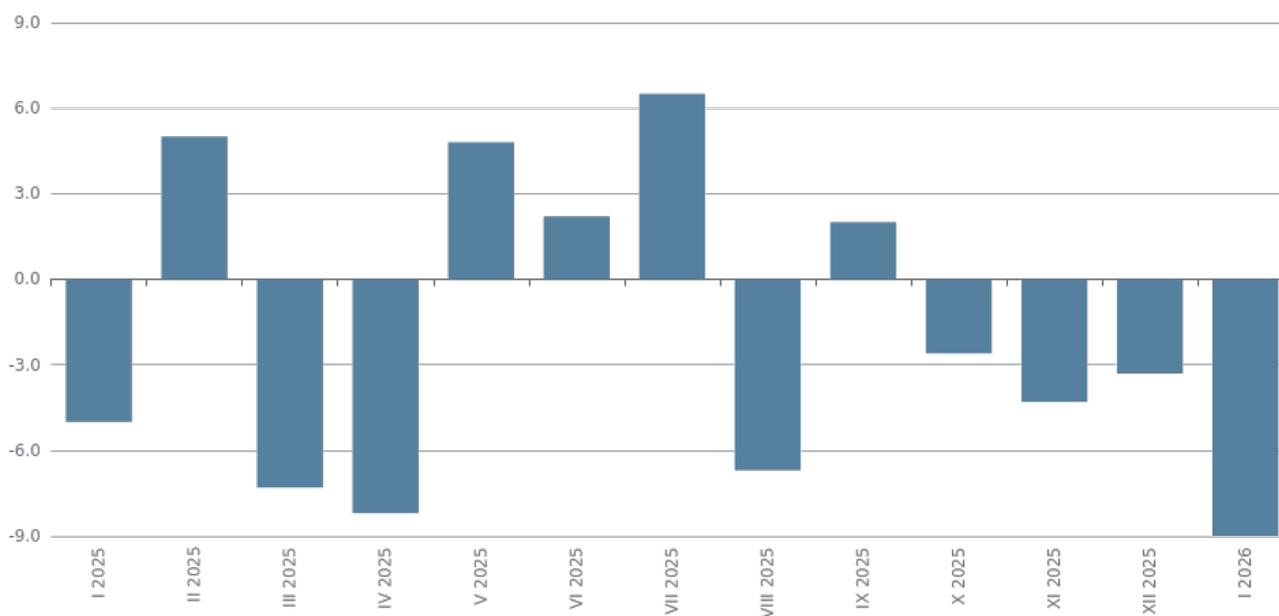




## TRADE IN GOODS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES - EXTRASTAT - PRELIMINARY DATA - JANUARY 2026

In **January 2026**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 9.0% in comparison with the same month of 2025 and added up to 1 012.6 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Ukraine and Algeria, which accounted for 47.4% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value[1] change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2025-2026 (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 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (175.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (72.4%).

The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in January 2026 increased by 5.3% in comparison with January 2025 and added up to 2 044.5 million EUR (at CIF prices)<sup>[2]</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Brazil and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value[1] change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2025-2026 (Compared to the same month of the previous year) %**



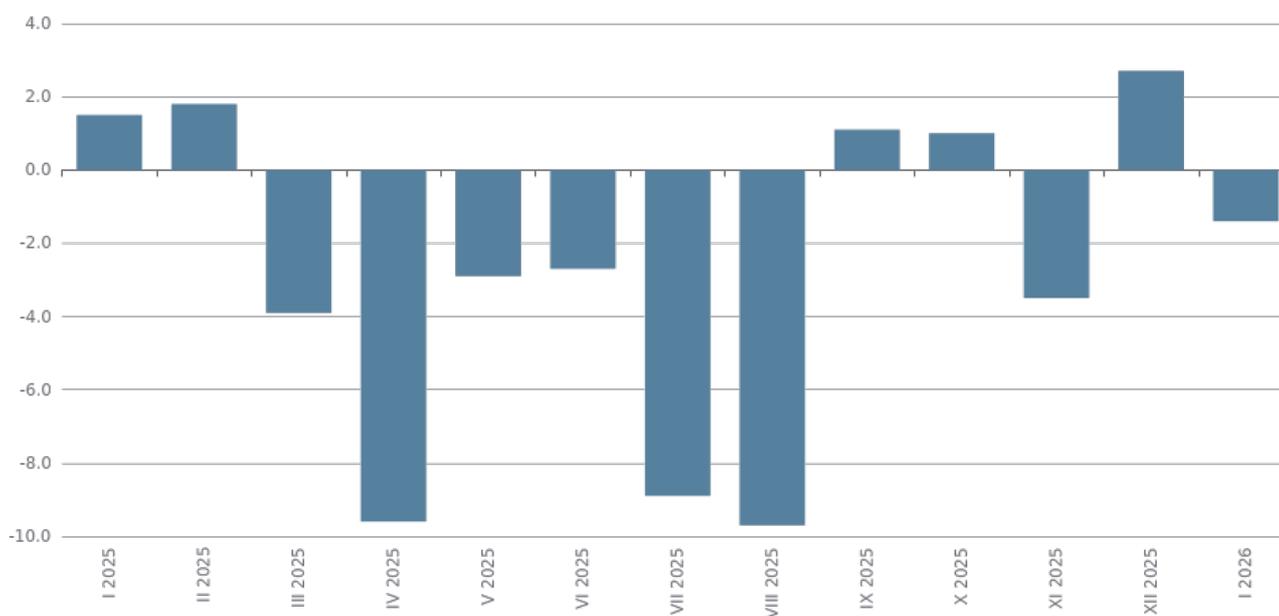
In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (57.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (46.5%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **January 2026** was negative and added up to 1 031.9 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

