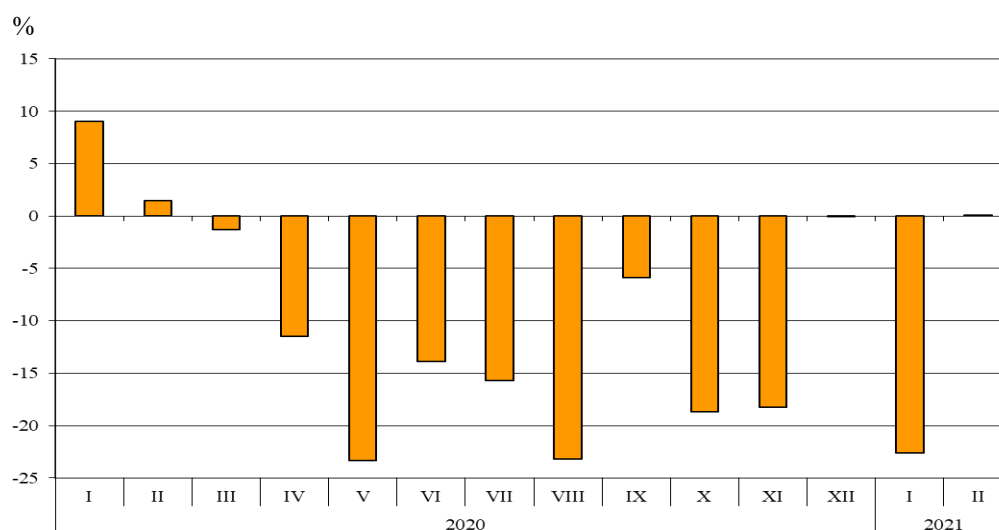


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - February 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 11.6% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 3 051.4 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, the United Kingdom, the Republic of North Macedonia, Libya and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 60.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 673.4 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries  
in the period 2020 - 2021  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period January - February 2021 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (20.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (54.9%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (34.0%).

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2021 decreased by 9.0% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 3 867.4 Million BGN (at CIF

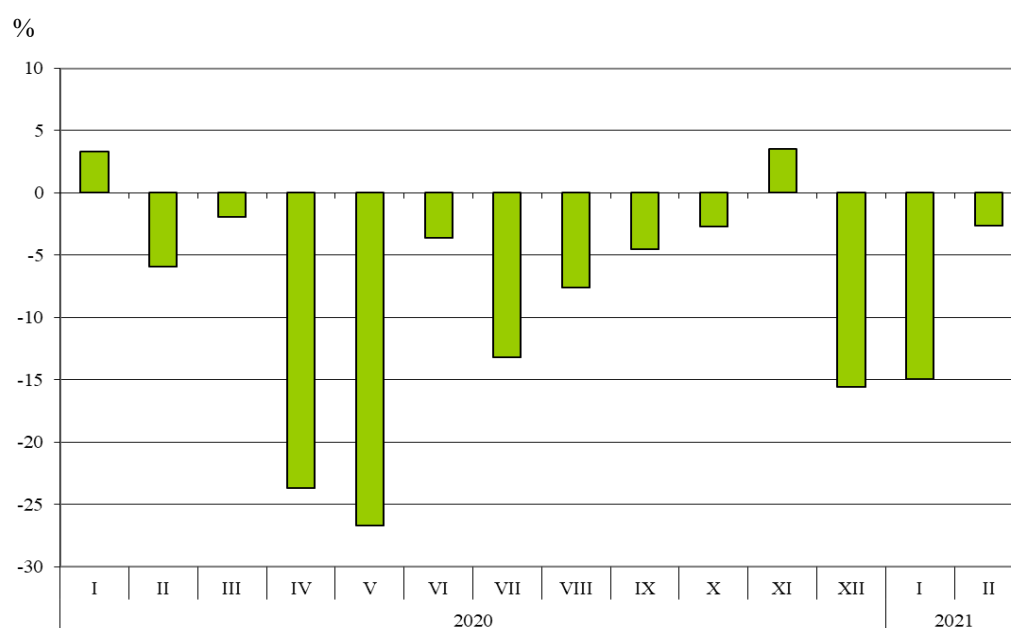
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prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 2.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 994.1 Million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (13.4%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (8.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (39.6%).

**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - February 2021** was negative and added up to 816.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In February 2021 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 320.7 Million BGN.

<sup>1</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)).

