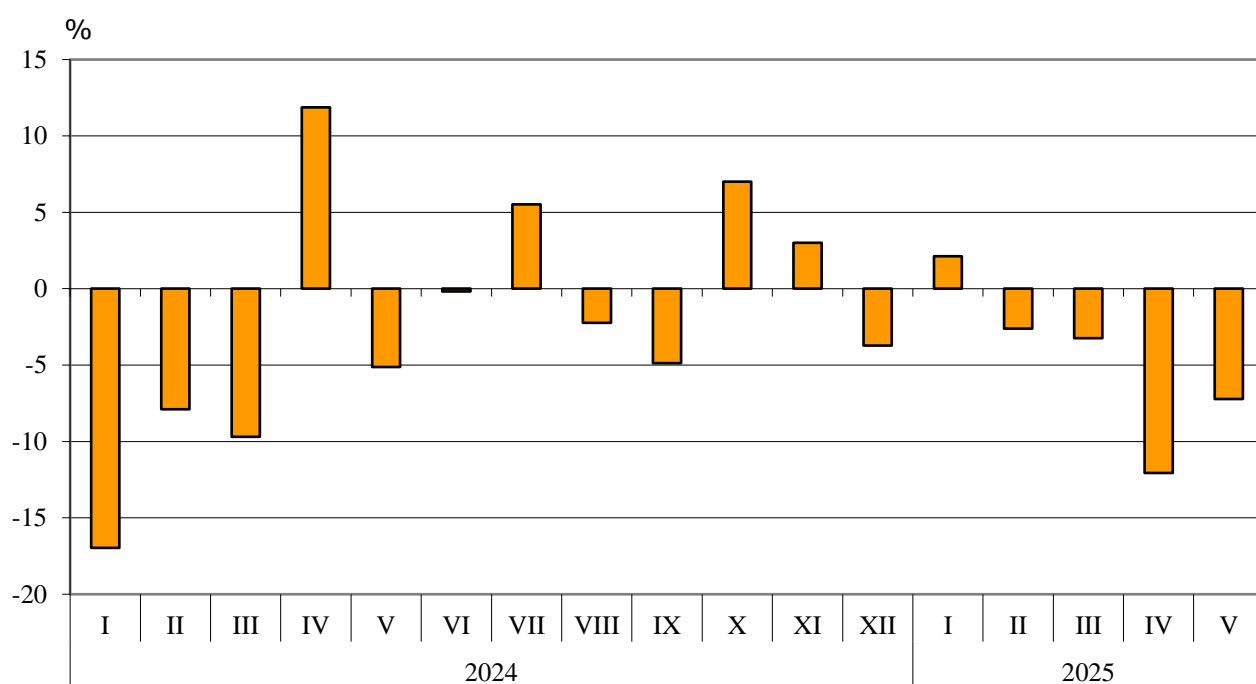




**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN  
THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - May 2025**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 4.8% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and amounted to 21 128.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 63.1% 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' (22.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (44.5%).

