

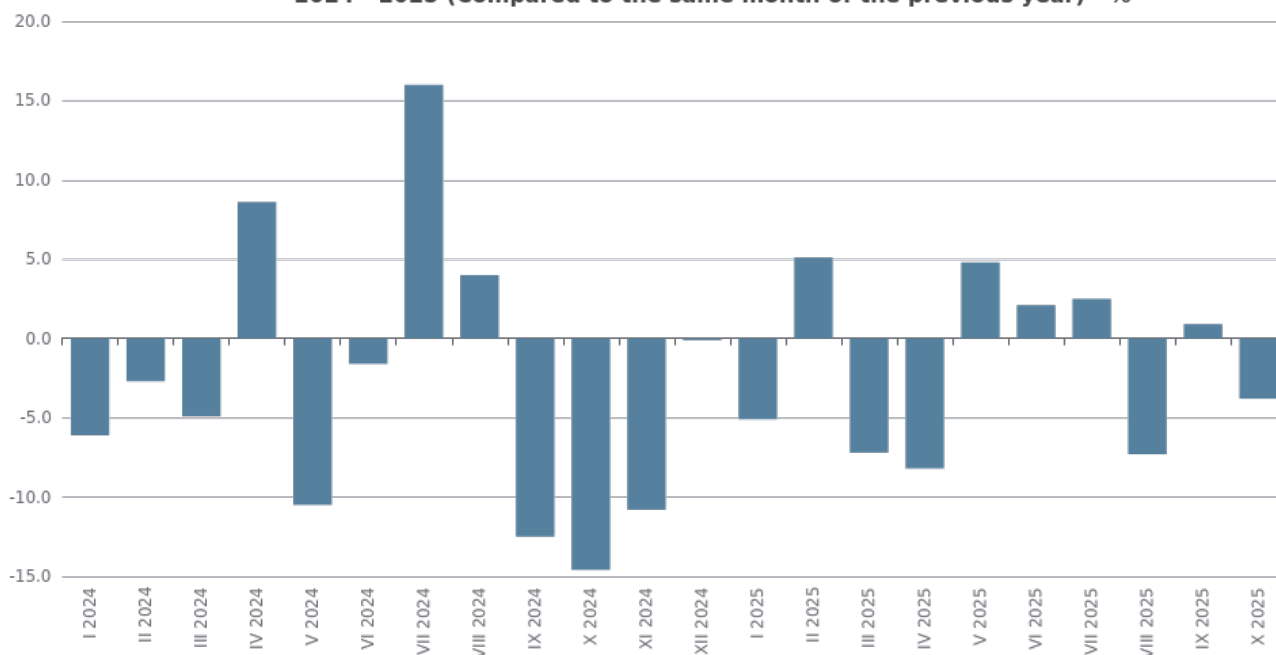


## TRADE IN GOODS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES - EXTRASTAT - PRELIMINARY DATA - OCTOBER 2025

In the period January - October 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 1.7% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 25 270.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Algeria, China and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 48.8% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In October 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 3.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 553.1 million BGN.

