

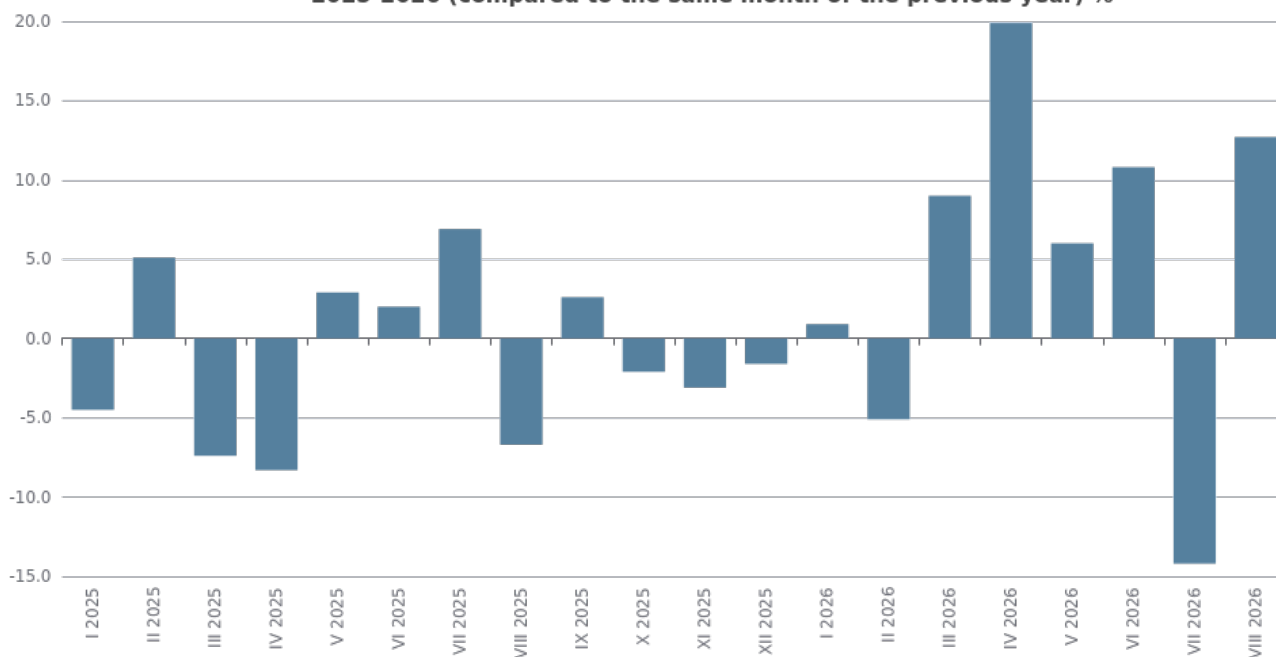


TRADE IN GOODS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES - EXTRASTAT - PRELIMINARY DATA - AUGUST 2026

In the period January - August 2026, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 4.4% in comparison with the same period of 2025 and added up to 10 887.6 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, China, the United Kingdom, the Republic of North Macedonia and Ukraine, which accounted for 47.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2026, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 12.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 437.6 million EUR.

