

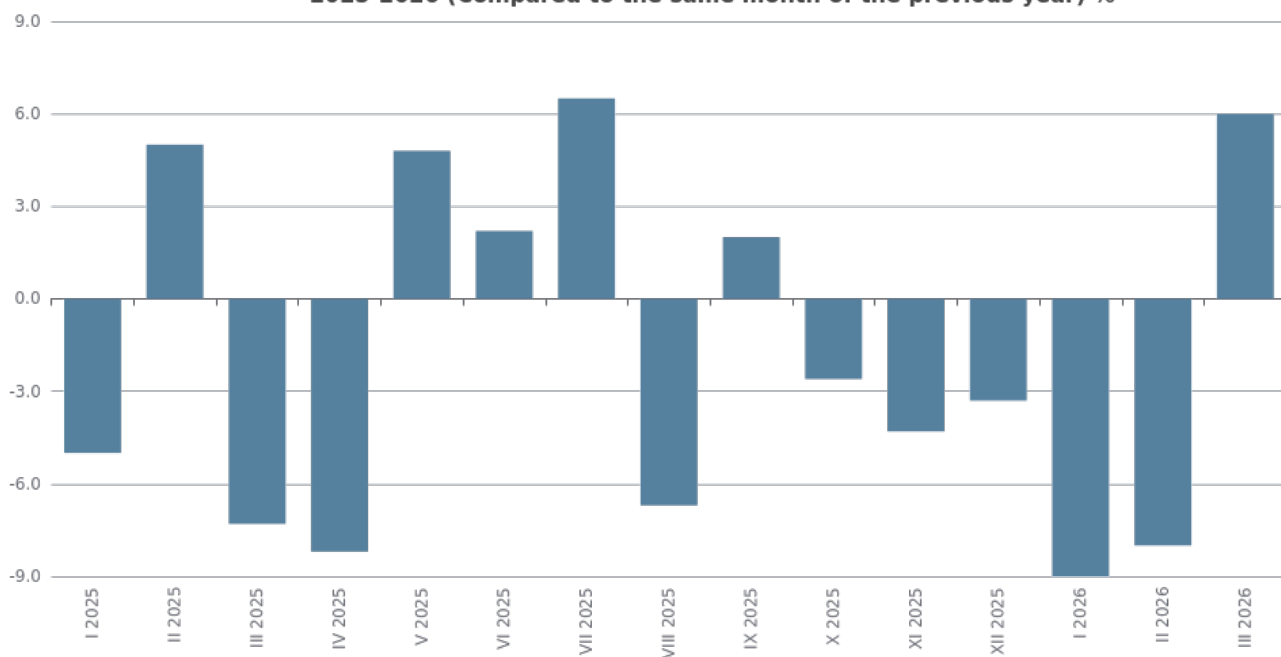


TRADE IN GOODS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES - EXTRASTAT - PRELIMINARY DATA - MARCH 2026

In the period January - March 2026, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 3.4% in comparison with the same period of 2025 and added up to 3 608.8 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, Serbia, the United Kingdom, the United States, China, the Republic of North Macedonia and Ukraine, which accounted for 49.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2026, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 6.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 386.2 million EUR.

