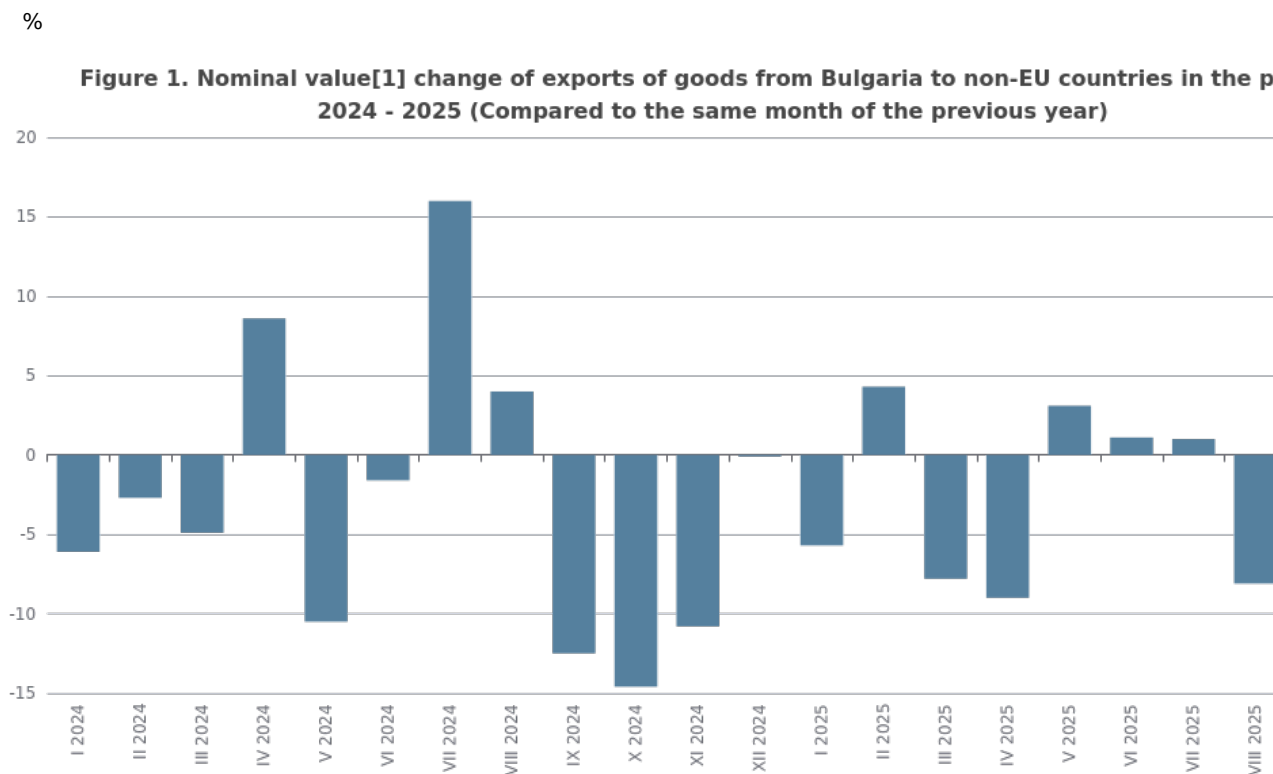




## TRADE IN GOODS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES - EXTRASTAT - PRELIMINARY DATA - AUGUST 2025

In the period January - August 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 2.7% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 20 086.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Algeria, China and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 49.7% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 8.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 456.0 million BGN.