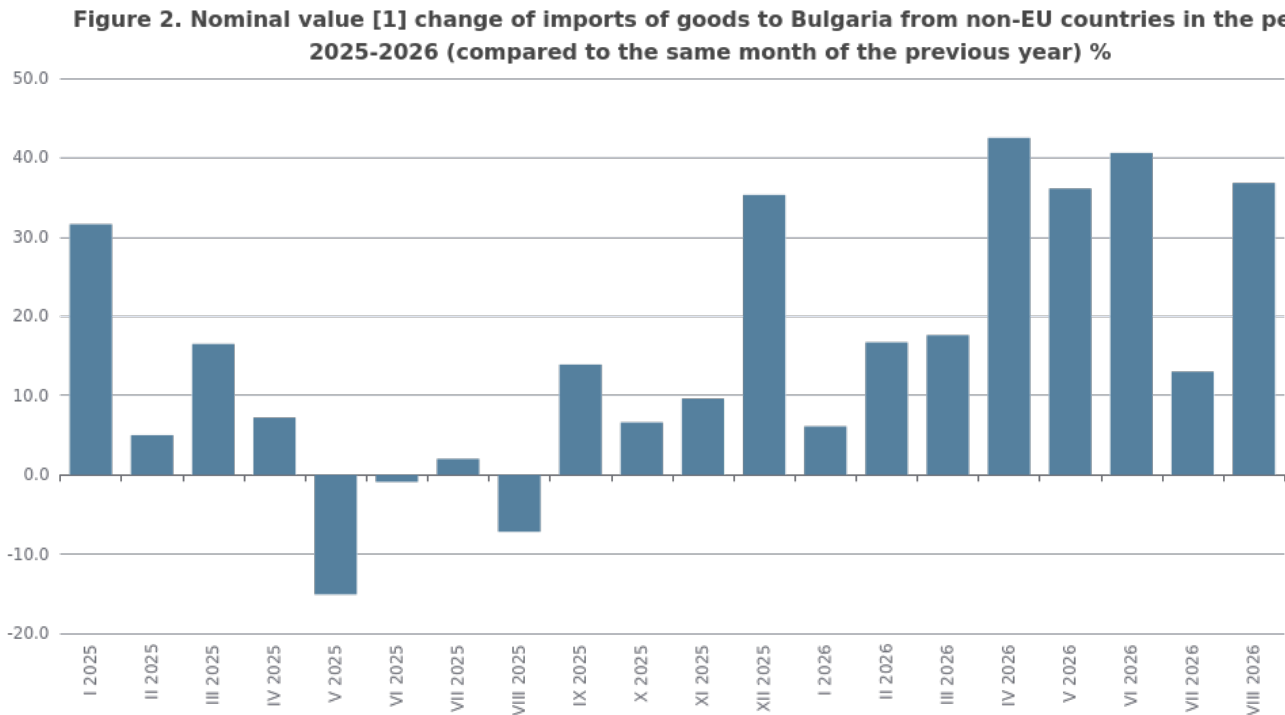
Figure 1. Nominal value [1] change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2025-2026 (compared to the same month of the previous year) %



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' (54.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (8.4%).

The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2026 increased by 25.6% in comparison with the same period of 2025 and added up to 18 217.8 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2026, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 36.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 356.4 million EUR.



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 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (78.5%) (Annex, Table 4). No fall was reported in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - August 2026** was negative and added up to 7 330.2 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

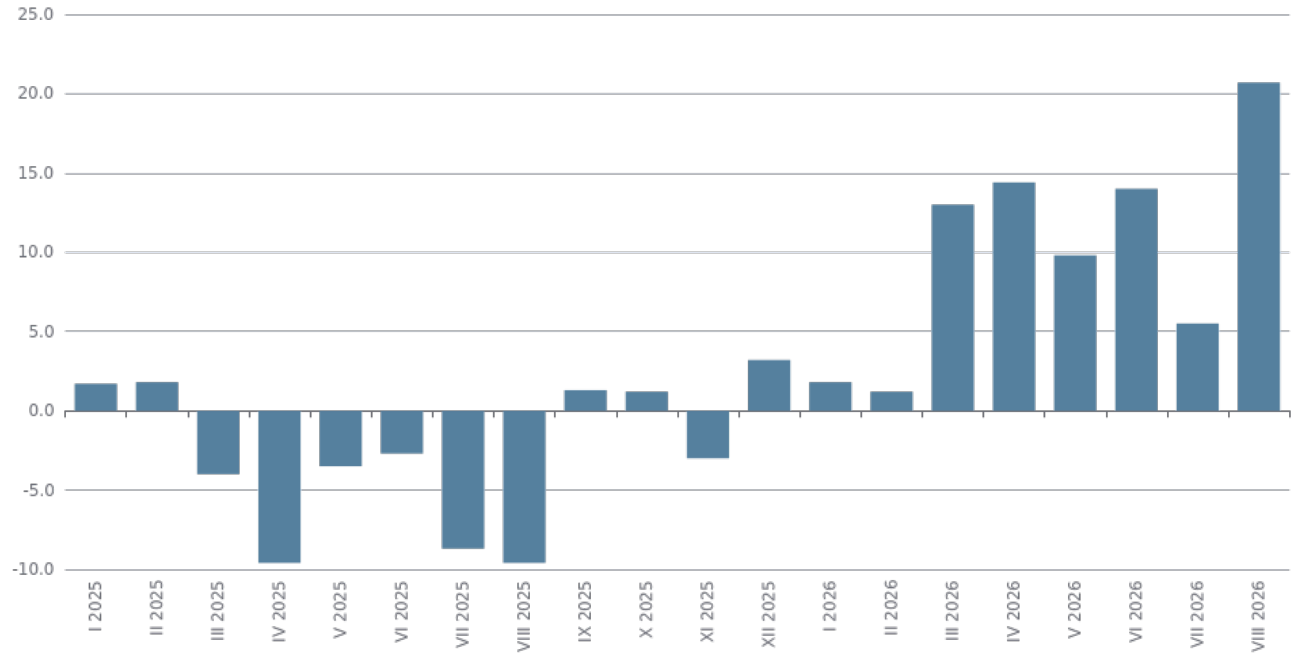
In August 2026, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 918.8 million EUR.

