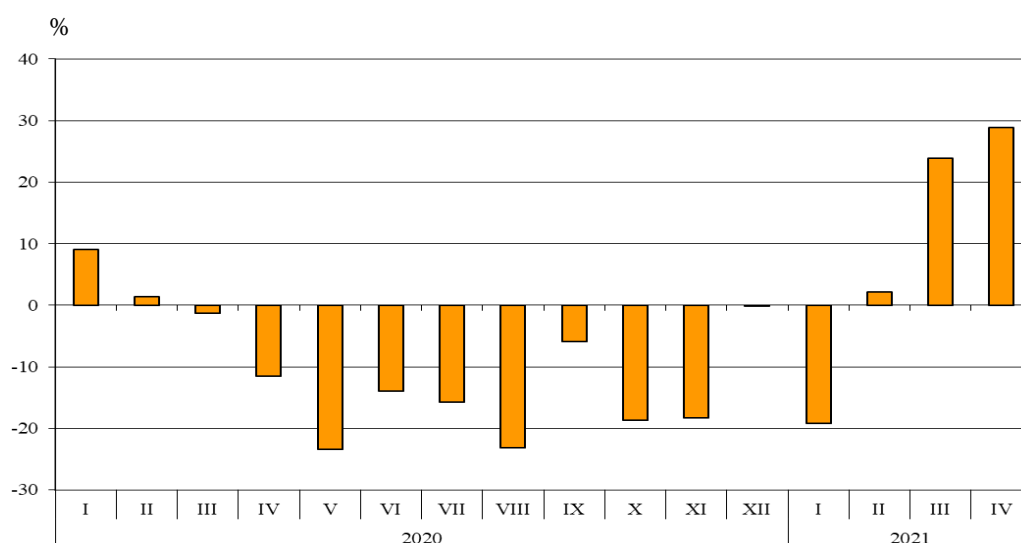


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - April 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 7.7% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 7 016.9 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 and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 55.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries grew by 28.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 860.5 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ 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 - April 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 sections ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (28.6%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (27.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (27.4%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (25.7%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

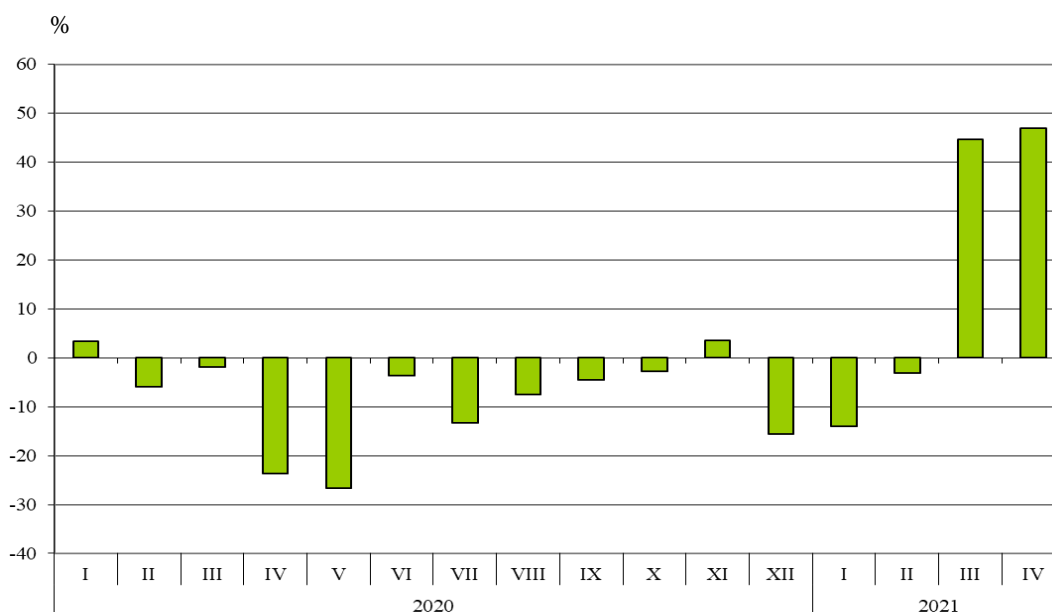
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries in the period January - April 2021** increased by 15.8% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 8 969.9 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries grew by 46.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 447.4 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - April 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 ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (26.8%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’³ (19.8%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was observed only in sector ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (7.6%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - April 2021** was negative and added up to 1 953.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In April 2021 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 586.9 Million BGN.