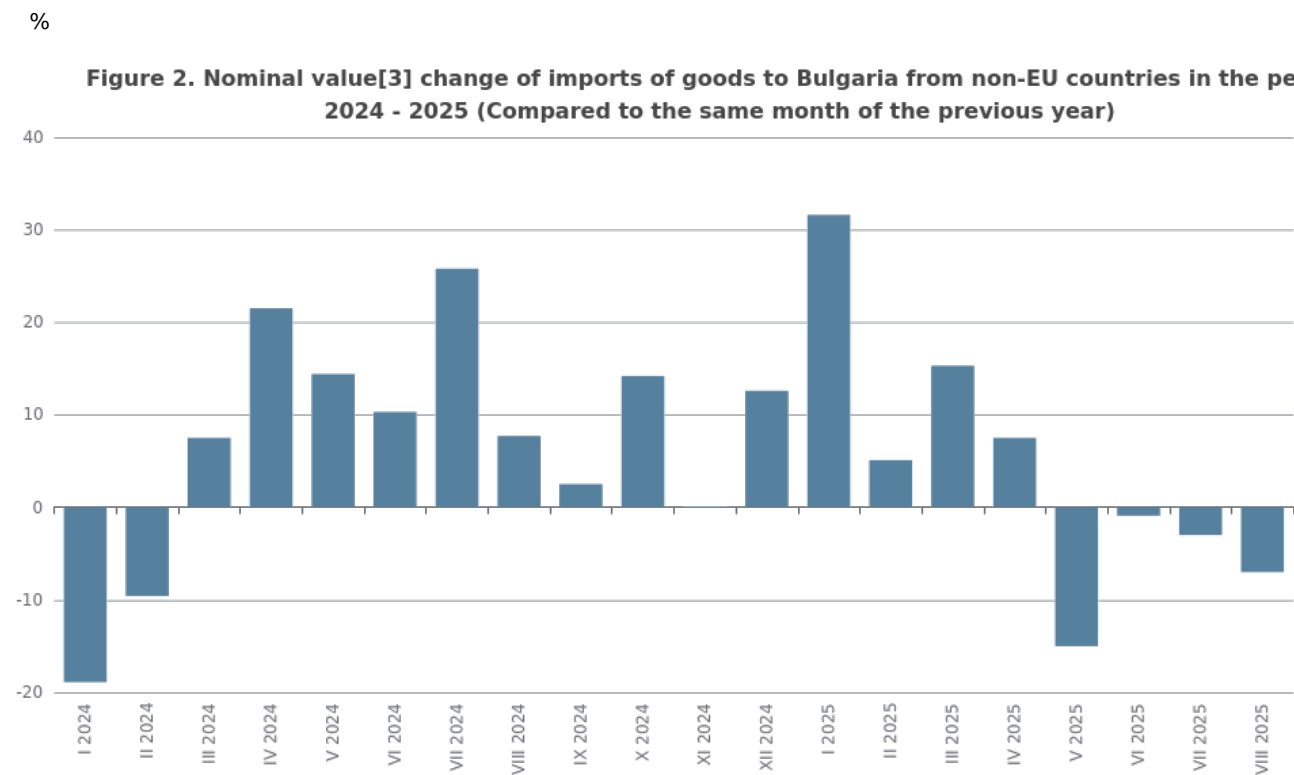
<sup>[1]</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (48.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (42.5%).

**The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2025** increased by 3.3% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 28 168.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>[2]</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Serbia and Kazakhstan (Annex, Table 3).

**In August 2025 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** decreased by 7.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 374.0 million BGN.

<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)).



<sup>[3]</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**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 'Food and live animals' (26.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (45.8%).