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

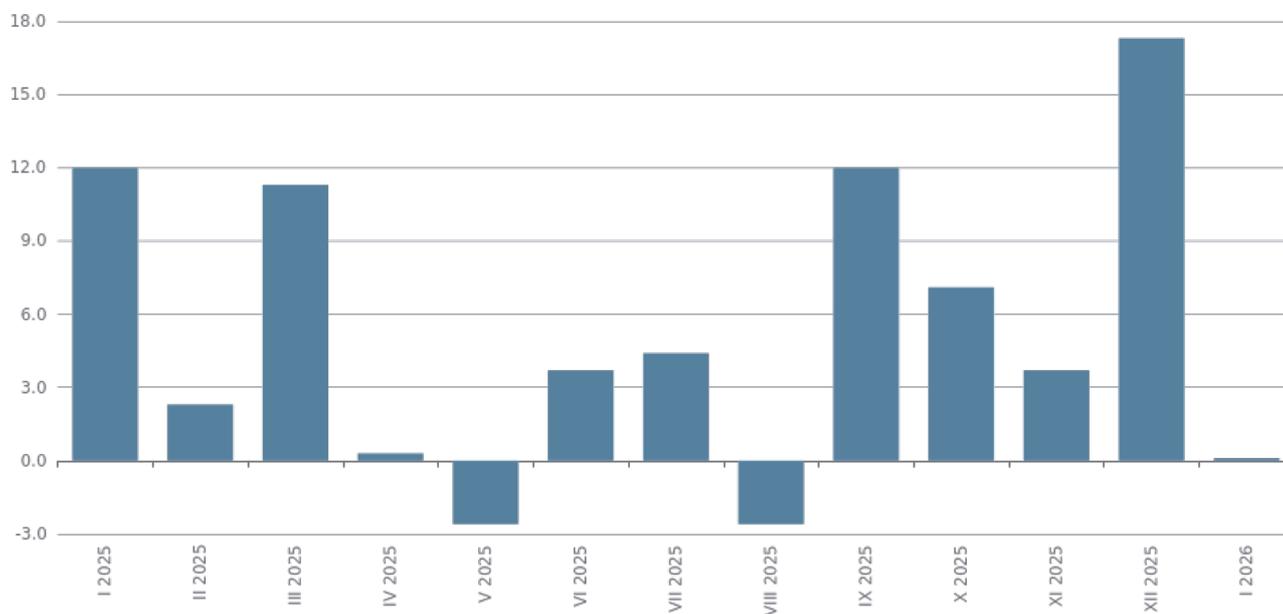
In **January 2026**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 3 327.0 million EUR, which was 1.4% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**Figure 3. Nominal value[1] change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2025-2026  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year) %**



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country In January 2026 amounted to 4 373.0 million EUR (at CIF prices), or 0.1% more than in **January 2025** (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>[1]</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2025-2026 (Compared to the same month of the previous year) %**



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative In **January 2026** and amounted to 1 046.0 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

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

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 January 2025<sup>[1]</sup> and 2026<sup>[1]</sup> by months**

|                       |                            |                         |                             |  |                         |                             |                                      |                                   | (Million EUR*)                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Months/Periods</b> | <b>Exports - FOB Total</b> | <b>Exports - FOB EU</b> | <b>Exports - FOB Non-EU</b> | <b>Imports - CIF<sup>[2]</sup> Total</b> | <b>Imports - CIF EU</b> | <b>Imports - CIF Non-EU</b> | <b>Trade balance - FOB/CIF Total</b> | <b>Trade balance - FOB/CIF EU</b> | <b>Trade balance - FOB/CIF Non-EU</b> |
| I.2025                | 3 375.4                    | 2 262.5                 | 1 112.9                     | 4 367.7                                  | 2 425.8                 | 1 941.9                     | -992.3                               | -163.3                            | -829.0                                |
| I.2026                | 3 327.0                    | 2 314.4                 | 1 012.6                     | 4 373.0                                  | 2 328.5                 | 2 044.5                     | -1 046.0                             | -14.1                             | -1 031.9                              |

<sup>[1]</sup> Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2026.

