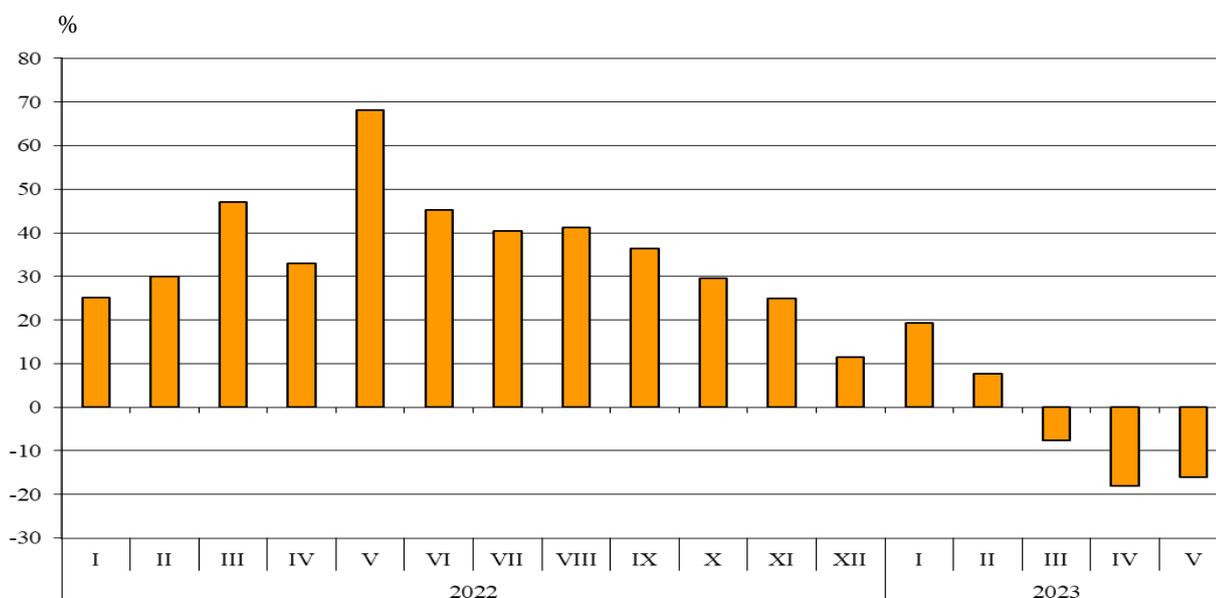


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 4.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 23 702.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 16.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 741.9 million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