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.

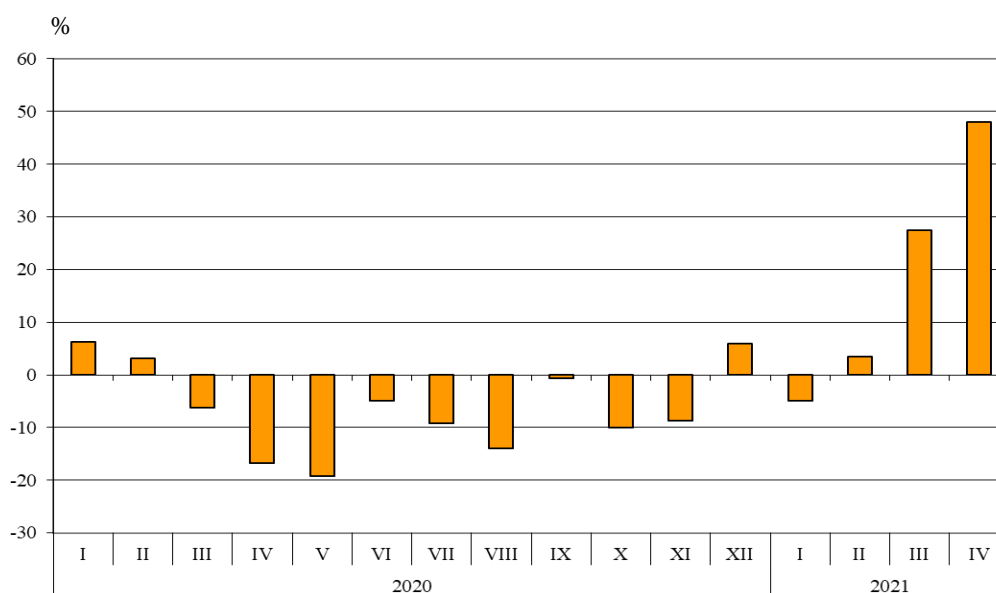
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Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - April 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 21 259.6 Million BGN which is 16.6% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2021** the total exports of goods added up to 5 753.7 Million BGN and increased by 47.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