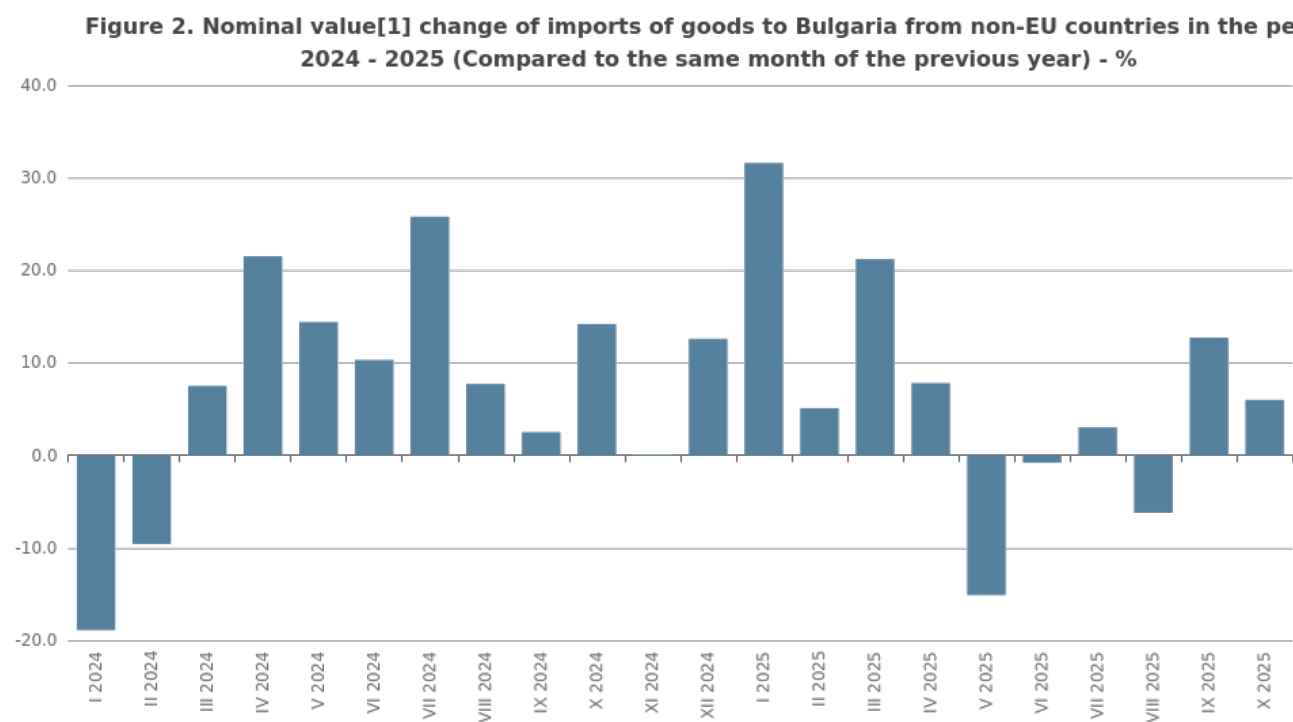
Figure 1. Nominal value[1] change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2024 - 2025 (Compared to the same month of the previous year) - %



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 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (49.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (36.2%).

**The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - October 2025** increased by 5.9% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 36 726.3 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>[2]</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Serbia and the United States (Annex, Table 3).

**In October 2025 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** increased by 6.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 245.2 million BGN.



**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 'Machinery and transport equipment' (22.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (38.9%).

