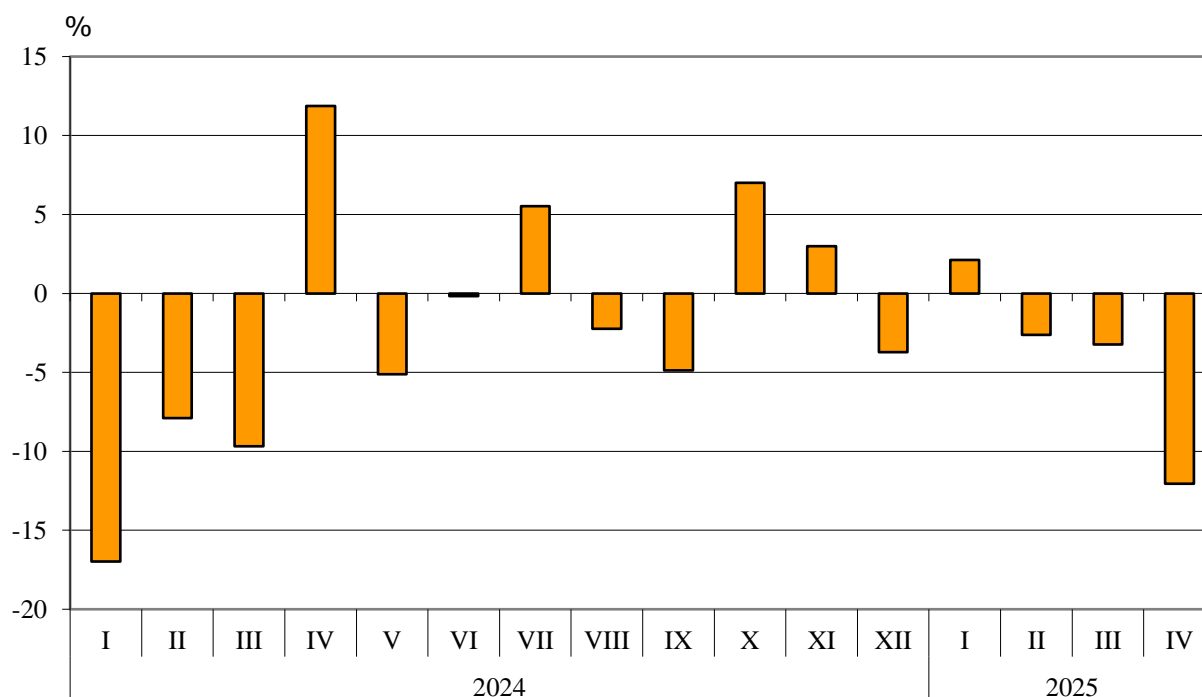




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In the period **January - April 2025**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 4.2% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 16 957.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.8% 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 'Food and live animals' (24.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (40.6%).