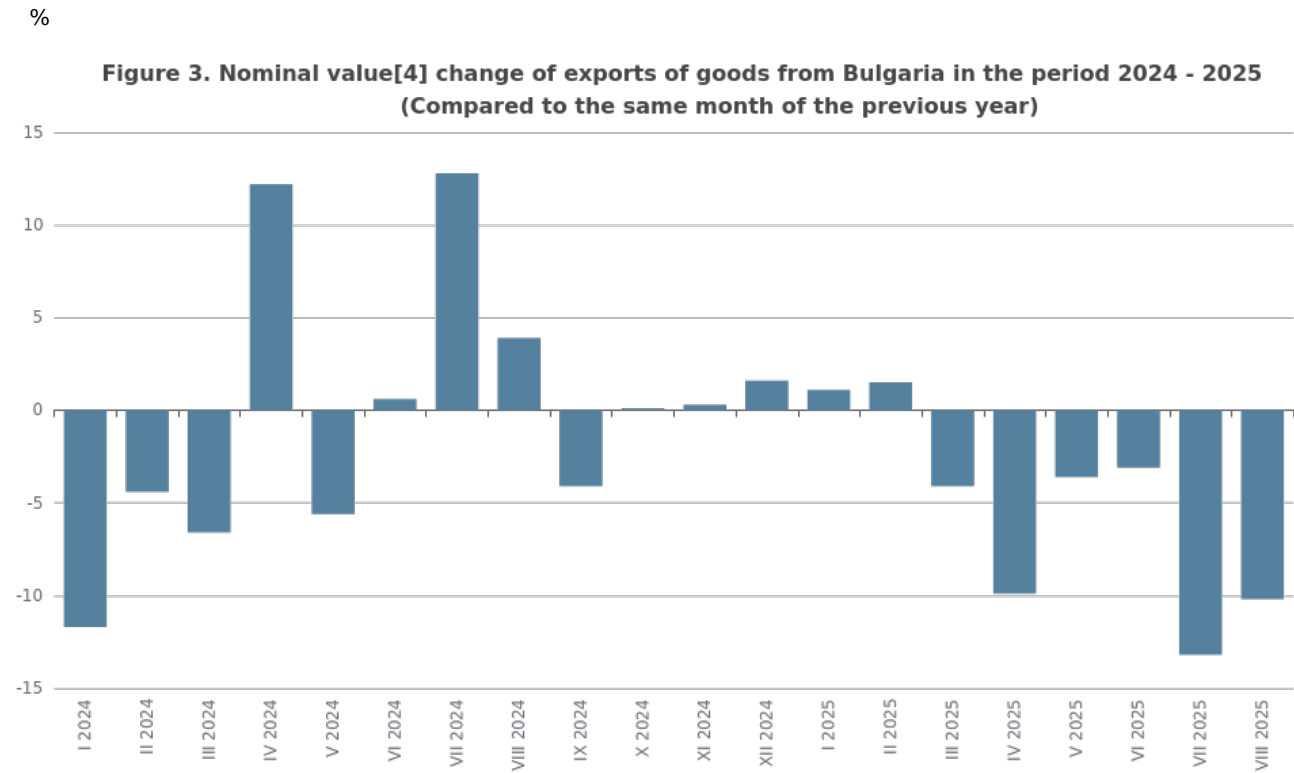
**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - August 2025** was negative and added up to 8 082.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In August 2025**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 918.0 million BGN.

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