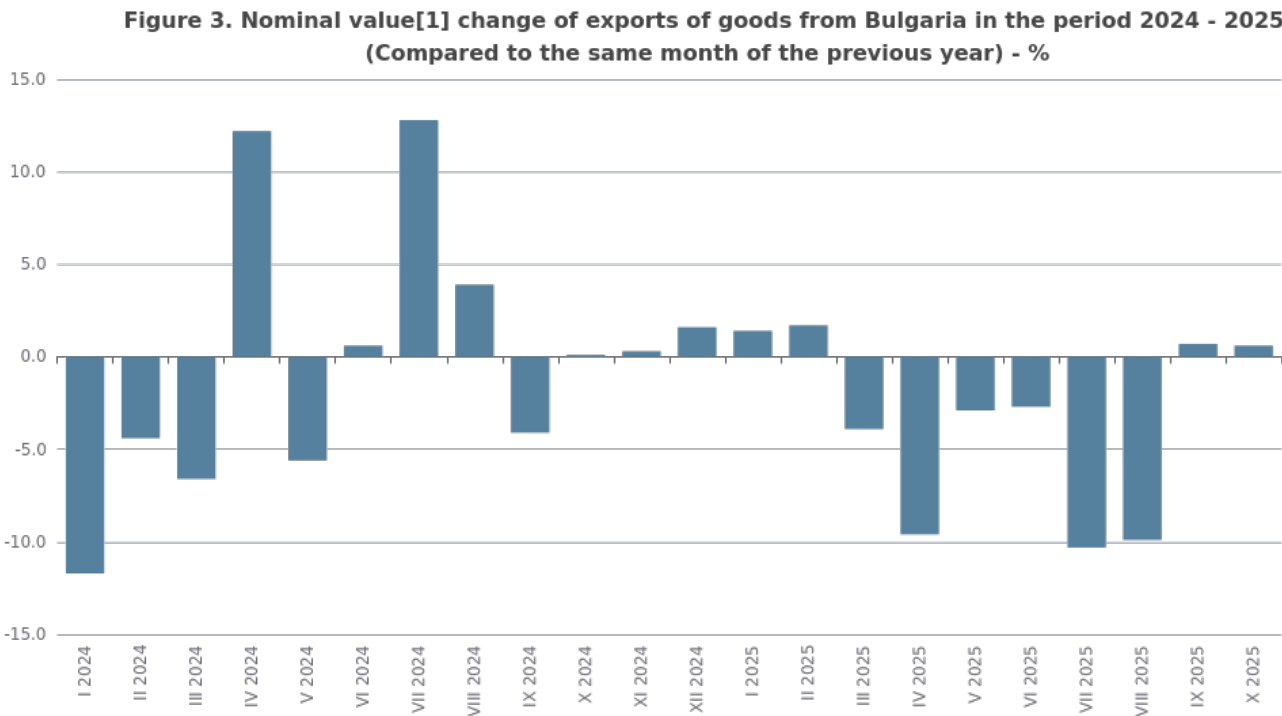
**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - October 2025** was negative and added up to 11 455.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In October 2025**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 692.1 million BGN.

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

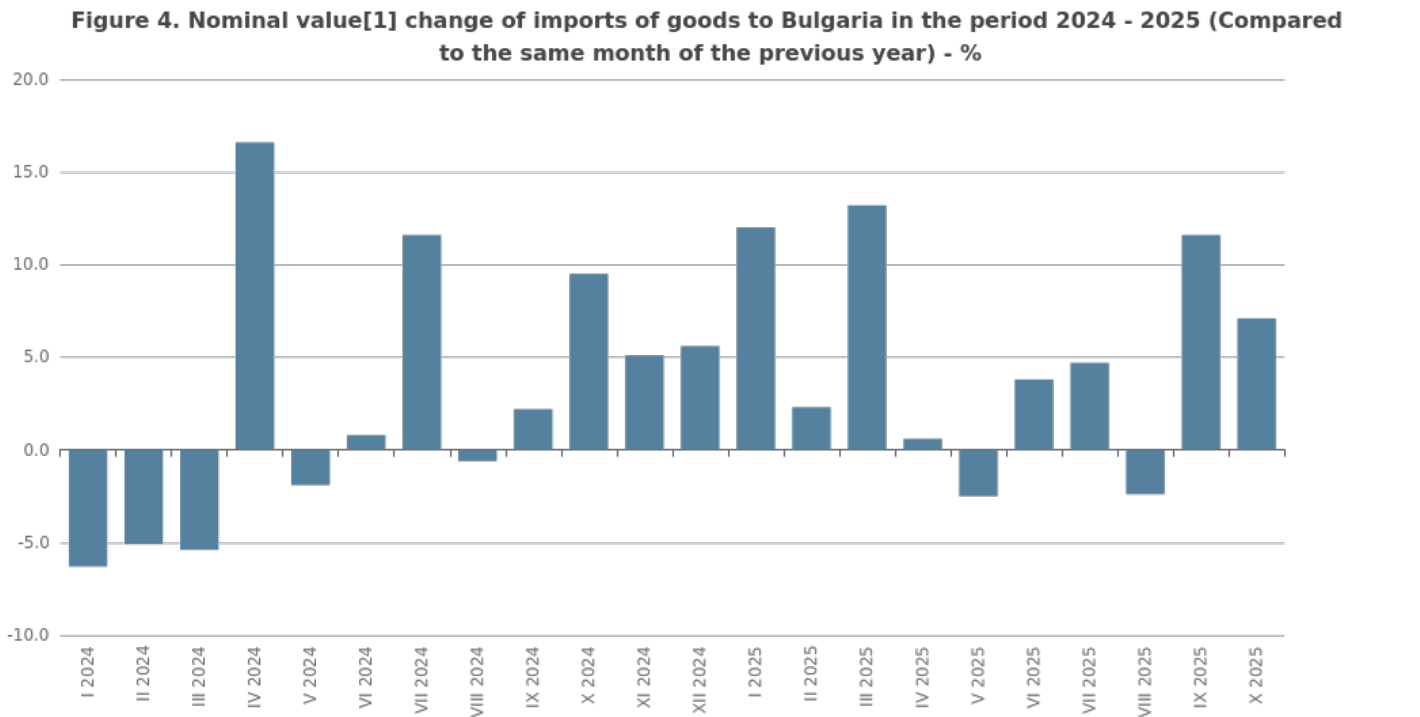
In **the period January - October 2025**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 70 186.3 million BGN, which was 3.7% less than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In October 2025**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 769.5 million BGN and increased by 0.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - October 2025** amounted to 86 446.3 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 5.1% more than the same period of 2024 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In October 2025**, the total imports of goods increased by 7.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 10 136.0 million BGN.