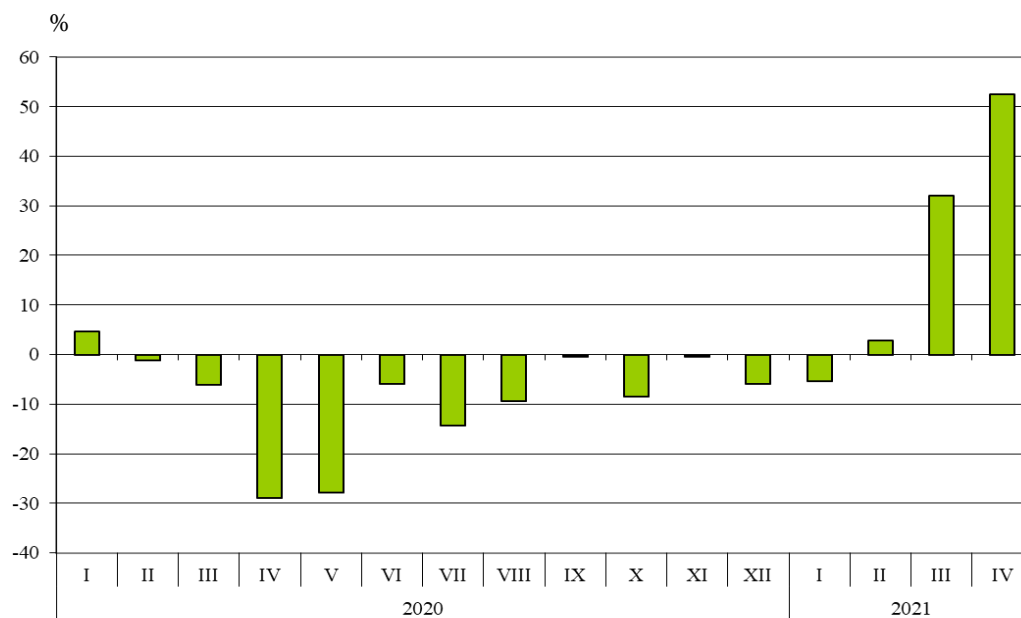


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - April 2021** amounted to 23 164.6 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 18.2% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2021** the total imports of goods increased by 52.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 042.0 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ 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 - April 2021** and amounted to 1 905.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In April 2021 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 288.3 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2020¹ and 2021¹ 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.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
III.2020	4505.9	2884.1	1621.8	5053.6	3225.3	1828.3	-547.7	-341.2	-206.5
I - III.2020	14343.1	9269.5	5073.6	15632.3	9553.6	6078.7	-1289.2	-284.1	-1005.1
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.1	1444.4	3962.1	2295.9	1666.2	-72.6	149.2	-221.8
I - IV.2020	18232.6	11714.6	6518.0	19594.4	11849.5	7744.9	-1361.8	-134.9	-1226.9
I.2021	4746.0	3306.9	1439.1	5019.4	3125.2	1894.2	-273.4	181.7	-455.1
II.2021	5016.2	3308.8	1707.4	5425.6	3441.2	1984.4	-409.4	-132.4	-277.0
III.2021	5743.7	3733.8	2009.9	6677.6	4033.7	2643.9	-933.9	-299.9	-634.0
I - III.2021	15505.9	10349.5	5156.4	17122.6	10600.1	6522.5	-1616.7	-250.6	-1366.1
IV.2021	5753.7	3893.2	1860.5	6042.0	3594.6	2447.4	-288.3	298.6	-586.9
I - IV.2021	21259.6	14242.7	7016.9	23164.6	14194.7	8969.9	-1905.0	48.0	-1953.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2021.

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 - April 2021¹ 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	-4.9	3.0	-19.2	-5.3	0.8	-14.0
II	3.5	4.2	2.1	2.8	6.6	-3.1
III	27.5	29.5	23.9	32.1	25.1	44.6
I - III	8.1	11.7	1.6	9.5	11.0	7.3
IV	47.9	59.2	28.8	52.5	56.6	46.9
I - IV	16.6	21.6	7.7	18.2	19.8	15.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2021.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - April 2020² and 2021²