In **the period January - August 2025**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 54 925.6 million BGN, which is 5.5% less than the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

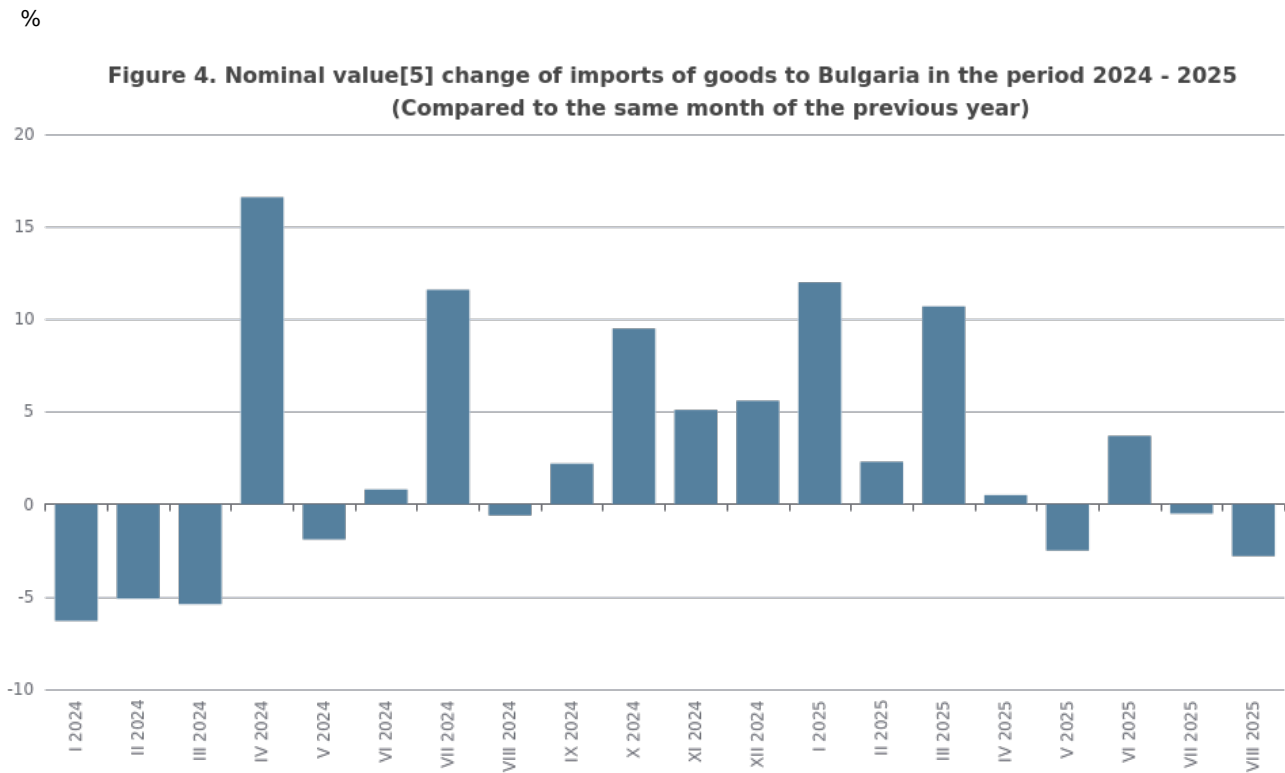
**In August 2025**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 496.9 million BGN and decreased by 10.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.