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

In **the period January - August 2026**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 31 176.8 million EUR, which was 10.0% more than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

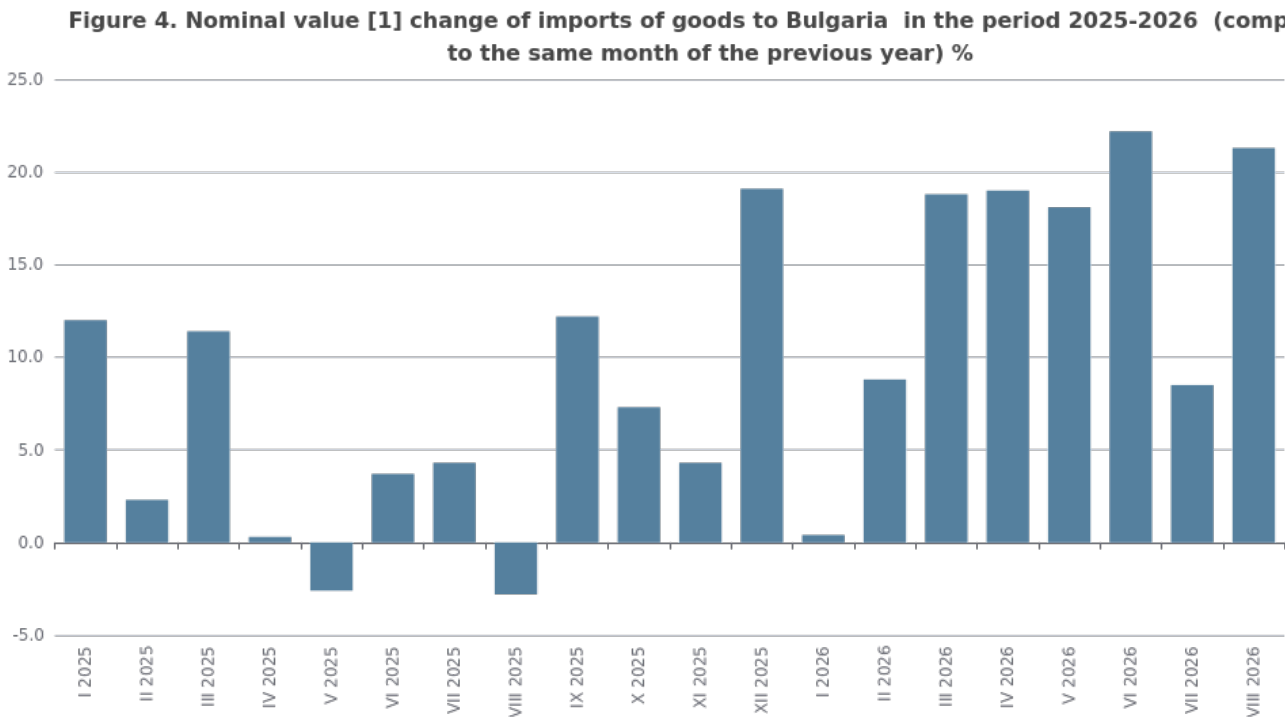
In **August 2026**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 4 032.2 million EUR and increased by 20.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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 - August 2026** amounted to 39 250.5 million EUR (at CIF prices), or 14.5% more than the same period of 2025 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In August 2026, the total imports of goods increased by 21.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 4 710.9 million EUR.



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - August 2026** and amounted to 8 073.7 million EUR (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

