	20.3	193.1	31.7
Algeria	152.2	417.9	174.6	28.4	1.8	-93.7	123.8	416.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	43.8	39.1	-10.7	12.3	16.1	30.9	31.5	23.0
Brazil	22.5	20.0	-11.1	66.6	379.9	470.4	-44.1	-359.9
China	407.5	304.7	-25.2	1078.8	1606.4	48.9	-671.3	-1301.7
Egypt	291.4	116.9	-59.9	601.1	122.9	-79.6	-309.7	-6.0
Georgia	135.0	161.4	19.6	57.3	163.5	185.3	77.7	-2.1
India	64.9	87.2	34.4	101.3	127.7	26.1	-36.4	-40.5
Indonesia	47.9	20.7	-56.8	266.7	16.5	-93.8	-218.8	4.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	80.7	55.4	-31.4	24.0	32.0	33.3	56.7	23.4
Peru	5.8	10.2	75.9	225.9	128.5	-43.1	-220.1	-118.3
Republic of North Macedonia	401.1	399.5	-0.4	217.3	268.0	23.3	183.8	131.5
Serbia	386.8	419.9	8.6	461.8	576.1	24.8	-75.0	-156.2
Singapore	23.2	23.0	-0.9	10.9	13.0	19.3	12.3	10.0
South Africa	52.7	21.7	-58.8	19.3	5.9	-69.4	33.4	15.8
Taiwan³	17.9	11.8	-34.1	64.9	56.9	-12.3	-47.0	-45.1
Tunisia	67.9	133.8	97.1	65.6	11.6	-82.3	2.3	122.2
Ukraine	264.3	272.1	3.0	569.6	546.0	-4.1	-305.3	-273.9
United Arab Emirates	75.6	75.5	-0.1	18.4	31.4	70.7	57.2	44.1
Viet Nam	19.7	14.8	-24.9	74.7	90.8	21.6	-55.0	-76.0

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> 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 - 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	
Total	20376.9	19915.1	-2.3	23034.0	24648.3	7.0	-2657.1	-4733.2
of which: EU	12921.7	12749.0	-1.3	13803.1	13898.5	0.7	-881.4	-1149.5
Food and live animals	2032.8	2590.0	27.4	2065.4	2406.0	16.5	-32.6	184.0
of which: EU	1051.8	1390.2	32.2	1556.7	1711.5	9.9	-504.9	-321.3
Beverages and tobacco	161.7	223.7	38.3	379.2	484.2	27.7	-217.5	-260.5
of which: EU	106.9	125.6	17.5	305.4	397.1	30.0	-198.5	-271.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1203.8	1393.8	15.8	2002.1	2079.2	3.9	-798.3	-685.4
of which: EU	664.5	768.5	15.7	563.7	617.3	9.5	100.8	151.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1778.6	1021.1	-42.6	2867.6	2841.0	-0.9	-1089.0	-1819.9
of which: EU	526.3	327.2	-37.8	868.8	702.4	-19.2	-342.5	-375.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	356.2	189.5	-46.8	272.5	260.2	-4.5	83.7	-70.7
of which: EU	123.6	133.0	7.6	93.3	133.0	42.6	30.3	0.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2226.7	2199.3	-1.2	3095.8	3320.6	7.3	-869.1	-1121.3
of which: EU	1221.9	1327.7	8.7	2310.7	2440.1	5.6	-1088.8	-1112.4

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(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	4647.2	4160.3	-10.5	3340.7	3683.1	10.2	1306.5	477.2
of which: EU	3394.4	2816.2	-17.0	1708.2	1730.0	1.3	1686.2	1086.2
Machinery and transport equipment	4856.2	4799.9	-1.2	6777.5	6838.1	0.9	-1921.3	-2038.2
of which: EU	3427.8	3389.3	-1.1	4944.5	4571.8	-7.5	-1516.7	-1182.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3086.2	3286.9	6.5	2139.9	2470.7	15.5	946.3	816.2
of which: EU	2391.5	2451.3	2.5	1389.3	1370.9	-1.3	1002.2	1080.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	27.5	50.6	84.0	93.3	265.2	184.2	-65.8	-214.6
of which: EU	13.0	20.0	53.8	62.5	224.4	259.0	-49.5	-204.4

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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.

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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.

**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.