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - October 2025** and amounted to 16 260.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In October 2025**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 2 366.5 million BGN.

[1] Value changes at current prices.

[2] Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB ([http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=\\_EN](http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN)).

## Annex

**Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2024 and 2025[1] by months**

									(Million BGN)
Months/Periods	Exports - FOB Total	Exports - FOB EU	Exports - FOB Non-EU	Imports - CIF[2] Total	Imports - CIF EU	Imports - CIF Non-EU	Trade balance - FOB/CIF Total	Trade balance - FOB/CIF EU	Trade balance - FOB/CIF Non-EU
I.2024	6 504.6	4 214.4	2 290.2	7 624.9	4 738.1	2 886.8	-1 120.3	-523.7	-596.6
II.2024	6 809.7	4 361.2	2 448.5	7 700.3	4 746.0	2 954.3	-890.6	-384.8	-505.8
III.2024	7 441.2	4 684.0	2 757.2	8 182.2	4 784.8	3 397.4	-741.0	-100.8	-640.2
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20 755.5</b>	<b>13 259.6</b>	<b>7 495.9</b>	<b>23 507.4</b>	<b>14 268.9</b>	<b>9 238.5</b>	<b>-2 751.9</b>	<b>-1 009.3</b>	<b>-1 742.6</b>
IV.2024	7 551.4	4 886.1	2 665.3	8 621.4	5 184.0	3 437.4	-1 070.0	-297.9	-772.1
V.2024	6 947.0	4 600.6	2 346.4	7 991.2	4 363.0	3 628.2	-1 044.2	237.6	-1 281.8
VI.2024	7 359.3	4 814.5	2 544.8	7 993.4	4 597.6	3 395.8	-634.1	216.9	-851.0
<b>IV - VI.2024</b>	<b>21 857.7</b>	<b>14 301.2</b>	<b>7 556.5</b>	<b>24 606.0</b>	<b>14 144.6</b>	<b>10 461.4</b>	<b>-2 748.3</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>-2 904.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2024</b>	<b>42 613.2</b>	<b>27 560.8</b>	<b>15 052.4</b>	<b>48 113.4</b>	<b>28 413.5</b>	<b>19 699.9</b>	<b>-5 500.2</b>	<b>-852.7</b>	<b>-4 647.5</b>
VII.2024	8 255.3	5 326.8	2 928.5	8 800.0	4 856.0	3 944.0	-544.7	470.8	-1 015.5
VIII.2024	7 232.8	4 559.3	2 673.5	7 809.3	4 180.2	3 629.1	-576.5	379.1	-955.6
IX.2024	7 032.2	4 625.8	2 406.4	8 101.8	4 698.5	3 403.3	-1 069.6	-72.7	-996.9
<b>VII - IX.2024</b>	<b>22 520.3</b>	<b>14 511.9</b>	<b>8 008.4</b>	<b>24 711.1</b>	<b>13 734.7</b>	<b>10 976.4</b>	<b>-2 190.8</b>	<b>777.2</b>	<b>-2 968.0</b>