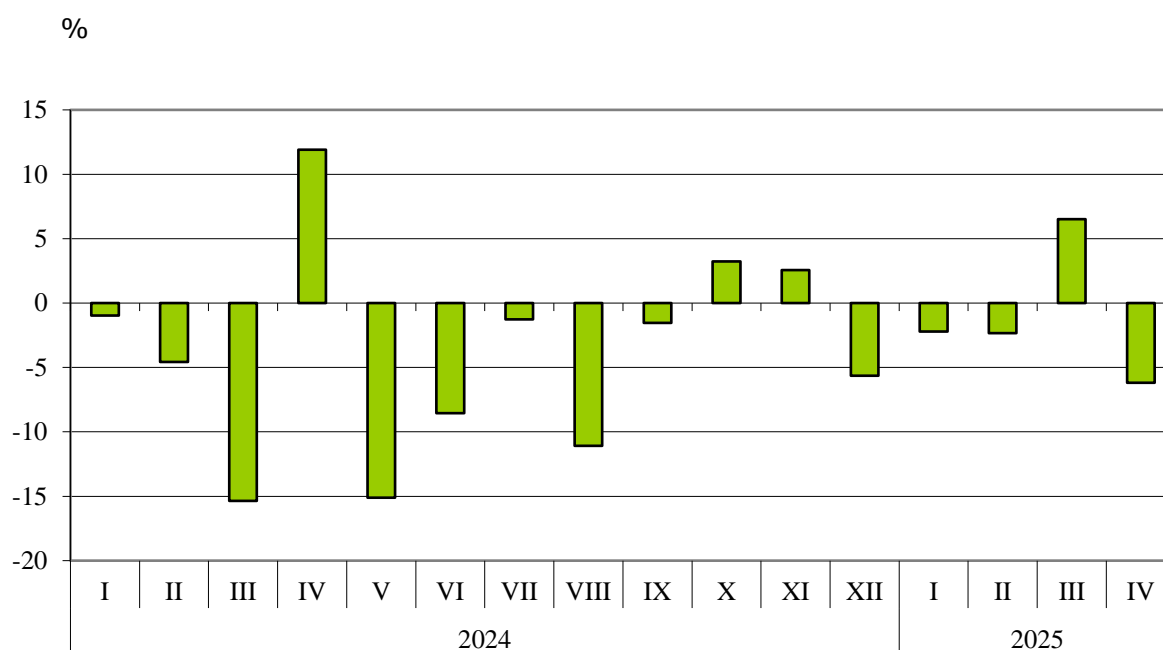
In **April 2025**, the **exports to the EU** decreased by 12.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 208.3 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - April 2025** decreased by 1.2% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 18 691.8 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 'Beverages and tobacco' (31.3%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (24.6%).

In **April 2025**, the **imports** from **the EU** dropped by 6.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 793.3 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with **the EU** in the period **January - April 2025** was negative and added up to 1 734.5 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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Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 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
III.2024	7318.5	4581.1	2737.4	8040.0	4645.0	3395.0	-721.5	-63.9	-657.6
I - III.2024	20376.9	12921.7	7455.2	23034.0	13803.1	9230.9	-2657.1	-881.4	-1775.7
IV.2024	7444.6	4785.1	2659.5	8544.6	5109.9	3434.7	-1100.0	-324.8	-775.2
I - IV.2024	27821.5	17706.8	10114.7	31578.6	18913.0	12665.6	-3757.1	-1206.2	-2550.9
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
I - III.2025	19915.1	12749.0	7166.1	24648.3	13898.5	10749.8	-4733.2	-1149.5	-3583.7
IV.2025	6583.3	4208.3	2375.0	8460.2	4793.3	3666.9	-1876.9	-585.0	-1291.9
I - IV.2025	26498.4	16957.3	9541.1	33108.5	18691.8	14416.7	-6610.1	-1734.5	-4875.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 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 - April 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	-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
I - III	-2.3	-1.3	-3.9	7.0	0.7	16.5
IV	-11.6	-12.1	-10.7	-1.0	-6.2	6.8
I - IV	-4.8	-4.2	-5.7	4.8	-1.2	13.8

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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 - April 2024² and 2025²**