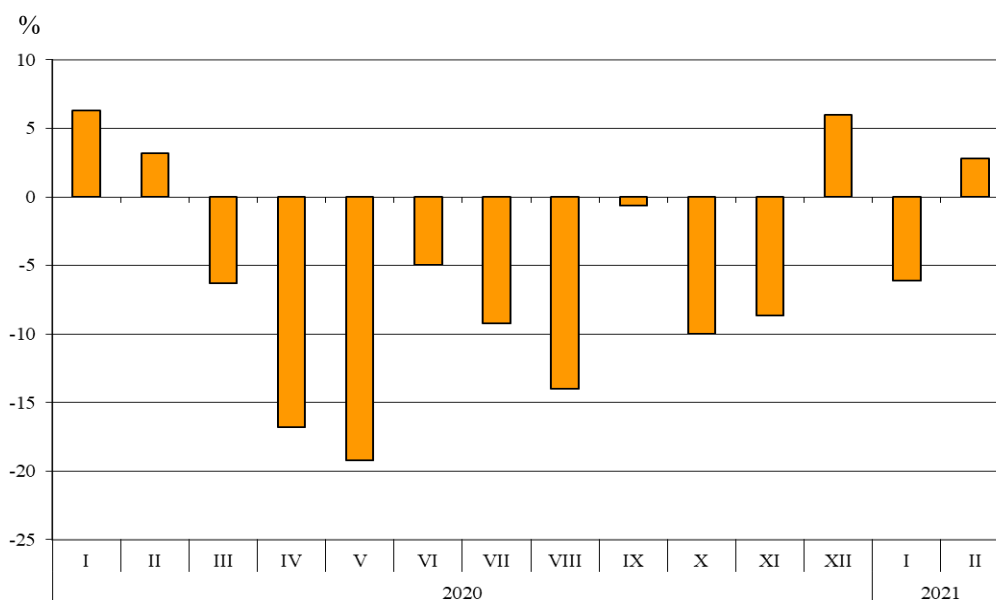
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## Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - February 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 9 669.1 Million BGN which is 1.7% less than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2021** the total exports of goods added up to 4 984.2 Million BGN and increased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

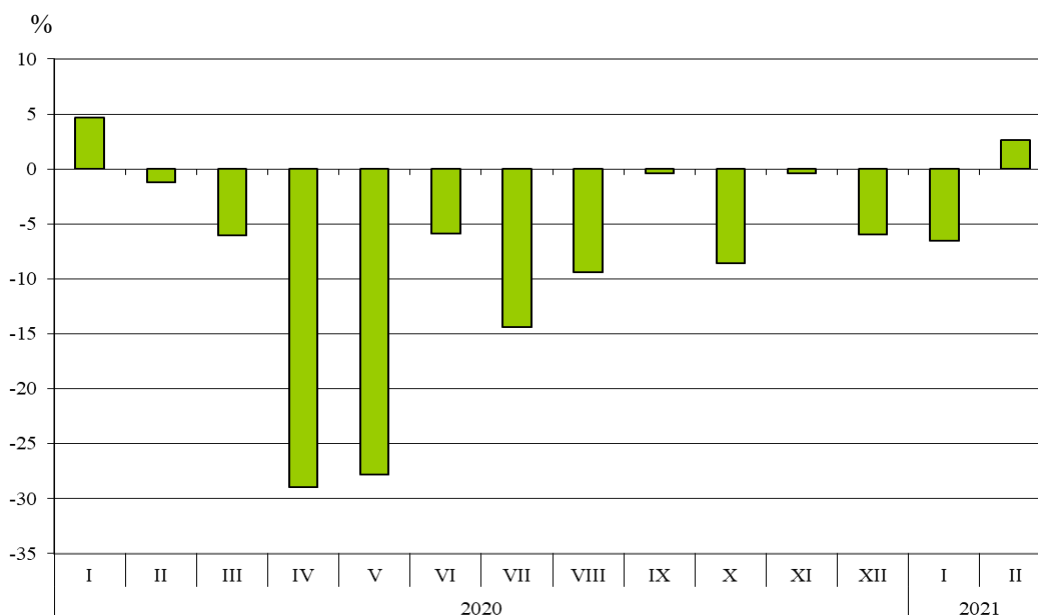


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - February 2021** amounted to 10 371.2 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 2.0% less than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2021** the total imports of goods increased by 2.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 414.0 Million BGN.

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

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **the period January - February 2021** and amounted to 702.1 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1).

In February 2021 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 429.8 Million BGN.