<b>I - IX.2024</b>	<b>65 133.5</b>	<b>42 072.7</b>	<b>23 060.8</b>	<b>72 824.5</b>	<b>42 148.2</b>	<b>30 676.3</b>	<b>-7 691.0</b>	<b>-75.5</b>	<b>-7 615.5</b>
X.2024	7 724.0	5 069.1	2 654.9	9 464.5	5 458.6	4 005.9	-1 740.5	-389.5	-1 351.0
<b>I - X.2024</b>	<b>72 857.5</b>	<b>47 141.8</b>	<b>25 715.7</b>	<b>82 289.0</b>	<b>47 606.8</b>	<b>34 682.2</b>	<b>-9 431.5</b>	<b>-465.0</b>	<b>-8 966.5</b>
I.2025	6 598.3	4 424.1	2 174.2	8 542.6	4 744.6	3 798.0	-1 944.3	-320.5	-1 623.8
II.2025	6 928.4	4 356.1	2 572.3	7 877.3	4 773.2	3 104.1	-948.9	-417.1	-531.8
III.2025	7 151.0	4 593.3	2 557.7	9 259.6	5 140.9	4 118.7	-2 108.6	-547.6	-1 561.0
<b>I - III.2025</b>	<b>20 677.7</b>	<b>13 373.5</b>	<b>7 304.2</b>	<b>25 679.5</b>	<b>14 658.7</b>	<b>11 020.8</b>	<b>-5 001.8</b>	<b>-1 285.2</b>	<b>-3 716.6</b>
IV.2025	6 827.9	4 382.3	2 445.6	8 670.3	4 963.5	3 706.8	-1 842.4	-581.2	-1 261.2
V.2025	6 745.6	4 286.3	2 459.3	7 787.5	4 705.4	3 082.1	-1 041.9	-419.1	-622.8
VI.2025	7 159.9	4 561.2	2 598.7	8 293.7	4 924.5	3 369.2	-1 133.8	-363.3	-770.5
<b>IV - VI.2025</b>	<b>20 733.4</b>	<b>13 229.8</b>	<b>7 503.6</b>	<b>24 751.5</b>	<b>14 593.4</b>	<b>10 158.1</b>	<b>-4 018.1</b>	<b>-1 363.6</b>	<b>-2 654.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2025</b>	<b>41 411.1</b>	<b>26 603.3</b>	<b>14 807.8</b>	<b>50 431.0</b>	<b>29 252.1</b>	<b>21 178.9</b>	<b>-9 019.9</b>	<b>-2 648.8</b>	<b>-6 371.1</b>
VII.2025	7 404.8	4 402.1	3 002.7	9 215.4	5 153.3	4 062.1	-1 810.6	-751.2	-1 059.4
VIII.2025	6 517.9	4 038.7	2 479.2	7 625.5	4 220.3	3 405.2	-1 107.6	-181.6	-926.0
IX.2025	7 083.0	4 655.4	2 427.6	9 038.4	5 203.5	3 834.9	-1 955.4	-548.1	-1 407.3
<b>VII - IX.2025</b>	<b>21 005.7</b>	<b>13 096.2</b>	<b>7 909.5</b>	<b>25 879.3</b>	<b>14 577.1</b>	<b>11 302.2</b>	<b>-4 873.6</b>	<b>-1 480.9</b>	<b>-3 392.7</b>
<b>I - IX.2025</b>	<b>62 416.8</b>	<b>39 699.5</b>	<b>22 717.3</b>	<b>76 310.3</b>	<b>43 829.2</b>	<b>32 481.1</b>	<b>-13 893.5</b>	<b>-4 129.7</b>	<b>-9 763.8</b>
X.2025	7 769.5	5 216.4	2 553.1	10 136.0	5 890.8	4 245.2	-2 366.5	-674.4	-1 692.1
<b>I - X.2025</b>	<b>70 186.3</b>	<b>44 915.9</b>	<b>25 270.4</b>	<b>86 446.3</b>	<b>49 720.0</b>	<b>36 726.3</b>	<b>-16 260.0</b>	<b>-4 804.1</b>	<b>-11 455.9</b>