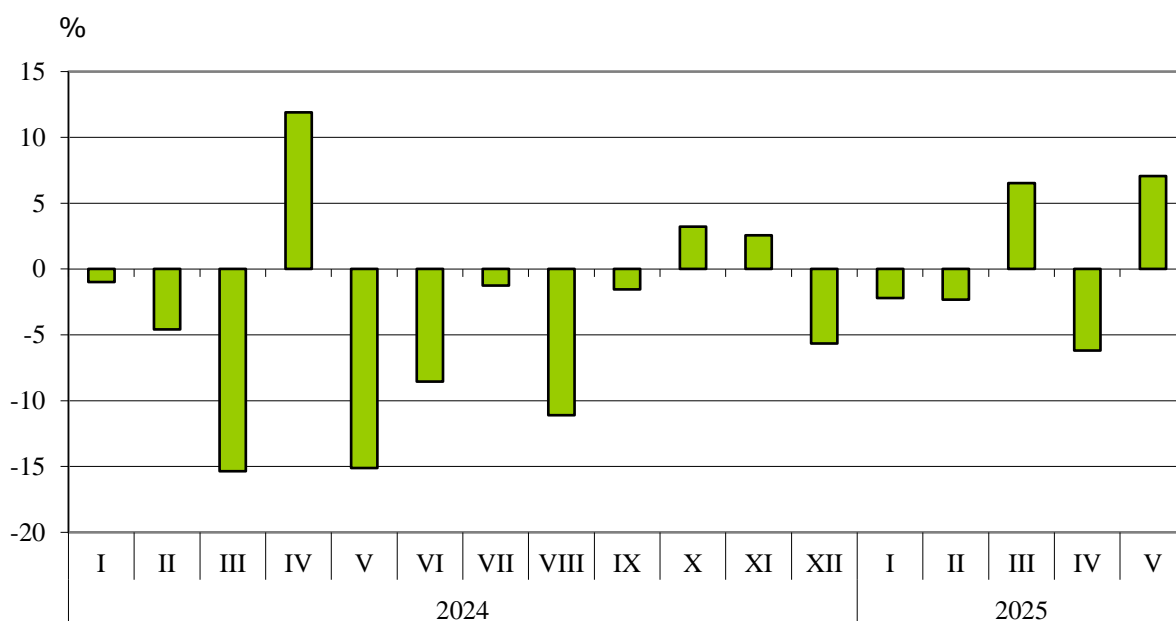
In **May 2025**, the **exports to the EU** decreased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 170.8 million BGN.

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

## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2025 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

The **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - May 2025** increased by 0.3% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and is worth to 23 211.1 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, Italy, Greece 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 'Beverages and tobacco' (27.1%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (18.4%).

In **May 2025**, the **imports** from **the EU** increased by 7.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 519.3 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - May 2025** was negative and added up to 2 083.0 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.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - May 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>
IV.2024	7444.6	4785.1	2659.5	8544.6	5109.9	3434.7	-1100.0	-324.8	-775.2
V.2024	6835.2	4495.7	2339.5	7868.2	4221.5	3646.7	-1033.0	274.2	-1307.2
<b>I - V.2024</b>	<b>34656.7</b>	<b>22202.5</b>	<b>12454.2</b>	<b>39446.8</b>	<b>23134.5</b>	<b>16312.3</b>	<b>-4790.1</b>	<b>-932.0</b>	<b>-3858.1</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>
IV.2025	6583.3	4208.3	2375.0	8460.2	4793.3	3666.9	-1876.9	-585.0	-1291.9
V.2025	6517.5	4170.8	2346.7	7598.7	4519.3	3079.4	-1081.2	-348.5	-732.7
<b>I - V.2025</b>	<b>33015.9</b>	<b>21128.1</b>	<b>11887.8</b>	<b>40707.2</b>	<b>23211.1</b>	<b>17496.1</b>	<b>-7691.3</b>	<b>-2083.0</b>	<b>-5608.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 12, 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 - May 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>
IV	-11.6	-12.1	-10.7	-1.0	-6.2	6.8
V	-4.6	-7.2	0.3	-3.4	7.1	-15.6
<b>I - V</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of  
Bulgaria in the period January - May 2024<sup>2</sup> and 2025<sup>2</sup>**