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) %

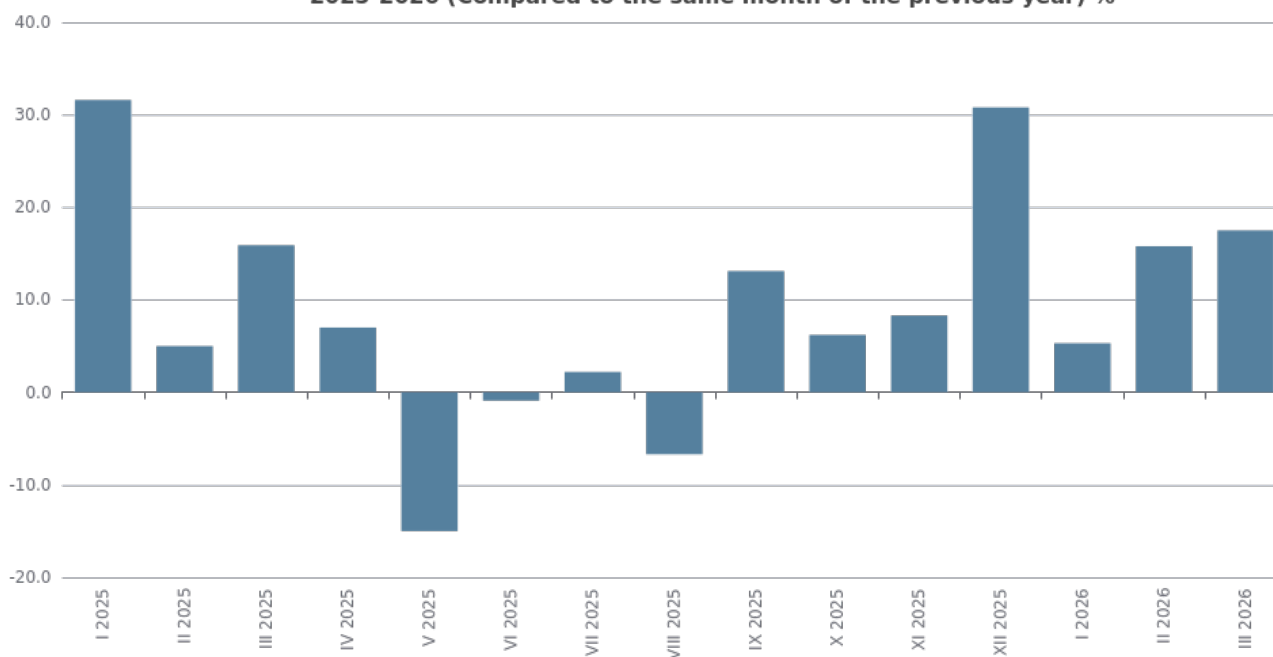


In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (130.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Food and live animals' (25.9%).

The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - March 2026 increased by 12.7% in comparison with the same period of 2025 and added up to 6 247.8 million EUR (at CIF prices)^[2] (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Kazakhstan and Brazil (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2026, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 17.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 365.6 million EUR.

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' (38.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (14.4%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - March 2026** was negative and added up to 2 639.0 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

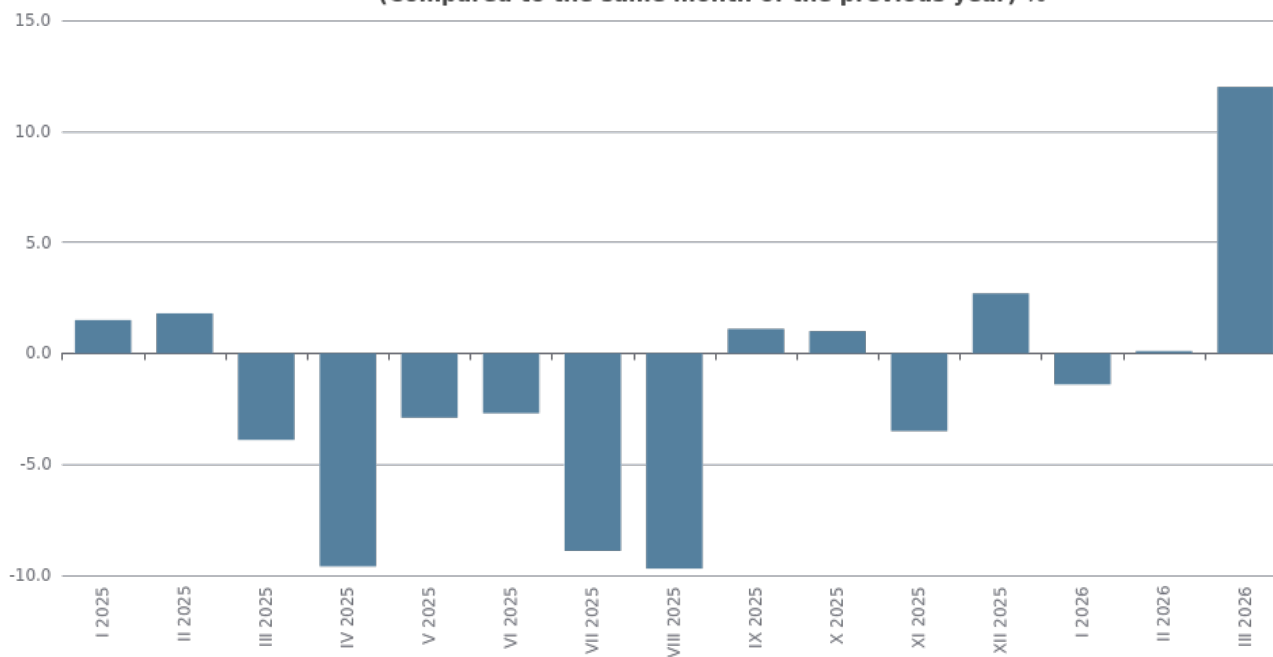
In March 2026, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 979.4 million EUR.