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

\* Due to currency conversion and rounding, some amounts may differ from the sum of their component values.

**Table 2. Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2026<sup>[1]</sup> compared to the same month of the previous year**

| Months/Periods | Exports - FOB Total | Exports - FOB EU | Exports - FOB Non-EU | Imports - CIF Total | Imports - CIF EU | (Per cent)           |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                |                     |                  |                      |                     |                  | Imports - CIF Non-EU |
| I              | -1.4                | 2.3              | -9.0                 | 0.1                 | -4.0             | 5.3                  |

<sup>[1]</sup> Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2026.

**Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries[1] in January 2025[2] and 2026[2]**

| Countries and territories      | Exports - FOB 2025 | Exports - FOB 2026 | Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year | Imports - CIF 2025 | Imports - CIF 2026 | Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year | Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025 | Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2026 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                | Million EUR*       | Million EUR        | %   | Million EUR        | Million EUR        | %   | Million EUR                  | Million EUR                  |
| <b>Third countries - total</b> | <b>1 112.9</b>     | <b>1 012.6</b>     | <b>-9.0</b>   | <b>1 941.9</b>     | <b>2 044.5</b>     | <b>5.3</b>  | <b>-829.0</b>                | <b>- 1 031.9</b>             |
| <b>of which:</b>               |                    |                    |   |                    |                    |   |                              |                              |
| Albania                        | 9.3                | 6.9                | -25.8   | 4.7                | 3.4                | -27.7   | 4.6                          | 3.5                          |
| Algeria                        | 12.1               | 34.5               | 185.1   | 0.4                | 33.9               | 8 375.0   | 11.7                         | 0.6                          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina         | 5.4                | 9.3                | 72.2  | 2.4                | 2.8                | 16.7  | 3.0                          | 6.5                          |
| Brazil                         | 5.0                | 6.5                | 30.0  | 72.5               | 103.4              | 42.6  | -67.5                        | -96.9                        |
| Canada                         | 8.0                | 19.3               | 141.3   | 30.2               | 29.6               | -2.0  | -22.2                        | -10.3                        |
| Chile                          | 0.4                | 9.1                | 2 175.0   | 0.7                | 28.6               | 3 985.7   | -0.3                         | -19.5                        |
| China                          | 15.4               | 30.5               | 98.1  | 278.5              | 586.7              | 110.7   | -263.1                       | -556.2                       |
| Egypt                          | 13.9               | 13.9               | 0.0   | 28.1               | 17.8               | -36.7   | -14.2                        | -3.9                         |
| Georgia                        | 23.5               | 19.2               | -18.3   | 42.0               | 6.1                | -85.5   | -18.5                        | 13.1                         |
| Gibraltar                      | 36.9               | 0.0                | -100.0  | 0.0                | 0.0                | x   | 36.9                         | 0.0                          |
| India                          | 13.4               | 8.5                | -36.6   | 20.3               | 36.2               | 78.3  | -6.9                         | -27.7                        |
| Indonesia                      | 2.5                | 5.2                | 108.0   | 2.7                | 3.4                | 25.9  | -0.2                         | 1.8                          |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of      | 7.4                | 7.2                | -2.7  | 4.6                | 2.6                | -43.5   | 2.8                          | 4.6                          |
| Israel                         | 14.3               | 12.3               | -14.0   | 5.1                | 7.3                | 43.1  | 9.2                          | 5.0                          |
| Japan                          | 5.5                | 3.6                | -34.5   | 11.9               | 14.6               | 22.7  | -6.4                         | -11.0                        |
| Kazakhstan                     | 4.1                | 4.2                | 2.4   | 122.5              | 58.2               | -52.5   | -118.4                       | -54.0                        |
| Korea, Republic of             | 7.0                | 4.8                | -31.4   | 16.8               | 15.0               | -10.7   | -9.8                         | -10.2                        |
| Libya                          | 4.9                | 6.0                | 22.4  | 44.3               | 0.0                | -100.0  | -39.4                        | 6.0                          |
| Morocco                        | 50.8               | 10.5               | -79.3   | 9.6                | 8.2                | -14.6   | 41.2                         | 2.3                          |
| Namibia                        | 0.5                | 0.1                | -80.0   | 2.6                | 0.0                | -100.0  | -2.1                         | 0.1                          |
| Norway                         | 6.5                | 6.1                | -6.2  | 5.2                | 4.0                | -23.1   | 1.3                          | 2.1                          |
| Peru                           | 1.6                | 2.3                | 43.8  | 1.2                | 14.0               | 1 066.7   | 0.4                          | -11.7                        |
| Republic of North Macedonia    | 59.1               | 38.5               | -34.9   | 45.5               | 37.0               | -18.7   | 13.6                         | 1.5                          |
| Russian Federation             | 25.3               | 33.4               | 32.0  | 36.9               | 12.7               | -65.6   | -11.6                        | 20.7                         |
| Serbia                         | 67.9               | 48.1               | -29.2   | 84.5               | 53.2               | -37.0   | -16.6                        | -5.1                         |
| Singapore                      | 4.8                | 3.5                | -27.1   | 2.4                | 3.9                | 62.5  | 2.4                          | -0.4                         |
| South Africa                   | 3.8                | 2.2                | -42.1   | 1.3                | 1.9                | 46.2  | 2.5                          | 0.3                          |