Countries, territories 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	34656.7	33015.9	-4.7	39446.8	40707.2	3.2	-4790.1	-7691.3
EU	22202.5	21128.1	-4.8	23134.5	23211.1	0.3	-932.0	-2083.0
Austria	561.7	632.5	12.6	955.1	959.2	0.4	-393.4	-326.7
Belgium	767.4	479.4	-37.5	799.4	880.7	10.2	-32.0	-401.3
Croatia	491.3	245.4	-50.1	131.5	147.5	12.2	359.8	97.9
Cyprus	100.1	122.0	21.9	32.0	47.8	49.4	68.1	74.2
Czechia	690.9	671.2	-2.9	1075.9	985.2	-8.4	-385.0	-314.0
Denmark	156.1	193.9	24.2	205.9	180.9	-12.1	-49.8	13.0
Estonia	36.6	38.2	4.4	130.6	271.9	108.2	-94.0	-233.7
Finland	68.9	70.4	2.2	91.5	107.0	16.9	-22.6	-36.6
France	1209.5	1076.8	-11.0	979.2	940.8	-3.9	230.3	136.0
Germany	5403.9	4781.6	-11.5	4523.5	4744.7	4.9	880.4	36.9
Greece	1794.9	1849.0	3.0	2083.5	2056.6	-1.3	-288.6	-207.6
Hungary	484.2	501.4	3.6	1385.8	1435.2	3.6	-901.6	-933.8
Ireland	106.7	106.3	-0.4	154.6	193.2	25.0	-47.9	-86.9
Italy	2548.0	2368.7	-7.0	2368.9	2096.7	-11.5	179.1	272.0
Latvia	36.8	49.4	34.2	37.5	36.6	-2.4	-0.7	12.8
Lithuania	83.7	93.8	12.1	104.8	110.4	5.3	-21.1	-16.6
Luxembourg	11.9	10.8	-9.2	31.4	29.9	-4.8	-19.5	-19.1
Malta	14.9	15.1	1.3	11.9	7.0	-41.2	3.0	8.1
Netherlands	646.6	678.3	4.9	1468.4	1501.5	2.3	-821.8	-823.2
Poland	903.8	939.7	4.0	1427.5	1557.6	9.1	-523.7	-617.9
Portugal	101.6	98.9	-2.7	92.1	96.5	4.8	9.5	2.4
Romania	2926.3	3256.3	11.3	2953.3	2646.1	-10.4	-27.0	610.2
Slovakia	365.4	351.7	-3.7	498.8	522.6	4.8	-133.4	-170.9
Slovenia	225.1	146.4	-35.0	354.1	509.9	44.0	-129.0	-363.5
Spain	673.9	713.4	5.9	663.6	723.7	9.1	10.3	-10.3
Sweden	333.2	327.1	-1.8	265.0	218.0	-17.7	68.2	109.1
Not specified	1459.1	1310.4	-10.2	308.7	203.9	-33.9	1150.4	1106.5

<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 August 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup> of  
Bulgaria in the period January - May 2024<sup>2</sup> and 2025<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries, territories 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	12454.2	11887.8	-4.5	16312.3	17496.1	7.3	-3858.1	-5608.3
CIS <sup>3</sup>	760.5	725.1	-4.7	1287.0	1027.1	-20.2	-526.5	-302.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	82.6	65.9	-20.2	330.1	664.5	101.3	-247.5	-598.6
Russian Federation	300.5	312.3	3.9	828.0	261.2	-68.5	-527.5	51.1
OECD <sup>4</sup>	4757.3	4690.0	-1.4	5805.0	6935.8	19.5	-1047.7	-2245.8
of which:								
Canada	122.1	159.3	30.5	127.9	275.4	115.3	-5.8	-116.1
Chile	20.8	22.7	9.1	271.8	96.1	-64.6	-251.0	-73.4
Israel	112.2	115.8	3.2	49.4	71.5	44.7	62.8	44.3
Japan	62.0	59.3	-4.4	149.3	132.2	-11.5	-87.3	-72.9
Korea, Republic of	209.5	61.9	-70.5	151.6	134.7	-11.1	57.9	-72.8
Türkiye	2360.3	2573.4	9.0	3566.8	4776.9	33.9	-1206.5	-2203.5
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	562.7	384.0	-31.8	354.2	309.2	-12.7	208.5	74.8
United States	799.5	822.1	2.8	380.2	611.2	60.8	419.3	210.9

<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 August 12, 2025.

<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.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner  
countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2024<sup>2</sup> and 2025<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries, territories 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>	340.1	340.9	0.2	672.6	396.7	-41.0	-332.5	-55.8
of which:								
Norway	56.9	63.1	10.9	316.6	34.8	-89.0	-259.7	28.3
Switzerland	280.1	275.2	-1.7	354.2	360.2	1.7	-74.1	-85.0

<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 August 12, 2025.