Countries, territory 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	27821.5	26498.4	-4.8	31578.6	33108.5	4.8	-3757.1	-6610.1
EU	17706.8	16957.3	-4.2	18913.0	18691.8	-1.2	-1206.2	-1734.5
Austria	462.2	506.7	9.6	788.3	775.8	-1.6	-326.1	-269.1
Belgium	693.1	372.9	-46.2	636.8	726.9	14.1	56.3	-354.0
Croatia	406.5	192.2	-52.7	103.1	120.1	16.5	303.4	72.1
Cyprus	81.1	100.6	24.0	25.7	39.4	53.3	55.4	61.2
Czechia	559.1	528.6	-5.5	881.2	807.5	-8.4	-322.1	-278.9
Denmark	127.2	159.5	25.4	167.6	146.0	-12.9	-40.4	13.5
Estonia	32.0	32.6	1.9	104.8	220.1	110.0	-72.8	-187.5
Finland	56.7	59.1	4.2	72.7	61.9	-14.9	-16.0	-2.8
France	949.8	865.5	-8.9	817.4	757.4	-7.3	132.4	108.1
Germany	4266.6	3844.9	-9.9	3668.1	3757.4	2.4	598.5	87.5
Greece	1444.2	1459.5	1.1	1724.9	1679.6	-2.6	-280.7	-220.1
Hungary	384.7	389.3	1.2	1110.8	1163.0	4.7	-726.1	-773.7
Ireland	87.1	88.1	1.1	121.6	155.0	27.5	-34.5	-66.9
Italy	2028.6	1900.1	-6.3	1897.6	1670.9	-11.9	131.0	229.2
Latvia	29.9	37.8	26.4	32.0	31.5	-1.6	-2.1	6.3
Lithuania	68.4	74.4	8.8	84.2	84.7	0.6	-15.8	-10.3
Luxembourg	10.4	8.3	-20.2	23.8	24.4	2.5	-13.4	-16.1
Malta	12.3	10.0	-18.7	8.8	5.5	-37.5	3.5	4.5
Netherlands	522.8	559.6	7.0	1224.6	1208.8	-1.3	-701.8	-649.2
Poland	727.4	756.0	3.9	1157.0	1242.3	7.4	-429.6	-486.3
Portugal	81.6	78.8	-3.4	74.5	84.0	12.8	7.1	-5.2
Romania	2279.4	2584.6	13.4	2439.3	2121.1	-13.0	-159.9	463.5
Slovakia	294.7	275.7	-6.4	405.4	426.3	5.2	-110.7	-150.6
Slovenia	154.6	120.0	-22.4	292.0	429.1	47.0	-137.4	-309.1
Spain	526.7	558.7	6.1	537.6	594.0	10.5	-10.9	-35.3
Sweden	270.8	257.4	-4.9	219.0	163.6	-25.3	51.8	93.8
Not specified	1148.9	1136.4	-1.1	294.2	195.5	-33.5	854.7	940.9

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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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 - April 2024² and 2025²**

(Continued)

Countries, territory 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	10114.7	9541.1	-5.7	12665.6	14416.7	13.8	-2550.9	-4875.6
CIS ³	600.1	572.3	-4.6	899.3	842.6	-6.3	-299.2	-270.3
of which:								
Kazakhstan	65.5	49.2	-24.9	2.2	540.7	24477.3	63.3	-491.5
Russian Federation	236.1	253.6	7.4	794.6	220.8	-72.2	-558.5	32.8
OECD ⁴	3803.9	3804.7	0.0	4652.2	5777.9	24.2	-848.3	-1973.2
of which:								
Canada	107.1	113.7	6.2	122.2	272.1	122.7	-15.1	-158.4
Chile	18.3	20.3	10.9	189.6	95.3	-49.7	-171.3	-75.0
Israel	85.0	97.9	15.2	35.6	59.7	67.7	49.4	38.2
Japan	47.1	48.7	3.4	114.6	108.7	-5.1	-67.5	-60.0
Korea, Republic of	196.6	51.7	-73.7	109.0	115.2	5.7	87.6	-63.5
Türkiye	1836.5	2125.8	15.8	2910.8	3915.8	34.5	-1074.3	-1790.0
United Kingdom ⁵	458.1	291.3	-36.4	287.4	241.5	-16.0	170.7	49.8
United States	657.1	677.6	3.1	311.6	553.5	77.6	345.5	124.1

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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.

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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 - April 2024² and 2025²**

(Continued)

Countries, territory 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	277.2	270.8	-2.3	509.4	331.8	-34.9	-232.2	-61.0
of which:								
Norway	47.8	49.8	4.2	228.1	29.6	-87.0	-180.3	20.2
Switzerland	227.4	218.9	-3.7	279.6	300.5	7.5	-52.2	-81.6

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² Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2025.

