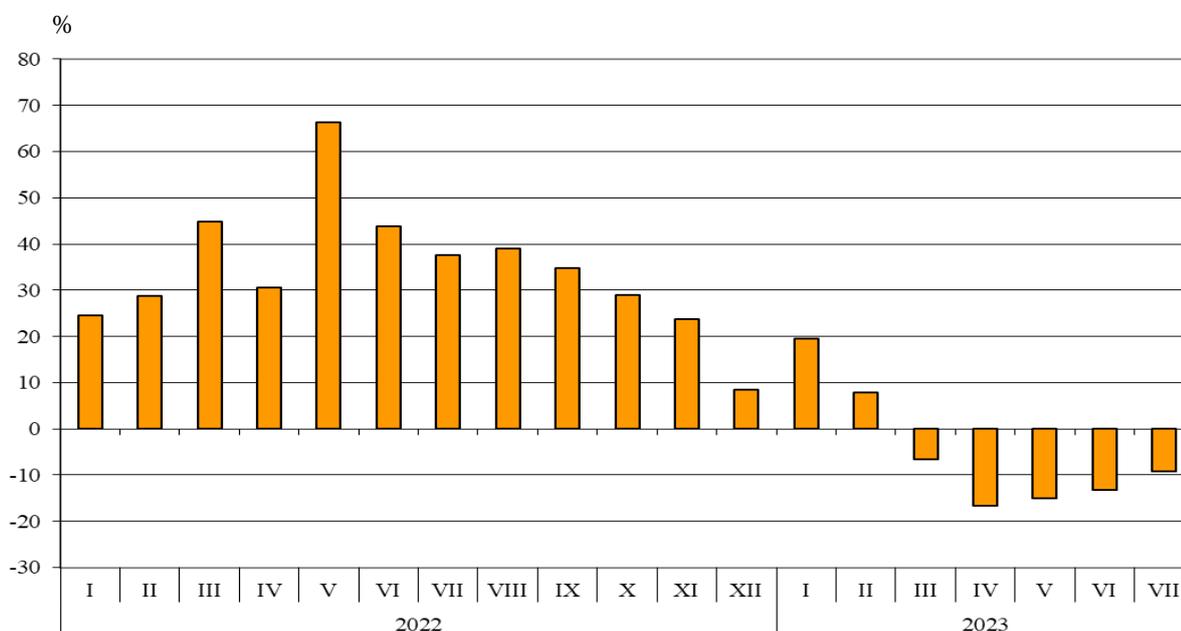


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 6.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 33 154.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 9.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 787.1 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)**