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	
Third countries - total	6518.0	7016.9	7.7	7744.9	8969.9	15.8	-1226.9	-1953.0
of which:								
Albania	49.1	61.9	26.1	14.2	27.0	90.1	34.9	34.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55.1	60.4	9.6	16.3	16.3	0.0	38.8	44.1
Brazil	18.0	24.3	35.0	19.3	89.0	361.1	-1.3	-64.7
Canada	110.7	35.8	-67.7	70.3	165.8	135.8	40.4	-130.0
China	533.3	776.2	45.5	935.5	1179.6	26.1	-402.2	-403.4
Egypt	141.7	115.1	-18.8	361.8	71.5	-80.2	-220.1	43.6
Georgia	82.9	84.7	2.2	292.3	255.3	-12.7	-209.4	-170.6
Gibraltar	129.0	150.6	16.7	0.1	0.0	x	128.9	150.6
India	63.8	76.7	20.2	96.0	119.6	24.6	-32.2	-42.9
Indonesia	26.7	25.8	-3.4	103.8	19.6	-81.1	-77.1	6.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	101.9	52.4	-48.6	14.9	21.7	45.6	87.0	30.7
Israel	81.3	79.3	-2.5	32.5	206.7	536.0	48.8	-127.4
Japan	37.7	31.9	-15.4	98.3	147.7	50.3	-60.6	-115.8
Kazakhstan	22.8	18.1	-20.6	8.6	2.3	-73.3	14.2	15.8
Korea, Republic of	35.1	43.3	23.4	87.4	84.7	-3.1	-52.3	-41.4
Libya	83.1	154.3	85.7	0.0	0.0	x	83.1	154.3
Morocco	64.2	84.9	32.2	26.2	38.3	46.2	38.0	46.6
Namibia	83.7	65.7	-21.5	0.0	-	x	83.7	x
Norway	37.0	38.8	4.9	19.9	20.0	0.5	17.1	18.8
Peru	7.0	2.5	-64.3	195.9	307.3	56.9	-188.9	-304.8
Republic of North Macedonia	238.5	297.3	24.7	181.3	196.7	8.5	57.2	100.6
Russian Federation	286.1	248.1	-13.3	1481.7	1521.5	2.7	-1195.6	-1273.4
Serbia	303.1	385.5	27.2	388.7	432.5	11.3	-85.6	-47.0
Singapore	22.8	11.3	-50.4	25.6	27.7	8.2	-2.8	-16.4
South Africa	75.4	21.6	-71.4	22.3	18.3	-17.9	53.1	3.3
Switzerland	117.2	149.9	27.9	160.5	184.5	15.0	-43.3	-34.6
Syrian Arab Republic	3.2	2.8	-12.5	0.2	1.2	500.0	3.0	1.6
Taiwan	29.5	19.6	-33.6	69.6	98.4	41.4	-40.1	-78.8
Tunisia	108.8	150.2	38.1	11.8	8.5	-28.0	97.0	141.7
Turkey	1268.2	1414.1	11.5	1288.4	1711.3	32.8	-20.2	-297.2
Ukraine	136.7	209.4	53.2	358.4	467.9	30.6	-221.7	-258.5
United Arab Emirates	48.1	51.5	7.1	17.7	27.3	54.2	30.4	24.2
United Kingdom ³	418.8	374.1	-10.7	236.3	189.9	-19.6	182.5	184.2
United States	376.4	428.1	13.7	207.0	152.1	-26.5	169.4	276.0
Viet-Nam	27.6	32.7	18.5	44.8	55.8	24.6	-17.2	-23.1

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 11-th June 2021.

³ 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 registered.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - April 2020¹ and 2021¹

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	
Third countries - total	6518.0	7016.9	7.7	7744.9	8969.9	15.8	-1226.9	-1953.0
Food and live animals	963.4	888.7	-7.8	396.9	423.3	6.7	566.5	465.4
Beverages and tobacco	83.7	60.8	-27.4	84.0	77.6	-7.6	-0.3	-16.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	552.7	705.7	27.7	1431.9	1815.2	26.8	-879.2	-1109.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	773.6	584.0	-24.5	1511.3	1589.8	5.2	-737.7	-1005.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	151.9	112.8	-25.7	51.9	61.0	17.5	100.0	51.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	838.3	854.5	1.9	740.7	866.6	17.0	97.6	-12.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1331.2	1711.5	28.6	1465.6	1743.3	18.9	-134.4	-31.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1026.7	1208.8	17.7	1502.8	1717.0	14.3	-476.1	-508.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	778.7	863.1	10.8	544.5	652.3	19.8	234.2	210.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	17.8	27.0	51.7	15.3	23.8	55.6	2.5	3.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 11-th June 2021.