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

In **the period January - March 2026**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 10 969.3 million EUR, which was 3.7% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2026**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 4 095.2 million EUR and increased by 12.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

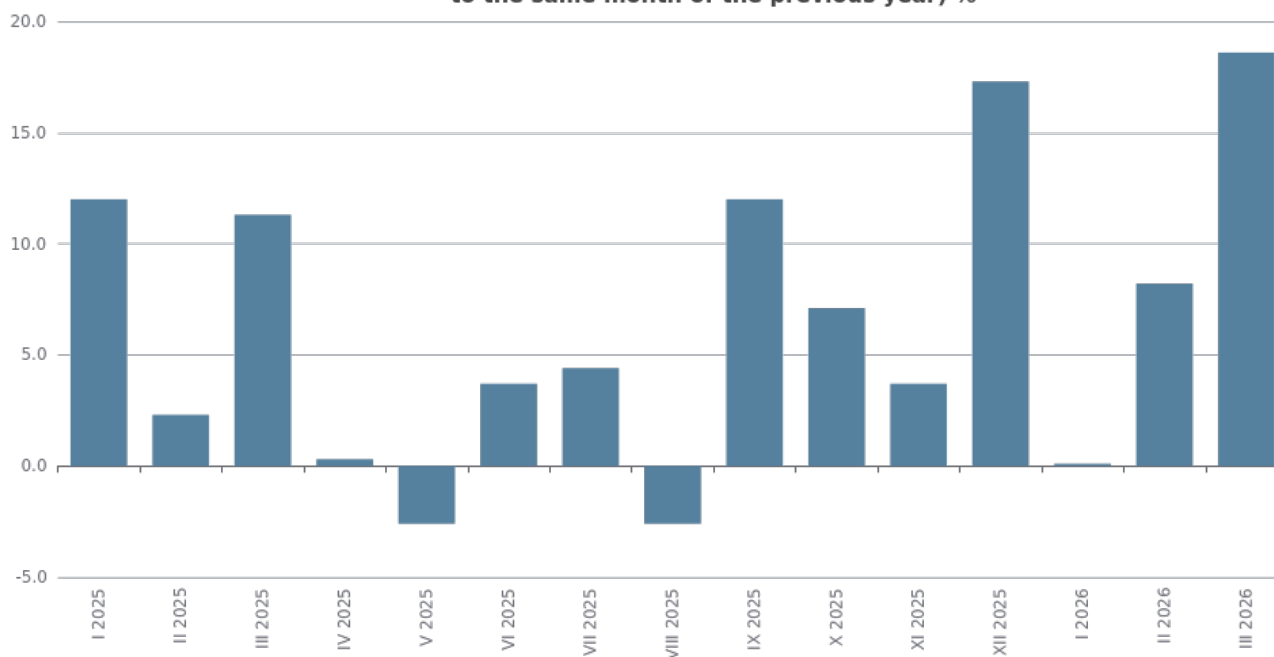
**Figure 3. Nominal value[1] change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2025-2026
(Compared to the same month of the previous year) %**



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - March 2026** amounted to 14 252.2 million EUR (at CIF prices), or 9.2% more than the same period of 2025 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In March 2026, the total imports of goods increased by 18.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 521.4 million EUR.

Figure 4. Nominal value^[1] 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 **the period January - March 2026** and amounted to 3 282.9 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

In March 2026, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 426.2 million EUR.

[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).

Annex

Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2025[1] and 2026[1] by months

									(Million EUR*)
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.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
II.2025	3 543.0	2 227.9	1 315.1	4 027.1	2 440.4	1 586.7	-484.1	-212.5	-271.6
III.2025	3 655.9	2 348.7	1 307.2	4 654.6	2 641.2	2 013.4	-998.7	-292.5	-706.2
I - III.2025	10 574.3	6 839.1	3 735.2	13 049.4	7 507.4	5 542.0	-2 475.1	-668.3	-1 806.8
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
II.2026	3 547.1	2 337.1	1 210.0	4 357.8	2 520.1	1 837.7	-810.7	-183.0	-627.7
III.2026	4 095.2	2 709.0	1 386.2	5 521.4	3 155.8	2 365.6	-1 426.2	-446.8	-979.4
I - III.2026	10 969.3	7 360.5	3 608.8	14 252.2	8 004.4	6 247.8	-3 282.9	-643.9	-2 639.0

[1] Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2026.

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

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Table 2. Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2026^[1] compared to the same period 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
II	0.1	4.9	-8.0	8.2	3.3	15.8
III	12.0	15.3	6.0	18.6	19.5	17.5
I - III	3.7	7.6	-3.4	9.2	6.6	12.7

^[1] Data are preliminary as of May 13, 2026.

Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries[1] in the period January - March 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-FOB 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
Third countries - total	3 735.2	3 608.8	-3.4	5 542.0	6 247.8	12.7	- 1 806.8	- 2 639.0
of which:								
Albania	31.1	26.0	-16.4	14.9	11.5	-22.8	16.2	14.5
Algeria	213.8	113.3	-47.0	0.9	37.7	4 088.9	212.9	75.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20.1	34.2	70.1	8.2	12.2	48.8	11.9	22.0
Brazil	11.3	19.4	71.7	202.6	268.4	32.5	-191.3	-249.0
Canada	36.6	38.9	6.3	107.5	35.0	-67.4	-70.9	3.9
Chile	4.9	14.2	189.8	23.8	90.4	279.8	-18.9	-76.2
China	156.7	180.1	14.9	822.2	1 436.8	74.8	-665.5	-1 256.7
Egypt	60.3	84.6	40.3	62.7	65.6	4.6	-2.4	19.0
Georgia	82.6	80.1	-3.0	87.3	84.9	-2.7	-4.7	-4.8
Gibraltar	86.9	68.3	-21.4	0.0	0.0	x	86.9	68.3
India	45.0	30.0	-33.3	65.4	78.5	20.0	-20.4	-48.5
Indonesia	10.8	14.6	35.2	8.5	13.6	60.0	2.3	1.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	28.4	16.5	-41.9	16.4	8.4	-48.8	12.0	8.1
Israel	40.1	39.2	-2.2	17.0	20.7	21.8	23.1	18.5
Japan	18.3	25.3	38.3	37.6	41.3	9.8	-19.3	-16.0
Kazakhstan	17.9	22.1	23.5	206.1	277.3	34.5	-188.2	-255.2
Korea, Republic of	20.3	15.2	-25.1	44.3	43.1	-2.7	-24.0	-27.9
Libya	14.7	15.8	7.5	50.2	44.3	-11.8	-35.5	-28.5
Morocco	77.4	34.2	-55.8	26.9	17.1	-36.4	50.5	17.1
Namibia	1.7	1.1	-35.3	5.3	0.0	-100.0	-3.6	1.1
Norway	20.9	22.4	7.2	12.0	7.9	-34.2	8.9	14.5
Peru	5.2	7.5	44.2	70.6	63.4	-10.2	-65.4	-55.9
Republic of North Macedonia	205.0	146.5	-28.5	139.1	152.4	9.6	65.9	-5.9
Russian Federation	90.6	115.8	27.8	87.0	42.5	-51.1	3.6	73.3
Serbia	214.1	240.1	12.1	294.6	242.8	-17.6	-80.5	-2.7
Singapore	11.8	18.1	53.4	6.7	14.4	114.9	5.1	3.7
South Africa	11.4	10.2	-10.5	3.0	6.0	100.0	8.4	4.2

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-FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2026
Switzerland	85.1	92.3	8.5	109.7	101.4	-7.6	-24.6	-9.1
Taiwan[3]	7.0	15.2	117.1	29.1	25.0	-14.1	-22.1	-9.8
Tunisia	68.5	43.8	-36.1	5.9	8.2	39.0	62.6	35.6
Turkiye	826.9	683.6	-17.3	1 475.9	1 851.4	25.4	-649.0	-1 167.8
Ukraine	143.6	140.4	-2.2	279.3	230.3	-17.5	-135.7	-89.9
United Arab Emirates	39.7	33.7	-15.1	16.1	14.7	-8.7	23.6	19.0
United Kingdom[4]	127.8	205.6	60.9	93.8	95.4	1.7	34.0	110.2
United States	280.1	190.0	-32.2	183.5	124.8	-32.0	96.6	65.2
Viet Nam	7.6	8.5	11.8	46.4	46.7	0.6	-38.8	-38.2

[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 May 13, 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.

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

'x' - not applicable.

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Table 4. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - March 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
Third countries - total	3 735.2	3 608.8	-3.4	5 542.0	6 247.8	12.7	- 1 806.8	- 2 639.0
Food and live animals	626.8	464.7	-25.9	355.3	361.1	1.6	271.5	103.6
Beverages and tobacco	50.4	45.3	-10.1	44.5	52.4	17.8	5.9	-7.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	322.3	334.9	3.9	778.9	969.5	24.5	-456.6	-634.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	354.6	335.2	-5.5	1 100.6	1 310.7	19.1	-746.0	-975.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	30.1	69.5	130.9	65.1	56.6	-13.1	-35.0	12.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	461.7	521.9	13.0	450.7	401.8	-10.8	11.0	120.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	699.7	591.0	-15.5	999.3	991.6	-0.8	-299.6	-400.6
Machinery and transport equipment	733.5	698.2	-4.8	1 159.9	1 610.2	38.8	-426.4	-912.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	440.4	540.0	22.6	566.9	485.1	-14.4	-126.5	54.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	15.7	8.1	-48.4	20.8	8.8	-57.7	-5.1	-0.7

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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.