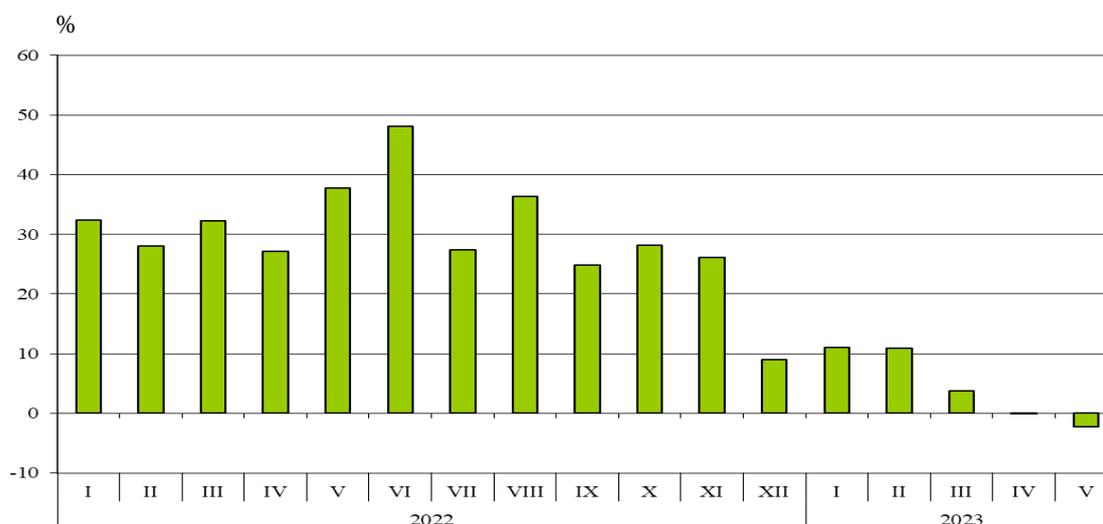
In the period **January - May 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (19.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (67.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - May 2023** increased by 4.3% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 24 496.8 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 2.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 963.8 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - May 2023**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (24.2%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (59.8%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - May 2023** was negative and added up to 794.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 2022¹ and 2023¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
I - III.2022	21083.9	13957.7	7126.2	24322.8	13825.3	10497.5	-3238.9	132.4	-3371.3
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
V.2022	8382.3	5645.2	2737.1	9027.9	5079.0	3948.9	-645.6	566.2	-1211.8
I - V.2022	37148.4	24837.0	12311.4	41802.3	23482.2	18320.1	-4653.9	1354.8	-6008.7
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
I - III.2023	22987.7	14673.3	8314.4	25365.7	14959.9	10405.8	-2378.0	-286.6	-2091.4
IV.2023	6824.6	4287.2	2537.4	7397.6	4573.1	2824.5	-573.0	-285.9	-287.1
V.2023	7271.0	4741.9	2529.1	8109.6	4963.8	3145.8	-838.6	-221.9	-616.7
I - V.2023	37083.3	23702.4	13380.9	40872.9	24496.8	16376.1	-3789.6	-794.4	-2995.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 2023¹ 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	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	9.0	5.1	16.7	4.3	8.2	-0.9
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.5	-0.1	-27.1
V	-13.3	-16.0	-7.6	-10.2	-2.3	-20.3
I - V	-0.2	-4.6	8.7	-2.2	4.3	-10.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 2022² and 2023²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	37148.4	37083.3	-0.2	41802.3	40872.9	-2.2	-4653.9	-3789.6
EU	24837.0	23702.4	-4.6	23482.2	24496.8	4.3	1354.8	-794.4
Austria	701.1	807.1	15.1	925.8	1063.1	14.8	-224.7	-256.0
Belgium	613.8	1014.8	65.3	804.1	937.4	16.6	-190.3	77.4
Croatia	396.9	288.2	-27.4	100.3	107.9	7.6	296.6	180.3
Cyprus	168.4	154.9	-8.0	37.5	96.4	157.1	130.9	58.5
Czechia	631.9	700.8	10.9	917.9	1154.5	25.8	-286.0	-453.7
Denmark	214.4	177.1	-17.4	171.1	321.9	88.1	43.3	-144.8
Estonia	44.9	64.5	43.7	34.0	100.4	195.3	10.9	-35.9
Finland	88.0	82.4	-6.4	79.2	116.4	47.0	8.8	-34.0
France	1332.3	1238.1	-7.1	980.7	1108.0	13.0	351.6	130.1
Germany	5622.7	5067.3	-9.9	4475.6	5032.4	12.4	1147.1	34.9
Greece	2524.6	2023.2	-19.9	2524.6	1918.5	-24.0	0.0	104.7
Hungary	702.9	493.3	-29.8	1365.6	1379.9	1.0	-662.7	-886.6
Ireland	76.4	117.4	53.7	194.3	158.8	-18.3	-117.9	-41.4
Italy	3091.9	2927.3	-5.3	2491.0	2804.4	12.6	600.9	122.9
Latvia	30.7	45.9	49.5	50.7	32.2	-36.5	-20.0	13.7
Lithuania	84.1	105.1	25.0	87.5	94.4	7.9	-3.4	10.7
Luxembourg	64.8	12.3	-81.0	54.6	39.4	-27.8	10.2	-27.1
Malta	13.1	17.6	34.4	16.3	12.2	-25.2	-3.2	5.4
Netherlands	1010.2	761.7	-24.6	1609.6	1706.3	6.0	-599.4	-944.6
Poland	881.4	942.6	6.9	1394.2	1638.0	17.5	-512.8	-695.4
Portugal	112.7	101.3	-10.1	103.5	79.3	-23.4	9.2	22.0
Romania	3695.7	3363.8	-9.0	3222.3	2607.5	-19.1	473.4	756.3
Slovakia	332.8	441.1	32.5	467.1	468.4	0.3	-134.3	-27.3
Slovenia	379.2	242.2	-36.1	307.5	361.8	17.7	71.7	-119.6
Spain	1065.9	900.6	-15.5	759.7	732.0	-3.6	306.2	168.6
Sweden	264.9	343.9	29.8	252.0	317.5	26.0	12.9	26.4
Not specified	691.3	1267.9	83.4	55.5	107.8	94.2	635.8	1160.1

¹ Partner country:

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Table 3

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of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	12311.4	13380.9	8.7	18320.1	16376.1	-10.6	-6008.7	-2995.2
CIS³	541.8	763.4	40.9	5285.3	2624.6	-50.3	-4743.5	-1861.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	23.0	69.1	200.4	4.4	6.8	54.5	18.6	62.3
Russian Federation	317.2	416.0	31.1	4973.7	2237.8	-55.0	-4656.5	-1821.8
OECD⁴	4718.4	5196.9	10.1	5130.4	5811.5	13.3	-412.0	-614.6
of which:								
Canada	78.6	70.6	-10.2	109.2	39.6	-63.7	-30.6	31.0
Chile	16.1	11.4	-29.2	171.9	153.1	-10.9	-155.8	-141.7
Israel	289.9	202.1	-30.3	45.2	126.1	179.0	244.7	76.0
Japan	58.3	51.4	-11.8	177.3	179.3	1.1	-119.0	-127.9
Korea, Republic of	102.8	66.0	-35.8	156.0	157.5	1.0	-53.2	-91.5
Türkiye	2342.6	2267.6	-3.2	3467.1	3470.9	0.1	-1124.5	-1203.3
United Kingdom ⁵	627.3	1098.9	75.2	289.3	629.2	117.5	338.0	469.7
United States	830.2	866.3	4.3	352.7	580.0	64.4	477.5	286.3
EFTA⁶	267.4	448.3	67.7	277.4	386.1	39.2	-10.0	62.2
of which:								
Norway	43.7	46.9	7.3	30.9	23.5	-23.9	12.8	23.4
Switzerland	220.7	398.6	80.6	241.9	359.2	48.5	-21.2	39.4

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Chile; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel.