In August 2026, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 678.7 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 - August 2025 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	3 381.0	2 262.5	1 118.5	4 367.5	2 425.8	1 941.7	-986.5	-163.3	-823.2
II.2025	3 543.1	2 227.9	1 315.2	4 026.3	2 440.5	1 585.8	-483.2	-212.6	-270.6
III.2025	3 653.6	2 348.7	1 304.9	4 661.9	2 639.0	2 022.9	-1 008.3	-290.3	-718.0
I - III.2025	10 577.7	6 839.1	3 738.6	13 055.7	7 505.3	5 550.4	-2 478.0	-666.2	-1 811.8
IV.2025	3 490.4	2 240.6	1 249.8	4 423.2	2 538.8	1 884.4	-932.8	-298.2	-634.6
V.2025	3 426.1	2 191.3	1 234.8	3 979.3	2 404.0	1 575.3	-553.2	-212.7	-340.5
VI.2025	3 660.5	2 332.9	1 327.6	4 236.3	2 515.6	1 720.7	-575.8	-182.7	-393.1
IV - VI.2025	10 577.0	6 764.8	3 812.2	12 638.8	7 458.4	5 180.4	-2 061.8	-693.6	-1 368.2
I - VI.2025	21 154.7	13 603.9	7 550.8	25 694.5	14 963.7	10 730.8	-4 539.8	-1 359.8	-3 180.0
VII.2025	3 852.2	2 250.9	1 601.3	4 691.0	2 634.1	2 056.9	-838.8	-383.2	-455.6
VIII.2025	3 341.2	2 065.3	1 275.9	3 883.0	2 160.6	1 722.4	-541.8	-95.3	-446.5
I - VIII.2025	28 348.1	17 920.1	10 428.0	34 268.5	19 758.4	14 510.1	-5 920.4	-1 838.3	-4 082.1
I.2026	3 441.4	2 313.1	1 128.3	4 386.5	2 326.2	2 060.3	-945.1	-13.1	-932.0
II.2026	3 585.3	2 337.5	1 247.8	4 382.0	2 531.7	1 850.3	-796.7	-194.2	-602.5
III.2026	4 130.3	2 708.4	1 421.9	5 540.6	3 161.9	2 378.7	-1 410.3	-453.5	-956.8
I - III.2026	11 157.0	7 359.0	3 798.0	14 309.1	8 019.8	6 289.3	-3 152.1	-660.8	-2 491.3
IV.2026	3 993.0	2 495.0	1 498.0	5 262.9	2 578.4	2 684.5	-1 269.9	-83.4	-1 186.5
V.2026	3 760.3	2 451.4	1 308.9	4 699.3	2 555.8	2 143.5	-939.0	-104.4	-834.6
VI.2026	4 171.3	2 700.6	1 470.7	5 178.4	2 758.7	2 419.7	-1 007.1	-58.1	-949.0
IV - VI.2026	11 924.6	7 647.0	4 277.6	15 140.6	7 892.9	7 247.7	-3 216.0	-245.9	-2 970.1
I - VI.2026	23 081.6	15 006.0	8 075.6	29 449.7	15 912.7	13 537.0	-6 368.1	-906.7	-5 461.4
VII.2026	4 063.0	2 688.6	1 374.4	5 089.9	2 765.5	2 324.4	-1 026.9	-76.9	-950.0
VIII.2026	4 032.2	2 594.6	1 437.6	4 710.9	2 354.5	2 356.4	-678.7	240.1	-918.8
I - VIII.2026	31 176.8	20 289.2	10 887.6	39 250.5	21 032.7	18 217.8	-8 073.7	-743.5	-7 330.2

[1] Data are preliminary as of October 12, 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 - August 2026^[1] 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	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.4	-4.1	6.1
II	1.2	4.9	-5.1	8.8	3.7	16.7
III	13.0	15.3	9.0	18.8	19.8	17.6
I - III	5.5	7.6	1.6	9.6	6.9	13.3
IV	14.4	11.4	19.9	19.0	1.6	42.5
V	9.8	11.9	6.0	18.1	6.3	36.1
VI	14.0	15.8	10.8	22.2	9.7	40.6
IV - VI	12.7	13.0	12.2	19.8	5.8	39.9
I - VI	9.1	10.3	7.0	14.6	6.3	26.2
VII	5.5	19.4	-14.2	8.5	5.0	13.0
VIII	20.7	25.6	12.7	21.3	9.0	36.8
I - VIII	10.0	13.2	4.4	14.5	6.4	25.6

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

Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by groups of countries and main non-EU partner countries[1] in the period January - August 2025 and 2026[2]