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

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner  
countries<sup>1</sup> of Bulgaria in the period January - May 2024<sup>2</sup> and 2025<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued and end)

Countries, territories 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	301.1	104.2	-65.4	41.8	48.3	15.6	259.3	55.9
Algeria	236.4	636.7	169.3	49.6	13.4	-73.0	186.8	623.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73.3	73.2	-0.1	26.6	29.4	10.5	46.7	43.8
Brazil	37.2	30.4	-18.3	244.2	397.5	62.8	-207.0	-367.1
China	637.8	447.1	-29.9	1932.3	2470.6	27.9	-1294.5	-2023.5
Egypt	515.4	219.8	-57.4	1072.3	396.2	-63.1	-556.9	-176.4
Georgia	292.3	269.3	-7.9	108.2	306.0	182.8	184.1	-36.7
India	129.5	159.6	23.2	192.4	193.5	0.6	-62.9	-33.9
Indonesia	57.6	28.8	-50.0	495.1	32.5	-93.4	-437.5	-3.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	133.6	83.1	-37.8	51.1	61.0	19.4	82.5	22.1
Peru	8.7	17.9	105.7	392.5	189.7	-51.7	-383.8	-171.8
Republic of North Macedonia	657.0	648.6	-1.3	381.7	453.4	18.8	275.3	195.2
Serbia	771.9	682.7	-11.6	792.6	964.7	21.7	-20.7	-282.0
Singapore	32.1	40.2	25.2	17.6	24.8	40.9	14.5	15.4
South Africa	109.5	37.9	-65.4	26.5	19.1	-27.9	83.0	18.8
Taiwan³	37.2	19.9	-46.5	109.7	86.8	-20.9	-72.5	-66.9
Tunisia	94.3	158.8	68.4	96.6	23.8	-75.4	-2.3	135.0
Ukraine	414.4	432.4	4.3	981.5	919.2	-6.3	-567.1	-486.8
United Arab Emirates	125.6	137.5	9.5	35.6	53.4	50.0	90.0	84.1
Viet Nam	35.8	25.7	-28.2	153.2	178.9	16.8	-117.4	-153.2

<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 August 12, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> Separate territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,  
in the period January - May 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	34656.7	33015.9	-4.7	39446.8	40707.2	3.2	-4790.1	-7691.3
of which: EU	22202.5	21128.1	-4.8	23134.5	23211.1	0.3	-932.0	-2083.0
Food and live animals	3627.6	4191.7	15.6	3493.5	3975.3	13.8	134.1	216.4
of which: EU	1900.8	2319.8	22.0	2565.4	2839.4	10.7	-664.6	-519.6
Beverages and tobacco	271.2	358.1	32.0	707.7	880.7	24.4	-436.5	-522.6
of which: EU	168.5	199.0	18.1	554.9	705.2	27.1	-386.4	-506.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2027.3	2275.5	12.2	3633.2	3135.5	-13.7	-1605.9	-860.0
of which: EU	1106.7	1220.6	10.3	922.5	988.2	7.1	184.2	232.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3009.8	1482.8	-50.7	4792.0	4701.9	-1.9	-1782.2	-3219.1
of which: EU	984.6	546.3	-44.5	1333.7	1087.7	-18.4	-349.1	-541.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	569.6	496.3	-12.9	443.2	344.2	-22.3	126.4	152.1
of which: EU	240.8	286.9	19.1	192.2	192.7	0.3	48.6	94.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3769.7	3692.3	-2.1	5211.4	5429.3	4.2	-1441.7	-1737.0
of which: EU	2084.9	2214.8	6.2	3814.6	3949.0	3.5	-1729.7	-1734.2

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Table 4**

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

(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	7935.9	6898.2	-13.1	5830.7	6242.8	7.1	2105.2	655.4
of which: EU	5880.0	4672.6	-20.5	2916.5	2963.3	1.6	2963.5	1709.3
Machinery and transport equipment	8153.3	8046.6	-1.3	11527.3	11604.6	0.7	-3374.0	-3558.0
of which: EU	5739.0	5681.2	-1.0	8400.3	7856.0	-6.5	-2661.3	-2174.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5240.4	5492.5	4.8	3624.5	3983.6	9.9	1615.9	1508.9
of which: EU	4080.8	3961.8	-2.9	2305.8	2283.0	-1.0	1775.0	1678.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	51.9	81.9	57.8	183.3	409.3	123.3	-131.4	-327.4
of which: EU	16.4	25.1	53.0	128.6	346.6	169.5	-112.2	-321.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

---

## **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.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD  
JANUARY - MAY 2025  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

---

**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.