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**Table 2. Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2025<sup>[1]</sup> compared to the same period of the previous year**

						(Per cent)
Months/Periods	Exports - FOB Total	Exports - FOB EU	Exports - FOB Non-EU	Imports - CIF Total	Imports - CIF EU	Imports - CIF Non-EU
I	1.4	5.0	-5.1	12.0	0.1	31.6
II	1.7	-0.1	5.1	2.3	0.6	5.1
III	-3.9	-1.9	-7.2	13.2	7.4	21.2
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>19.3</b>
IV	-9.6	-10.3	-8.2	0.6	-4.3	7.8
V	-2.9	-6.8	4.8	-2.5	7.8	-15.1
VI	-2.7	-5.3	2.1	3.8	7.1	-0.8
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>
VII	-10.3	-17.4	2.5	4.7	6.1	3.0
VIII	-9.9	-11.4	-7.3	-2.4	1.0	-6.2
IX	0.7	0.6	0.9	11.6	10.7	12.7
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>
X	0.6	2.9	-3.8	7.1	7.9	6.0
<b>I - X</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>

<sup>[1]</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2025.

**Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries[1]  
in the period January - October 2024 and 2025[2]**

Countries and territories	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>25 715.7</b>	<b>25 270.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>34 682.2</b>	<b>36 726.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>- 8 966.5</b>	<b>- 11 455.9</b>
<b>of which:</b>								
Albania	464.5	215.3	-53.6	76.5	82.0	7.2	388.0	133.3
Algeria	815.2	1 095.0	34.3	77.4	63.8	-17.6	737.8	1 031.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	145.7	184.7	26.8	54.5	66.8	22.6	91.2	117.9
Brazil	91.1	75.7	-16.9	704.2	1 056.5	50.0	-613.1	-980.8
Canada	236.2	409.1	73.2	261.8	380.1	45.2	-25.6	29.0
Chile	33.7	38.3	13.6	578.1	234.9	-59.4	-544.4	-196.6
China	1 241.5	1 052.5	-15.2	4 413.9	5 538.4	25.5	-3 172.4	-4 485.9
Egypt	1 196.8	552.3	-53.9	1 560.2	995.6	-36.2	-363.4	-443.3
Georgia	591.8	658.8	11.3	276.3	614.9	122.5	315.5	43.9
Gibraltar	867.8	465.3	-46.4	0.3	2.8	833.3	867.5	462.5
India	258.2	309.2	19.8	385.5	454.0	17.8	-127.3	-144.8
Indonesia	157.2	109.2	-30.5	906.6	191.3	-78.9	-749.4	-82.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	224.8	166.6	-25.9	105.8	109.5	3.5	119.0	57.1
Israel	261.9	253.9	-3.1	108.7	132.9	22.3	153.2	121.0
Japan	134.1	138.4	3.2	270.0	280.6	3.9	-135.9	-142.2
Kazakhstan	158.6	152.4	-3.9	1 742.0	1 648.9	-5.3	-1 583.4	-1 496.5
Korea, Republic of	297.3	149.0	-49.9	384.2	291.5	-24.1	-86.9	-142.5
Libya	67.2	155.3	131.1	578.2	247.5	-57.2	-511.0	-92.2
Morocco	340.4	342.8	0.7	214.4	253.8	18.4	126.0	89.0
Namibia	7.4	8.7	17.6	173.8	10.7	-93.8	-166.4	-2.0
Norway	99.9	176.2	76.4	728.9	356.5	-51.1	-629.0	-180.3
Peru	22.8	47.0	106.1	606.4	265.1	-56.3	-583.6	-218.1
Republic of North Macedonia	1 322.2	1 238.1	-6.4	815.1	936.3	14.9	507.1	301.8
Russian Federation	614.6	691.5	12.5	1 107.9	531.5	-52.0	-493.3	160.0
Serbia	1 569.2	1 446.9	-7.8	1 632.7	2 033.2	24.5	-63.5	-586.3
Singapore	59.7	87.8	47.1	34.8	114.6	229.3	24.9	-26.8
South Africa	208.0	173.6	-16.5	42.1	81.4	93.3	165.9	92.2
Switzerland	645.0	564.0	-12.6	706.9	713.4	0.9	-61.9	-149.4