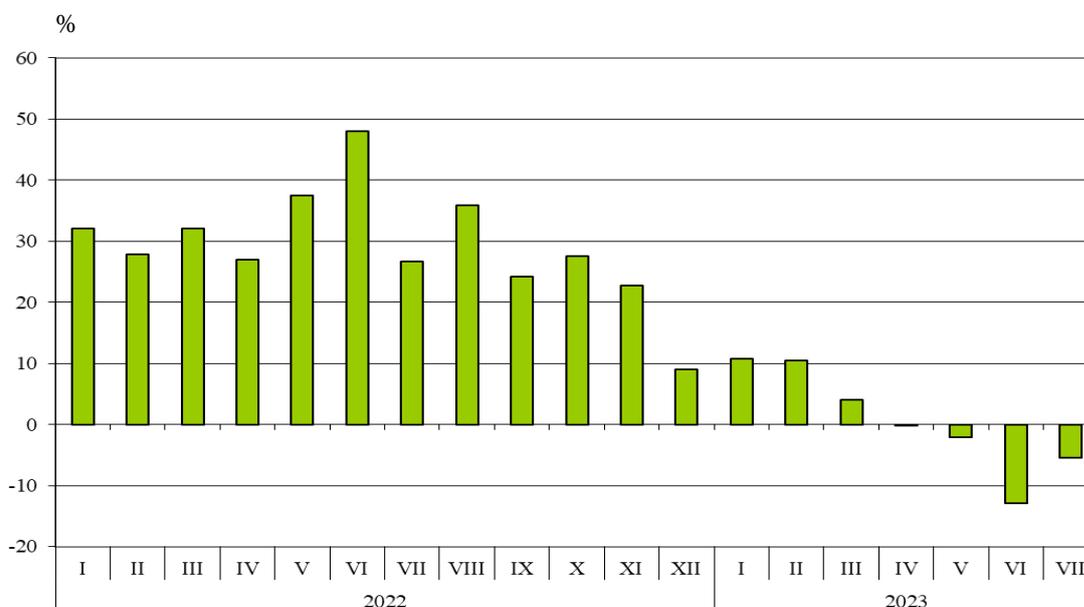
In the period **January - July 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (17.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (71.6%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - July 2023** remains unchanged compared with the same period of 2022 and is worth to 34 008.6 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 **July 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 5.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 727.4 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 - July 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’ (18.1%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (67.1%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - July 2023** was negative and added up to 854.5 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 - July 2022 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	6244.6	4124.4	2120.2	7643.0	4132.2	3510.8	-1398.4	-7.8	-1390.6
II.2022	6673.8	4272.2	2401.6	7694.6	4390.7	3303.9	-1020.8	-118.5	-902.3
III.2022	8035.5	5425.9	2609.6	8966.6	5278.8	3687.8	-931.1	147.1	-1078.2
I - III.2022	20953.9	13822.5	7131.4	24304.2	13801.7	10502.5	-3350.3	20.8	-3371.1
IV.2022	7590.2	5141.0	2449.2	8445.5	4571.6	3873.9	-855.3	569.4	-1424.7
V.2022	8322.2	5584.1	2738.1	9020.1	5071.1	3949.0	-697.9	513.0	-1210.9
VI.2022	8659.8	5453.8	3206.0	10219.3	5554.4	4664.9	-1559.5	-100.6	-1458.9
IV - VI.2022	24572.2	16178.9	8393.3	27684.9	15197.1	12487.8	-3112.7	981.8	-4094.5
I - VI.2022	45526.1	30001.4	15524.7	51989.1	28998.8	22990.3	-6463.0	1002.6	-7465.6
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
I - VII.2022	53713.1	35268.1	18445.0	61502.7	34000.2	27502.5	-7789.6	1267.9	-9057.5
I.2023	7356.3	4932.0	2424.3	8137.3	4578.7	3558.6	-781.0	353.3	-1134.3
II.2023	7100.5	4609.8	2490.7	8070.1	4847.5	3222.6	-969.6	-237.7	-731.9
III.2023	7945.3	5067.1	2878.2	8599.4	5488.2	3111.2	-654.1	-421.1	-233.0
I - III.2023	22402.1	14608.9	7793.2	24806.8	14914.4	9892.4	-2404.7	-305.5	-2099.2
IV.2023	6739.1	4286.6	2452.5	7369.8	4568.6	2801.2	-630.7	-282.0	-348.7
V.2023	7316.6	4741.9	2574.7	8137.3	4963.8	3173.5	-820.7	-221.9	-598.8
VI.2023	7207.8	4729.6	2478.2	7851.5	4834.4	3017.1	-643.7	-104.8	-538.9
IV - VI.2023	21263.5	13758.1	7505.4	23358.6	14366.8	8991.8	-2095.1	-608.7	-1486.4
I - VI.2023	43665.6	28367.0	15298.6	48165.4	29281.2	18884.2	-4499.8	-914.2	-3585.6
VII.2023	7081.3	4787.1	2294.2	7855.0	4727.4	3127.6	-773.7	59.7	-833.4
I - VII.2023	50746.9	33154.1	17592.8	56020.4	34008.6	22011.8	-5273.5	-854.5	-4419.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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



Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - July 2023¹ compared to the same period of the previous
year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	17.8	19.6	14.3	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.7	4.9	10.4	-2.5
III	-1.1	-6.6	10.3	-4.1	4.0	-15.6
I - III	6.9	5.7	9.3	2.1	8.1	-5.8
IV	-11.2	-16.6	0.1	-12.7	-0.1	-27.7
V	-12.1	-15.1	-6.0	-9.8	-2.1	-19.6
VI	-16.8	-13.3	-22.7	-23.2	-13.0	-35.3
IV - VI	-13.5	-15.0	-10.6	-15.6	-5.5	-28.0
I - VI	-4.1	-5.4	-1.5	-7.4	1.0	-17.9
VII	-13.5	-9.1	-21.4	-17.4	-5.5	-30.7
I - VII	-5.5	-6.0	-4.6	-8.9	0.0	-20.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2022 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	53713.1	50746.9	-5.5	61502.7	56020.4	-8.9	-7789.6	-5273.5
EU	35268.1	33154.1	-6.0	34000.2	34008.6	0.0	1267.9	-854.5
Austria	1022.8	1117.6	9.3	1317.8	1489.5	13.0	-295.0	-371.9
Belgium	1293.1	1403.0	8.5	1145.7	1286.9	12.3	147.4	116.1
Croatia	501.0	382.7	-23.6	137.4	149.5	8.8	363.6	233.2
Cyprus	240.3	166.4	-30.8	63.9	77.1	20.7	176.4	89.3
Czechia	877.7	960.9	9.5	1340.6	1547.9	15.5	-462.9	-587.0
Denmark	259.4	253.5	-2.3	236.3	413.1	74.8	23.1	-159.6
Estonia	63.7	84.7	33.0	47.9	142.7	197.9	15.8	-58.0
Finland	123.3	108.1	-12.3	113.7	145.7	28.1	9.6	-37.6
France	1860.4	1732.9	-6.9	1373.2	1534.1	11.7	487.2	198.8
Germany	7696.3	7018.7	-8.8	6403.3	7054.2	10.2	1293.0	-35.5
Greece	3624.3	2866.5	-20.9	3611.0	2602.1	-27.9	13.3	264.4
Hungary	981.6	667.8	-32.0	1960.7	1951.8	-0.5	-979.1	-1284.0
Ireland	116.7	154.3	32.2	265.5	223.6	-15.8	-148.8	-69.3
Italy	4353.1	4005.7	-8.0	3645.7	3961.0	8.6	707.4	44.7
Latvia	48.0	70.4	46.7	76.4	45.8	-40.1	-28.4	24.6
Lithuania	133.8	147.5	10.2	126.7	132.9	4.9	7.1	14.6
Luxembourg	11.4	17.5	53.5	58.1	48.2	-17.0	-46.7	-30.7
Malta	20.6	24.5	18.9	22.6	19.5	-13.7	-2.0	5.0
Netherlands	1408.9	1079.0	-23.4	2606.8	2335.7	-10.4	-1197.9	-1256.7
Poland	1233.5	1266.1	2.6	1981.6	2219.0	12.0	-748.1	-952.9
Portugal	163.4	146.0	-10.6	138.6	129.4	-6.6	24.8	16.6
Romania	5331.4	4744.2	-11.0	4529.3	3594.6	-20.6	802.1	1149.6
Slovakia	477.3	610.3	27.9	640.8	642.5	0.3	-163.5	-32.2
Slovenia	279.3	315.7	13.0	442.7	525.2	18.6	-163.4	-209.5
Spain	1592.9	1398.4	-12.2	1266.9	1075.0	-15.1	326.0	323.4
Sweden	376.9	473.4	25.6	369.1	447.5	21.2	7.8	25.9
Not specified	1177.0	1938.3	64.7	77.9	214.1	174.8	1099.1	1724.2

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, 2023.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2022 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	18445.0	17592.8	-4.6	27502.5	22011.8	-20.0	-9057.5	-4419.0
CIS³	838.1	1077.9	28.6	7638.3	3717.5	-51.3	-6800.2	-2639.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	40.0	96.1	140.3	16.9	7.6	-55.0	23.1	88.5
Russian Federation	493.1	591.1	19.9	7088.9	3193.1	-55.0	-6595.8	-2602.0
OECD⁴	6857.6	6282.6	-8.4	7824.3	7305.5	-6.6	-966.7	-1022.9
of which:								
Canada	116.2	136.3	17.3	122.0	51.7	-57.6	-5.8	84.6
Chile	19.9	17.1	-14.1	176.4	160.6	-9.0	-156.5	-143.5
Israel	451.8	246.0	-45.6	69.6	162.1	132.9	382.2	83.9
Japan	83.3	78.0	-6.4	243.9	239.5	-1.8	-160.6	-161.5
Korea, Republic of	174.0	245.2	40.9	221.3	224.5	1.4	-47.3	20.7
Türkiye	3410.6	2930.1	-14.1	5333.5	4660.7	-12.6	-1922.9	-1730.6
United Kingdom ⁵	875.4	763.9	-12.7	415.4	452.6	9.0	460.0	311.3
United States	1175.5	1200.8	2.2	709.6	730.2	2.9	465.9	470.6
EFTA⁶	395.8	491.8	24.3	404.3	517.0	27.9	-8.5	-25.2
of which:								
Norway	63.2	78.4	24.1	42.8	103.9	142.8	20.4	-25.5
Switzerland	326.8	409.8	25.4	356.6	408.4	14.5	-29.8	1.4