Countries, territories and groups of countries	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	10 428.0	10 887.6	4.4	14 510.1	18 217.8	25.6	- 4 082.1	- 7 330.2
CIS[3]	648.1	741.6	14.4	1 031.9	1 150.2	11.5	-383.8	-408.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	59.8	61.1	2.2	717.8	852.9	18.8	-658.0	-791.8
Russian Federation	264.8	312.8	18.1	214.4	152.4	-28.9	50.4	160.4
OECD[4]	3 983.9	4 082.1	2.5	5 585.8	7 296.1	30.6	- 1 601.9	- 3 214.0
of which:								
Canada	177.3	91.8	-48.2	182.9	52.8	-71.1	-5.6	39.0
Chile	14.2	40.5	185.2	95.4	470.5	393.2	-81.2	-430.0
Israel	105.9	120.1	13.4	54.3	51.3	-5.5	51.6	68.8
Japan	56.0	68.7	22.7	110.6	112.0	1.3	-54.6	-43.3
Korea, Republic of	63.4	79.4	25.2	112.1	137.4	22.6	-48.7	-58.0
Turkiye	2 044.6	1 901.6	-7.0	3 797.1	5 074.9	33.7	-1 752.5	-3 173.3
United Kingdom[5]	410.5	516.1	25.7	270.9	268.4	-0.9	139.6	247.7
United States	678.4	759.9	12.0	517.5	584.1	12.9	160.9	175.8
EFTA[6]	299.5	345.9	15.5	324.2	458.9	41.5	-24.7	-113.0
of which:								
Norway	73.1	78.9	7.9	31.1	166.6	435.7	42.0	-87.7
Switzerland	224.3	263.2	17.3	290.7	288.4	-0.8	-66.4	-25.2
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	87.0	75.2	-13.6	36.0	37.4	3.9	51.0	37.8
Algeria	501.9	252.5	-49.7	19.6	43.7	123.0	482.3	208.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	71.3	94.8	33.0	26.0	35.6	36.9	45.3	59.2
Brazil	29.0	46.6	60.7	303.2	664.6	119.2	-274.2	-618.0
China	441.8	624.8	41.4	2 228.6	3 394.8	52.3	-1 786.8	-2 770.0
Egypt	197.4	243.1	23.2	392.8	200.0	-49.1	-195.4	43.1
Georgia	234.4	322.1	37.4	219.5	273.7	24.7	14.9	48.4
Gibraltar	186.5	226.7	21.6	0.0	0.0	x	186.5	226.7

Countries, territories and groups of countries	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
India	131.7	251.3	90.8	193.8	248.5	28.2	-62.1	2.8
Indonesia	45.9	125.1	172.5	75.3	89.9	19.4	-29.4	35.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	68.6	61.0	-11.1	46.9	20.7	-55.9	21.7	40.3
Libya	63.5	107.0	68.5	126.7	328.1	159.0	-63.2	-221.1
Morocco	156.6	96.8	-38.2	114.1	135.8	19.0	42.5	-39.0
Namibia	3.9	3.2	-17.9	5.3	0.1	-98.1	-1.4	3.1
Peru	15.7	19.6	24.8	105.3	252.3	139.6	-89.6	-232.7
Republic of North Macedonia	517.8	369.7	-28.6	375.9	421.3	12.1	141.9	-51.6
Serbia	581.7	625.6	7.5	791.6	691.1	-12.7	-209.9	-65.5
Singapore	37.2	63.7	71.2	21.9	31.8	45.2	15.3	31.9
South Africa	79.2	38.5	-51.4	27.9	62.4	123.7	51.3	-23.9
Taiwan[7]	18.4	41.3	124.5	71.9	62.5	-13.1	-53.5	-21.2
Tunisia	100.9	106.0	5.1	32.4	39.6	22.2	68.5	66.4
Ukraine	373.9	341.8	-8.6	664.6	620.3	-6.7	-290.7	-278.5
United Arab Emirates	125.5	115.0	-8.4	45.1	37.5	-16.9	80.4	77.5
Viet Nam	35.4	48.6	37.3	148.0	126.8	-14.3	-112.6	-78.2

[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 October 12, 2026.

[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; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan and Israel.

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

[6] EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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

'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 - August 2025 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	10 428.0	10 887.6	4.4	14 510.1	18 217.8	25.6	- 4 082.1	- 7 330.2
Food and live animals	1 531.8	1 405.0	-8.3	947.6	997.9	5.3	584.2	407.1
Beverages and tobacco	140.4	134.0	-4.6	149.6	189.2	26.5	-9.2	-55.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	912.6	993.8	8.9	1 695.9	3 027.9	78.5	-783.3	-2 034.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	926.0	1 274.4	37.6	3 192.2	4 203.4	31.7	-2 266.2	-2 929.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	192.5	296.6	54.1	107.6	189.7	76.3	84.9	106.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1 300.7	1 491.7	14.7	1 249.5	1 346.3	7.7	51.2	145.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1 829.2	1 675.6	-8.4	2 655.0	2 805.3	5.7	-825.8	-1 129.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2 079.1	2 143.7	3.1	3 152.5	4 035.0	28.0	-1 073.4	-1 891.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 452.9	1 450.7	-0.2	1 320.5	1 398.6	5.9	132.4	52.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	62.8	22.1	-64.8	39.7	24.5	-38.3	23.1	-2.4

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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.