<sup>[4]</sup> Value changes at current prices.

The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - August 2025** amounted to 66 566.3 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 2.8% more than the same period of 2024 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In August 2025**, the total imports of goods decreased by 2.8% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 592.3 million BGN.



<sup>[5]</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - August 2025** and amounted to 11 640.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

**In August 2025**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 095.4 million BGN.

## Annex

**Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2024 and 2025[1] by months**

									(Million BGN)
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.2024	6 504.6	4 214.4	2 290.2	7 624.9	4 738.1	2 886.8	-1 120.3	-523.7	-596.6
II.2024	6 809.7	4 361.2	2 448.5	7 700.3	4 746.0	2 954.3	-890.6	-384.8	-505.8
III.2024	7 441.2	4 684.0	2 757.2	8 182.2	4 784.8	3 397.4	-741.0	-100.8	-640.2
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20 755.5</b>	<b>13 259.6</b>	<b>7 495.9</b>	<b>23 507.4</b>	<b>14 268.9</b>	<b>9 238.5</b>	<b>-2 751.9</b>	<b>-1 009.3</b>	<b>-1 742.6</b>
IV.2024	7 551.4	4 886.1	2 665.3	8 621.4	5 184.0	3 437.4	-1 070.0	-297.9	-772.1
V.2024	6 947.0	4 600.6	2 346.4	7 991.2	4 363.0	3 628.2	-1 044.2	237.6	-1 281.8
VI.2024	7 359.3	4 814.5	2 544.8	7 993.4	4 597.6	3 395.8	-634.1	216.9	-851.0
<b>IV - VI.2024</b>	<b>21 857.7</b>	<b>14 301.2</b>	<b>7 556.5</b>	<b>24 606.0</b>	<b>14 144.6</b>	<b>10 461.4</b>	<b>-2 748.3</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>-2 904.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2024</b>	<b>42 613.2</b>	<b>27 560.8</b>	<b>15 052.4</b>	<b>48 113.4</b>	<b>28 413.5</b>	<b>19 699.9</b>	<b>-5 500.2</b>	<b>-852.7</b>	<b>-4 647.5</b>
VII.2024	8 255.3	5 326.8	2 928.5	8 800.0	4 856.0	3 944.0	-544.7	470.8	-1 015.5
VIII.2024	7 232.8	4 559.3	2 673.5	7 809.3	4 180.2	3 629.1	-576.5	379.1	-955.6
<b>I - VIII.2024</b>	<b>58 101.3</b>	<b>37 446.9</b>	<b>20 654.4</b>	<b>64 722.7</b>	<b>37 449.7</b>	<b>27 273.0</b>	<b>-6 621.4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-6 618.6</b>
I.2025	6 578.2	4 418.0	2 160.2	8 543.2	4 744.6	3 798.6	-1 965.0	-326.6	-1 638.4
II.2025	6 910.4	4 355.7	2 554.7	7 879.1	4 773.3	3 105.8	-968.7	-417.6	-551.1
III.2025	7 135.3	4 593.2	2 542.1	9 058.5	5 141.2	3 917.3	-1 923.2	-548.0	-1 375.2
<b>I - III.2025</b>	<b>20 623.9</b>	<b>13 366.9</b>	<b>7 257.0</b>	<b>25 480.8</b>	<b>14 659.1</b>	<b>10 821.7</b>	<b>-4 856.9</b>	<b>-1 292.2</b>	<b>-3 564.7</b>
IV.2025	6 806.2	4 381.5	2 424.7	8 660.3	4 963.4	3 696.9	-1 854.1	-581.9	-1 272.2
V.2025	6 700.1	4 281.5	2 418.6	7 789.2	4 705.3	3 083.9	-1 089.1	-423.8	-665.3
VI.2025	7 134.5	4 562.6	2 571.9	8 288.9	4 922.4	3 366.5	-1 154.4	-359.8	-794.6
<b>IV - VI.2025</b>	<b>20 640.8</b>	<b>13 225.6</b>	<b>7 415.2</b>	<b>24 738.4</b>	<b>14 591.1</b>	<b>10 147.3</b>	<b>-4 097.6</b>	<b>-1 365.5</b>	<b>-2 732.1</b>
<b>I - VI.2025</b>	<b>41 264.7</b>	<b>26 592.5</b>	<b>14 672.2</b>	<b>50 219.2</b>	<b>29 250.2</b>	<b>20 969.0</b>	<b>-8 954.5</b>	<b>-2 657.7</b>	<b>-6 296.8</b>
VII.2025	7 164.0	4 205.5	2 958.5	8 754.8	4 929.1	3 825.7	-1 590.8	-723.6	-867.2
VIII.2025	6 496.9	4 040.9	2 456.0	7 592.3	4 218.3	3 374.0	-1 095.4	-177.4	-918.0
<b>I - VIII.2025</b>	<b>54 925.6</b>	<b>34 838.9</b>	<b>20 086.7</b>	<b>66 566.3</b>	<b>38 397.6</b>	<b>28 168.7</b>	<b>-11 640.7</b>	<b>-3 558.7</b>	<b>-8 082.0</b>