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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; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; 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.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2022 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	149.4	152.3	1.9	64.8	57.1	-11.9	84.6	95.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	114.9	104.7	-8.9	27.9	45.3	62.4	87.0	59.4
Brazil	161.8	46.8	-71.1	296.9	398.3	34.2	-135.1	-351.5
China	742.3	1162.6	56.6	3456.7	3187.9	-7.8	-2714.4	-2025.3
Egypt	640.0	668.7	4.5	272.2	442.3	62.5	367.8	226.4
Georgia	288.8	224.5	-22.3	565.3	354.7	-37.3	-276.5	-130.2
India	298.2	220.7	-26.0	318.8	294.6	-7.6	-20.6	-73.9
Indonesia	31.2	192.1	515.7	181.2	400.8	121.2	-150.0	-208.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	148.2	116.6	-21.3	105.5	61.6	-41.6	42.7	55.0
Peru	18.9	26.5	40.2	305.3	225.3	-26.2	-286.4	-198.8
Republic of North Macedonia	912.1	958.3	5.1	505.7	545.8	7.9	406.4	412.5
Serbia	1318.8	1112.4	-15.7	1015.5	1236.9	21.8	303.3	-124.5
Singapore	28.0	35.0	25.0	61.8	49.4	-20.1	-33.8	-14.4
South Africa	260.2	134.7	-48.2	45.4	135.6	198.7	214.8	-0.9
Syrian Arab Republic	4.6	3.1	-32.6	8.2	0.7	-91.5	-3.6	2.4
Taiwan	51.9	152.3	193.4	288.6	199.8	-30.8	-236.7	-47.5
Tunisia	309.7	141.7	-54.2	59.6	24.5	-58.9	250.1	117.2
Ukraine	963.0	1107.6	15.0	1917.1	1028.0	-46.4	-954.1	79.6
United Arab Emirates	130.7	157.1	20.2	46.3	56.2	21.4	84.4	100.9
Viet Nam	58.2	38.5	-33.8	184.6	197.3	6.9	-126.4	-158.8

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, 2023.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - July 2022 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	53713.1	50746.9	-5.5	61502.7	56020.4	-8.9	-7789.6	-5273.5
of which EU	35268.1	33154.1	-6.0	34000.2	34008.6	0.0	1267.9	-854.5
Food and live animals	6026.3	6451.2	7.1	4033.3	4648.8	15.3	1993.0	1802.4
of which EU	3321.7	3351.5	0.9	3043.7	3479.7	14.3	278.0	-128.2
Beverages and tobacco	362.4	414.4	14.3	835.0	954.0	14.3	-472.6	-539.6
of which EU	225.7	256.7	13.7	647.3	735.3	13.6	-421.6	-478.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3124.3	2986.9	-4.4	5640.3	4151.2	-26.4	-2516.0	-1164.3
of which EU	1882.6	1825.5	-3.0	1247.0	1201.1	-3.7	635.6	624.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5958.2	3652.5	-38.7	10194.0	5619.2	-44.9	-4235.8	-1966.7
of which EU	1625.9	989.4	-39.1	2550.5	839.7	-67.1	-924.6	149.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1982.1	985.7	-50.3	841.9	501.0	-40.5	1140.2	484.7
of which EU	1561.1	442.6	-71.6	419.9	246.9	-41.2	1141.2	195.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	6443.8	5411.6	-16.0	9258.4	7754.7	-16.2	-2814.6	-2343.1
of which EU	4219.3	3381.0	-19.9	6706.1	5798.9	-13.5	-2486.8	-2417.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12083.5	10331.8	-14.5	10438.5	9386.2	-10.1	1645.0	945.6
of which EU	9218.5	7763.7	-15.8	5252.6	5140.3	-2.1	3965.9	2623.4
Machinery and transport equipment	10684.9	12294.4	15.1	15672.0	17904.1	14.2	-4987.1	-5609.7
of which EU	7965.5	8996.1	12.9	11099.4	13106.5	18.1	-3133.9	-4110.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7003.5	7862.9	12.3	4527.2	5032.7	11.2	2476.3	2830.2
of which EU	5222.1	6116.8	17.1	2981.4	3405.2	14.2	2240.7	2711.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	44.1	355.5	706.1	62.1	68.5	10.3	-18.0	287.0
of which EU	25.7	30.8	19.8	52.3	55.0	5.2	-26.6	-24.2

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