| <b>Countries and territories</b> | <b>Exports - FOB 2025</b> | <b>Exports - FOB 2026</b> | <b>Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year</b> | <b>Imports - CIF 2025</b> | <b>Imports - CIF 2026</b> | <b>Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year</b> | <b>Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025</b> | <b>Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2026</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Switzerland                      | 27.3                      | 26.2                      | -4.0   | 34.7                      | 25.3                      | -27.1  | -7.4                                | 0.9                                 |
| Taiwan[3]                        | 2.6                       | 3.0                       | 15.4   | 12.3                      | 8.0                       | -35.0  | -9.7                                | -5.0                                |
| Tunisia                          | 30.9                      | 19.3                      | -37.5  | 3.2                       | 3.3                       | 3.1  | 27.7                                | 16.0                                |
| Turkiye                          | 245.8                     | 203.3                     | -17.3  | 426.3                     | 638.0                     | 49.7   | -180.5                              | -434.7                              |
| Ukraine                          | 56.0                      | 38.1                      | -32.0  | 111.0                     | 73.6                      | -33.7  | -55.0                               | -35.5                               |
| United Arab Emirates             | 11.1                      | 8.1                       | -27.0  | 6.9                       | 1.9                       | -72.5  | 4.2                                 | 6.2                                 |
| United Kingdom[4]                | 37.5                      | 64.1                      | 70.9   | 29.0                      | 27.0                      | -6.9   | 8.5                                 | 37.1                                |
| United States                    | 92.5                      | 53.3                      | -42.4  | 102.1                     | 42.5                      | -58.4  | -9.6                                | 10.8                                |
| Viet Nam                         | 1.5                       | 2.5                       | 66.7   | 20.9                      | 18.2                      | -12.9  | -19.4                               | -15.7                               |

[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 March 12, 2026.

[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.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - a quantity less than half of the unit of measure used.

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**Table 4. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in January 2025[1] and 2026[1 ]**

| Sections by SITC                                  | Exports - FOB 2025 | Exports - FOB 2026 | Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year | Imports - CIF 2025 | Imports - CIF 2026 | Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year | Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025 | Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2026 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | Million EUR*       | Million EUR        | %   | Million EUR        | Million EUR        | %   | Million EUR                  | Million EUR                  |
| <b>Third countries - total</b>                    | <b>1 112.9</b>     | <b>1 012.6</b>     | <b>-9.0</b>   | <b>1 941.9</b>     | <b>2 044.5</b>     | <b>5.3</b>  | <b>-829.0</b>                | <b>- 1 031.9</b>             |
| Food and live animals                             | 180.3              | 143.9              | -20.2   | 118.0              | 113.3              | -4.0  | 62.3                         | 30.6                         |
| Beverages and tobacco                             | 19.1               | 13.8               | -27.7   | 11.2               | 10.9               | -2.7  | 7.9                          | 2.9                          |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)           | 49.6               | 69.8               | 40.7  | 266.3              | 297.0              | 11.5  | -216.7                       | -227.2                       |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials    | 129.2              | 35.7               | -72.4   | 414.7              | 403.1              | -2.8  | -285.5                       | -367.4                       |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes         | 4.4                | 12.1               | 175.0   | 34.2               | 18.3               | -46.5   | -29.8                        | -6.2                         |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c.              | 157.1              | 153.9              | -2.0  | 160.3              | 120.9              | -24.6   | -3.2                         | 33.0                         |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 210.1              | 192.5              | -8.4  | 361.4              | 325.9              | -9.8  | -151.3                       | -133.4                       |
| Machinery and transport equipment                 | 227.6              | 177.2              | -22.1   | 389.6              | 614.5              | 57.7  | -162.0                       | -437.3                       |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles               | 130.1              | 212.1              | 63.0  | 182.9              | 139.2              | -23.9   | -52.8                        | 72.9                         |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c.               | 5.4                | 1.6                | -70.4   | 3.3                | 1.4                | -57.6   | 2.1                          | 0.2                          |

[1] Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2026.

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## 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 December 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.