[1] Data are preliminary as of October 10, 2025.

[2] 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)).

**Table 2. Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2025<sup>[1]</sup> 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	1.1	4.8	-5.7	12.0	0.1	31.6
II	1.5	-0.1	4.3	2.3	0.6	5.1
III	-4.1	-1.9	-7.8	10.7	7.4	15.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>
IV	-9.9	-10.3	-9.0	0.5	-4.3	7.5
V	-3.6	-6.9	3.1	-2.5	7.8	-15.0
VI	-3.1	-5.2	1.1	3.7	7.1	-0.9
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>
VII	-13.2	-21.1	1.0	-0.5	1.5	-3.0
VIII	-10.2	-11.4	-8.1	-2.8	0.9	-7.0
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>

<sup>[1]</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 10, 2025.

**Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries[1]  
in the period January - August 2024 and 2025[2]**

Countries and territories	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>20 654.4</b>	<b>20 086.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>27 273.0</b>	<b>28 168.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>- 6 618.6</b>	<b>- 8 082.0</b>
<b>of which:</b>								
Albania	366.2	170.0	-53.6	61.6	68.4	11.0	304.6	101.6
Algeria	591.1	980.6	65.9	61.2	38.6	-36.9	529.9	942.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	111.7	139.4	24.8	43.5	50.9	17.0	68.2	88.5
Brazil	69.0	55.1	-20.1	639.4	576.8	-9.8	-570.4	-521.7
Canada	201.8	344.3	70.6	152.8	357.7	134.1	49.0	-13.4
Chile	29.7	27.6	-7.1	359.5	186.2	-48.2	-329.8	-158.6
China	1 011.4	860.4	-14.9	3 341.6	4 355.1	30.3	-2 330.2	-3 494.7
Egypt	989.3	385.2	-61.1	1 393.2	777.3	-44.2	-403.9	-392.1
Georgia	451.7	477.0	5.6	185.5	426.6	130.0	266.2	50.4
Gibraltar	796.5	390.2	-51.0	0.1	0.1	x	796.4	390.1
India	197.1	255.8	29.8	300.2	378.9	26.2	-103.1	-123.1
Indonesia	103.2	88.7	-14.1	771.5	145.6	-81.1	-668.3	-56.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	193.8	133.9	-30.9	84.7	91.7	8.3	109.1	42.2
Israel	219.1	208.4	-4.9	83.4	107.4	28.8	135.7	101.0
Japan	104.6	108.3	3.5	208.2	215.6	3.6	-103.6	-107.3
Kazakhstan	123.5	114.5	-7.3	1 280.5	1 401.2	9.4	-1 157.0	-1 286.7
Korea, Republic of	275.0	123.9	-54.9	321.6	219.6	-31.7	-46.6	-95.7
Libya	44.9	122.4	172.6	578.2	247.2	-57.2	-533.3	-124.8
Morocco	298.1	304.7	2.2	187.3	220.2	17.6	110.8	84.5
Namibia	5.8	7.6	31.0	120.8	10.5	-91.3	-115.0	-2.9
Norway	82.8	142.4	72.0	617.3	60.8	-90.2	-534.5	81.6
Peru	15.6	30.3	94.2	397.4	204.0	-48.7	-381.8	-173.7
Republic of North Macedonia	1 069.0	1 001.1	-6.4	640.2	724.5	13.2	428.8	276.6
Russian Federation	474.1	516.4	8.9	1 010.9	410.4	-59.4	-536.8	106.0
Serbia	1 280.1	1 125.4	-12.1	1 258.9	1 566.7	24.4	21.2	-441.3
Singapore	44.9	69.7	55.2	27.7	61.5	122.0	17.2	8.2
South Africa	167.7	152.6	-9.0	37.1	54.7	47.4	130.6	97.9
Switzerland	502.0	442.4	-11.9	554.7	569.9	2.7	-52.7	-127.5

Countries and territories	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
Taiwan[3]	52.1	33.7	-35.3	177.9	140.9	-20.8	-125.8	-107.2
Tunisia	173.5	196.7	13.4	112.4	62.5	-44.4	61.1	134.2
Turkiye	3 909.9	3 957.4	1.2	5 957.3	7 406.3	24.3	-2 047.4	-3 448.9
Ukraine	730.7	716.3	-2.0	1 516.8	1 297.7	-14.4	-786.1	-581.4
United Arab Emirates	196.7	239.0	21.5	52.1	88.2	69.3	144.6	150.8
United Kingdom[4]	909.0	753.9	-17.1	593.5	527.2	-11.2	315.5	226.7
United States	1 275.9	1 300.2	1.9	566.4	1 008.2	78.0	709.5	292.0
Viet Nam	80.8	68.3	-15.5	274.0	289.5	5.7	-193.2	-221.2

[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 10, 2025.

[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.



**Table 4. Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - August 2024 and 2025<sup>[1]</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB 2024	Exports - FOB 2025	Exports - FOB change compared to the same period of the previous year	Imports - CIF 2024	Imports - CIF 2025	Imports - CIF change compared to the same period of the previous year	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2024	Trade balance - FOB/CIF 2025
	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN	%	Million BGN	Million BGN
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>20 654.4</b>	<b>20 086.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>27 273.0</b>	<b>28 168.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>- 6 618.6</b>	<b>- 8 082.0</b>
Food and live animals	3 256.8	2 958.3	-9.2	1 465.1	1 853.0	26.5	1 791.7	1 105.3
Beverages and tobacco	183.8	271.1	47.5	242.9	288.9	18.9	-59.1	-17.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1 459.5	1 774.5	21.6	4 269.3	3 069.6	-28.1	-2 809.8	-1 295.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3 209.4	1 845.4	-42.5	6 369.6	6 271.6	-1.5	-3 160.2	-4 426.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	419.3	376.4	-10.2	387.8	210.1	-45.8	31.5	166.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2 700.5	2 495.4	-7.6	2 304.8	2 440.5	5.9	395.7	54.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3 463.4	3 536.0	2.1	4 812.8	5 188.8	7.8	-1 349.4	-1 652.8
Machinery and transport equipment	3 916.8	3 908.8	-0.2	5 112.6	6 196.6	21.2	-1 195.8	-2 287.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1 885.5	2 802.3	48.6	2 188.4	2 571.9	17.5	-302.9	230.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	159.4	118.5	-25.7	119.7	77.7	-35.1	39.7	40.8

<sup>[1]</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 10, 2025.

## 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 August 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 August 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 August 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 August 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 October 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.