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

## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2020<sup>1</sup> and 2021<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2020	4989.4	3209.3	1780.1	5302.3	3100.0	2202.3	-312.9	109.3	-422.2
II.2020	4847.8	3176.1	1671.7	5276.4	3228.3	2048.1	-428.6	-52.2	-376.4
<b>I - II.2020</b>	<b>9837.2</b>	<b>6385.4</b>	<b>3451.8</b>	<b>10578.7</b>	<b>6328.3</b>	<b>4250.4</b>	<b>-741.5</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>-798.6</b>
I.2021	4684.9	3306.9	1378.0	4957.2	3083.9	1873.3	-272.3	223.0	-495.3
II.2021	4984.2	3310.8	1673.4	5414.0	3419.9	1994.1	-429.8	-109.1	-320.7
<b>I - II.2021</b>	<b>9669.1</b>	<b>6617.7</b>	<b>3051.4</b>	<b>10371.2</b>	<b>6503.8</b>	<b>3867.4</b>	<b>-702.1</b>	<b>113.9</b>	<b>-816.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th April 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - February 2021<sup>1</sup> 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	-6.1	3.0	-22.6	-6.5	-0.5	-14.9
II	2.8	4.2	0.1	2.6	5.9	-2.6
<b>I-II</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-9.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th April 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - February 2020<sup>2</sup> and 2021<sup>2</sup>**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>3451.8</b>	<b>3051.4</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>4250.4</b>	<b>3867.4</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-798.6</b>	<b>-816.0</b>
of which:								
Albania	25.5	24.9	-2.4	9.1	10.3	13.2	16.4	14.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.3	23.1	-23.8	11.9	5.6	-52.9	18.4	17.5
Brazil	9.3	7.1	-23.7	10.0	77.7	677.0	-0.7	-70.6
Canada	49.0	15.6	-68.2	57.5	53.1	-7.7	-8.5	-37.5
China	260.0	310.8	19.5	558.5	607.3	8.7	-298.5	-296.5
Egypt	103.1	65.8	-36.2	273.5	34.3	-87.5	-170.4	31.5
Georgia	47.9	32.8	-31.5	137.6	120.3	-12.6	-89.7	-87.5
Gibraltar	58.5	23.7	-59.5	0.1	0.0	x	58.4	23.7
India	40.5	33.0	-18.5	49.5	55.4	11.9	-9.0	-22.4
Indonesia	19.4	6.0	-69.1	12.0	10.5	-12.5	7.4	-4.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	56.2	22.1	-60.7	10.7	8.6	-19.6	45.5	13.5
Israel	25.1	32.1	27.9	20.8	10.3	-50.5	4.3	21.8
Japan	17.9	16.1	-10.1	46.7	69.8	49.5	-28.8	-53.7
Kazakhstan	11.9	8.3	-30.3	7.3	2.0	-72.6	4.6	6.3
Korea, Republic of	17.8	18.3	2.8	44.3	37.0	-16.5	-26.5	-18.7
Libya	68.7	118.7	72.8	0.0	0.0	x	68.7	118.7
Morocco	40.9	19.3	-52.8	16.3	4.3	-73.6	24.6	15.0
Namibia	27.1	30.5	12.5	0.0	-	x	27.1	30.5
Norway	24.6	15.5	-37.0	9.7	10.1	4.1	14.9	5.4
Peru	4.6	1.3	-71.7	121.1	141.3	16.7	-116.5	-140.0
Republic of North Macedonia	134.5	132.5	-1.5	94.9	79.6	-16.1	39.6	52.9
Russian Federation	125.3	110.7	-11.7	929.4	664.3	-28.5	-804.1	-553.6
Serbia	166.4	168.5	1.3	215.5	201.3	-6.6	-49.1	-32.8
Singapore	18.9	5.4	-71.4	13.0	13.6	4.6	5.9	-8.2
South Africa	37.7	9.1	-75.9	13.2	4.5	-65.9	24.5	4.6
Switzerland	60.6	68.5	13.0	81.2	80.1	-1.4	-20.6	-11.6
Syrian Arab Republic	1.0	1.4	40.0	0.0	0.5	x	1.0	0.9
Taiwan	12.4	6.4	-48.4	34.7	50.6	45.8	-22.3	-44.2
Tunisia	79.0	46.6	-41.0	6.5	4.9	-24.6	72.5	41.7
Turkey	690.9	641.6	-7.1	664.0	740.1	11.5	26.9	-98.5
Ukraine	73.1	64.2	-12.2	201.7	184.3	-8.6	-128.6	-120.1
United Arab Emirates	25.6	25.6	0.0	8.0	13.8	72.5	17.6	11.8
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	222.7	164.8	-26.0	125.7	67.3	-46.5	97.0	97.5
United States	181.3	192.6	6.2	116.6	69.8	-40.1	64.7	122.8
Viet-Nam	11.0	10.7	-2.7	24.4	23.7	-2.9	-13.4	-13.0

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th April 2021.

<sup>3</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland, Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

'-' - no case.

**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - February 2020<sup>1</sup> and 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>3451.8</b>	<b>3051.4</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>4250.4</b>	<b>3867.4</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-798.6</b>	<b>-816.0</b>
Food and live animals	488.8	405.2	-17.1	200.2	198.7	-0.7	288.6	206.5
Beverages and tobacco	53.5	35.3	-34.0	32.8	26.6	-18.9	20.7	8.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	290.3	349.4	20.4	734.6	720.3	-1.9	-444.3	-370.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	522.8	235.9	-54.9	1055.4	637.3	-39.6	-532.6	-401.4
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	75.3	52.2	-30.7	23.2	26.3	13.4	52.1	25.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	402.7	395.8	-1.7	387.7	381.2	-1.7	15.0	14.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	642.5	669.2	4.2	742.3	760.8	2.5	-99.8	-91.6
Machinery and transport equipment	540.8	544.7	0.7	741.7	801.1	8.0	-200.9	-256.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	423.6	352.7	-16.7	325.2	302.3	-7.0	98.4	50.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	11.5	11.0	-4.3	7.3	12.8	75.3	4.2	-1.8

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 13-th April 2021.