Countries and territories	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
Taiwan[3]	72.2	48.3	-33.1	219.5	185.1	-15.7	-147.3	-136.8
Tunisia	203.2	229.1	12.7	118.8	74.1	-37.6	84.4	155.0
Turkiye	4 957.3	4 887.6	-1.4	7 516.3	9 442.8	25.6	-2 559.0	-4 555.2
Ukraine	870.1	902.9	3.8	1 892.3	1 585.2	-16.2	-1 022.2	-682.3
United Arab Emirates	245.0	320.9	31.0	127.8	107.9	-15.6	117.2	213.0
United Kingdom[4]	1 135.3	1 009.6	-11.1	792.8	656.2	-17.2	342.5	353.4
United States	1 646.2	1 600.0	-2.8	722.0	1 672.2	131.6	924.2	-72.2
Viet Nam	94.2	86.0	-8.7	351.9	338.5	-3.8	-257.7	-252.5

[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 December 12, 2025.

[3] Separate customs territory of Taiwan; Penghu; Kinmen and Matsu.

[4] The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

**Table 4. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - October 2024 and 2025[1]**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>25 715.7</b>	<b>25 270.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>34 682.2</b>	<b>36 726.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>- 8 966.5</b>	<b>- 11 455.9</b>
Food and live animals	4 081.2	3 540.5	-13.2	1 881.2	2 304.4	22.5	2 200.0	1 236.1
Beverages and tobacco	262.0	347.4	32.6	299.1	360.0	20.4	-37.1	-12.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1 806.0	2 132.9	18.1	5 514.1	4 348.1	-21.1	-3 708.1	-2 215.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3 787.5	2 418.0	-36.2	7 794.1	8 191.6	5.1	-4 006.6	-5 773.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	482.6	402.4	-16.6	500.3	305.6	-38.9	-17.7	96.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3 378.1	3 212.4	-4.9	2 860.1	3 032.4	6.0	518.0	180.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4 393.6	4 442.6	1.1	6 114.8	6 670.3	9.1	-1 721.2	-2 227.7
Machinery and transport equipment	4 881.2	4 975.5	1.9	6 672.8	8 182.7	22.6	-1 791.6	-3 207.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2 444.8	3 655.3	49.5	2 900.6	3 246.4	11.9	-455.8	408.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	198.7	143.4	-27.8	145.1	84.8	-41.6	53.6	58.6

[1] Data are preliminary as of December 12, 2025.

## 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 September 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 September 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 September 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 September 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.

**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.