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

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

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	106.0	110.0	3.8	39.8	41.8	5.0	66.2	68.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	84.9	74.7	-12.0	20.2	33.3	64.9	64.7	41.4
Brazil	147.9	25.7	-82.6	190.7	266.4	39.7	-42.8	-240.7
China	544.7	883.6	62.2	2382.0	2226.6	-6.5	-1837.3	-1343.0
Egypt	393.1	455.8	16.0	170.1	311.0	82.8	223.0	144.8
Georgia	230.5	144.4	-37.4	410.1	281.6	-31.3	-179.6	-137.2
India	193.3	178.5	-7.7	238.1	217.1	-8.8	-44.8	-38.6
Indonesia	19.8	36.4	83.8	113.4	202.0	78.1	-93.6	-165.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	119.3	80.3	-32.7	71.9	46.1	-35.9	47.4	34.2
Peru	13.7	14.7	7.3	164.5	217.2	32.0	-150.8	-202.5
Republic of North Macedonia	645.2	689.1	6.8	355.3	419.8	18.2	289.9	269.3
Serbia	895.4	762.2	-14.9	699.9	938.7	34.1	195.5	-176.5
Singapore	19.5	25.6	31.3	47.4	36.4	-23.2	-27.9	-10.8
South Africa	238.8	86.2	-63.9	35.1	108.8	210.0	203.7	-22.6
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.9	-17.1	3.9	0.5	-87.2	-0.4	2.4
Taiwan	36.5	106.5	191.8	199.1	145.7	-26.8	-162.6	-39.2
Tunisia	232.7	130.5	-43.9	49.6	18.8	-62.1	183.1	111.7
Ukraine	354.7	813.3	129.3	977.8	723.7	-26.0	-623.1	89.6
United Arab Emirates	97.4	209.9	115.5	32.5	39.3	20.9	64.9	170.6
Viet Nam	36.6	29.1	-20.5	122.4	104.2	-14.9	-85.8	-75.1

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² Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - May 2022¹ and 2023¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	37148.4	37083.3	-0.2	41802.3	40872.9	-2.2	-4653.9	-3789.6
of which: EU	24837.0	23702.4	-4.6	23482.2	24496.8	4.3	1354.8	-794.4
Food and live animals	4087.3	4420.7	8.2	2841.0	3369.4	18.6	1246.3	1051.3
of which: EU	2438.4	2285.0	-6.3	2151.9	2502.3	16.3	286.5	-217.3
Beverages and tobacco	241.9	297.2	22.9	544.7	663.5	21.8	-302.8	-366.3
of which: EU	154.6	184.2	19.1	426.3	508.9	19.4	-271.7	-324.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2203.5	2210.7	0.3	3739.0	3206.4	-14.2	-1535.5	-995.7
of which: EU	1268.5	1365.9	7.7	983.1	903.4	-8.1	285.4	462.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3829.1	2629.2	-31.3	6774.4	4186.3	-38.2	-2945.3	-1557.1
of which: EU	1313.5	715.2	-45.6	1799.5	723.8	-59.8	-486.0	-8.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1365.5	745.2	-45.4	492.0	337.9	-31.3	873.5	407.3
of which: EU	1028.6	337.3	-67.2	267.0	161.4	-39.6	761.6	175.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4630.8	3973.3	-14.2	6213.0	5638.8	-9.2	-1582.2	-1665.5
of which: EU	3017.8	2530.0	-16.2	4510.4	4231.2	-6.2	-1492.6	-1701.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8611.3	7441.2	-13.6	7332.4	6719.0	-8.4	1278.9	722.2
of which: EU	6576.2	5622.2	-14.5	3730.4	3715.8	-0.4	2845.8	1906.4
Machinery and transport equipment	7276.8	9577.9	31.6	10671.4	13206.6	23.8	-3394.6	-3628.7
of which: EU	5425.0	6372.5	17.5	7498.8	9312.2	24.2	-2073.8	-2939.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4865.6	5538.0	13.8	3148.4	3499.1	11.1	1717.2	2038.9
of which: EU	3591.6	4268.6	18.8	2074.4	2398.0	15.6	1517.2	1870.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	36.6	249.9	582.8	46.0	45.9	-0.2	-9.4	204.0
of which: EU	22.8	21.5	-5.7	40.4	39.8	-1.5	-17.6	-18.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.