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

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(Continued and end)

Countries, territory 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	280.4	83.8	-70.1	32.1	37.5	16.8	248.3	46.3
Algeria	212.2	522.1	146.0	28.5	2.0	-93.0	183.7	520.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	58.9	55.9	-5.1	19.9	21.8	9.5	39.0	34.1
Brazil	30.3	25.3	-16.5	236.6	389.0	64.4	-206.3	-363.7
China	575.7	344.3	-40.2	1542.9	2077.0	34.6	-967.2	-1732.7
Egypt	422.7	152.2	-64.0	835.7	173.4	-79.3	-413.0	-21.2
Georgia	236.7	211.8	-10.5	69.0	283.0	310.1	167.7	-71.2
India	99.3	115.3	16.1	141.8	161.6	14.0	-42.5	-46.3
Indonesia	51.8	23.9	-53.9	271.4	23.7	-91.3	-219.6	0.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	104.8	65.1	-37.9	37.8	47.6	25.9	67.0	17.5
Peru	7.3	13.0	78.1	226.4	188.2	-16.9	-219.1	-175.2
Republic of North Macedonia	523.7	522.3	-0.3	306.8	368.2	20.0	216.9	154.1
Serbia	596.5	547.5	-8.2	624.4	780.2	25.0	-27.9	-232.7
Singapore	28.2	31.6	12.1	16.1	19.6	21.7	12.1	12.0
South Africa	60.0	29.8	-50.3	23.4	7.0	-70.1	36.6	22.8
Taiwan³	25.0	14.8	-40.8	89.3	70.6	-20.9	-64.3	-55.8
Tunisia	88.7	149.2	68.2	67.8	18.7	-72.4	20.9	130.5
Ukraine	340.3	355.4	4.4	774.0	746.5	-3.6	-433.7	-391.1
United Arab Emirates	102.8	108.8	5.8	30.1	42.8	42.2	72.7	66.0
Viet Nam	28.4	20.4	-28.2	109.6	112.9	3.0	-81.2	-92.5

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² Data are preliminary as of July 10, 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 - April 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	27821.5	26498.4	-4.8	31578.6	33108.5	4.8	-3757.1	-6610.1
of which: EU	17706.8	16957.3	-4.2	18913.0	18691.8	-1.2	-1206.2	-1734.5
Food and live animals	2849.3	3437.0	20.6	2817.2	3168.1	12.5	32.1	268.9
of which: EU	1503.3	1867.7	24.2	2093.0	2263.6	8.2	-589.7	-395.9
Beverages and tobacco	216.3	292.0	35.0	558.2	707.2	26.7	-341.9	-415.2
of which: EU	138.3	162.4	17.4	437.7	574.6	31.3	-299.4	-412.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1682.5	1813.2	7.8	2774.1	2765.2	-0.3	-1091.6	-952.0
of which: EU	903.8	978.7	8.3	752.6	812.4	7.9	151.2	166.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2503.4	1227.3	-51.0	3829.0	3681.0	-3.9	-1325.6	-2453.7
of which: EU	734.1	436.2	-40.6	1203.7	907.5	-24.6	-469.6	-471.3
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	442.2	307.9	-30.4	349.3	309.5	-11.4	92.9	-1.6
of which: EU	190.2	193.1	1.5	137.1	165.6	20.8	53.1	27.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3036.6	2963.6	-2.4	4188.9	4429.8	5.8	-1152.3	-1466.2
of which: EU	1680.2	1789.5	6.5	3118.3	3244.0	4.0	-1438.1	-1454.5

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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	6281.6	5503.9	-12.4	4655.7	4970.9	6.8	1625.9	533.0
of which: EU	4639.2	3702.5	-20.2	2345.8	2329.2	-0.7	2293.4	1373.3
Machinery and transport equipment	6532.2	6440.7	-1.4	9344.6	9474.0	1.4	-2812.4	-3033.3
of which: EU	4608.3	4532.6	-1.6	6844.0	6292.0	-8.1	-2235.7	-1759.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4238.5	4444.2	4.9	2910.1	3263.5	12.1	1328.4	1180.7
of which: EU	3294.6	3272.2	-0.7	1880.6	1821.0	-3.2	1414.0	1451.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	38.9	68.6	76.3	151.5	339.3	124.0	-112.6	-270.7
of which: EU	14.8	22.4	51.4	100.2	281.9	181.3	-85.4	-259.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2025.

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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.