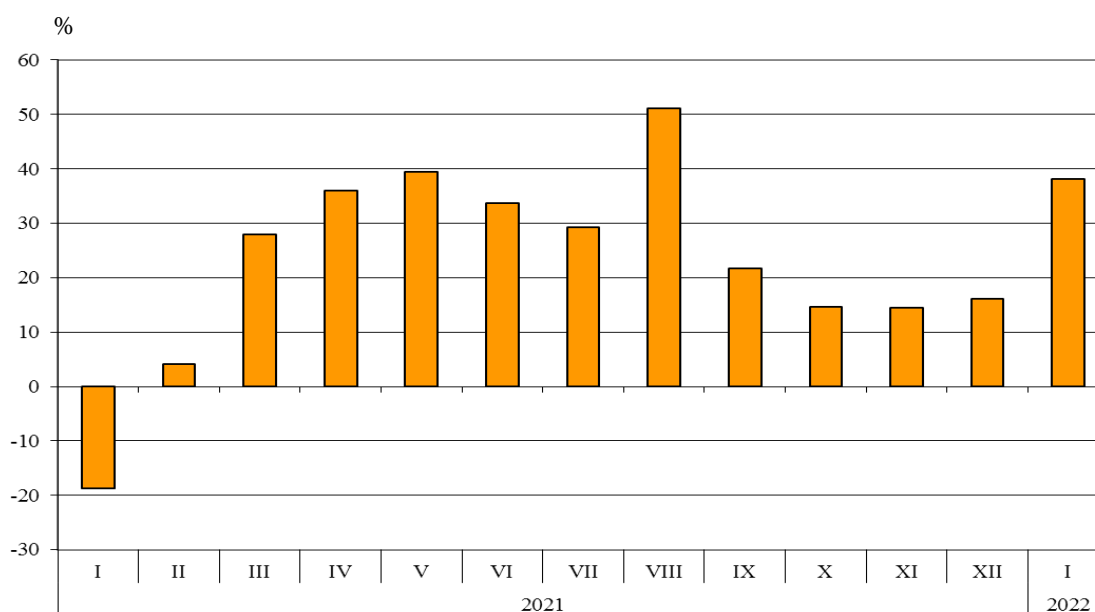


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2022**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 38.1% in comparison with the same month of 2021 and added up to 2 002.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom, China, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 57.7% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



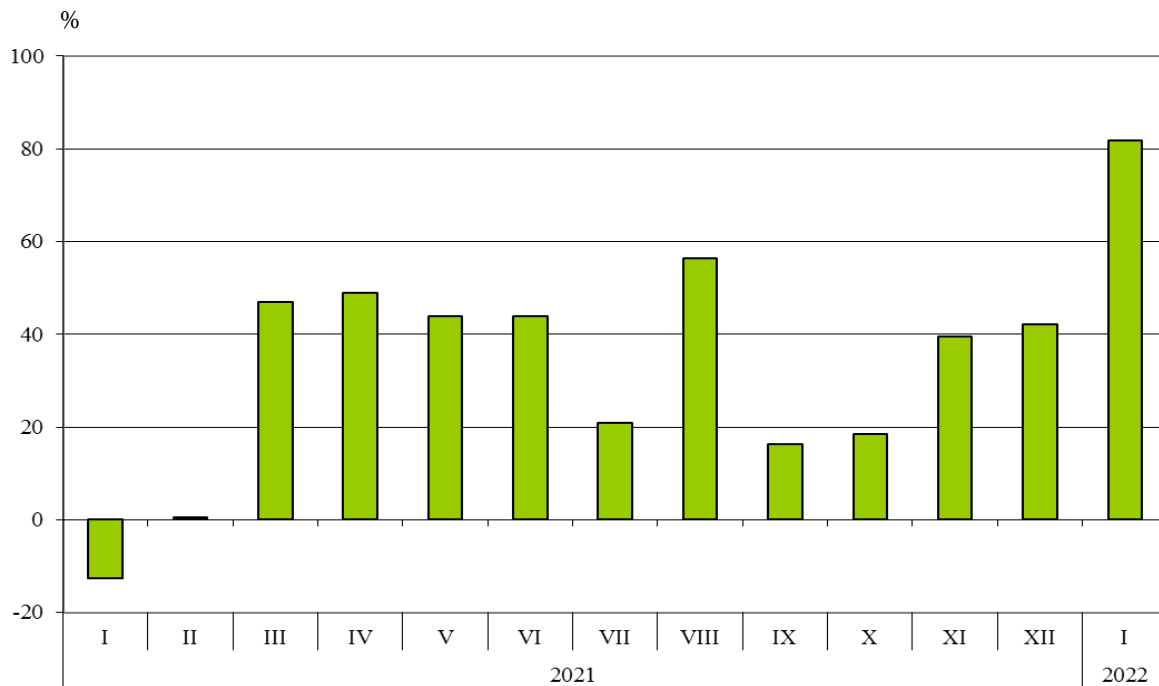
In **January 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same month of 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (845.9%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (240.6%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in the section ‘Food and live animals’ (23.0%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in **January 2022** increased by 81.8% in comparison with the same month of 2021 and added up to 3 491.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)² (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2022**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to January 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (308.8%) and ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (113.7%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was observed in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (25.5%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **January 2022** was negative and added up to 1 488.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

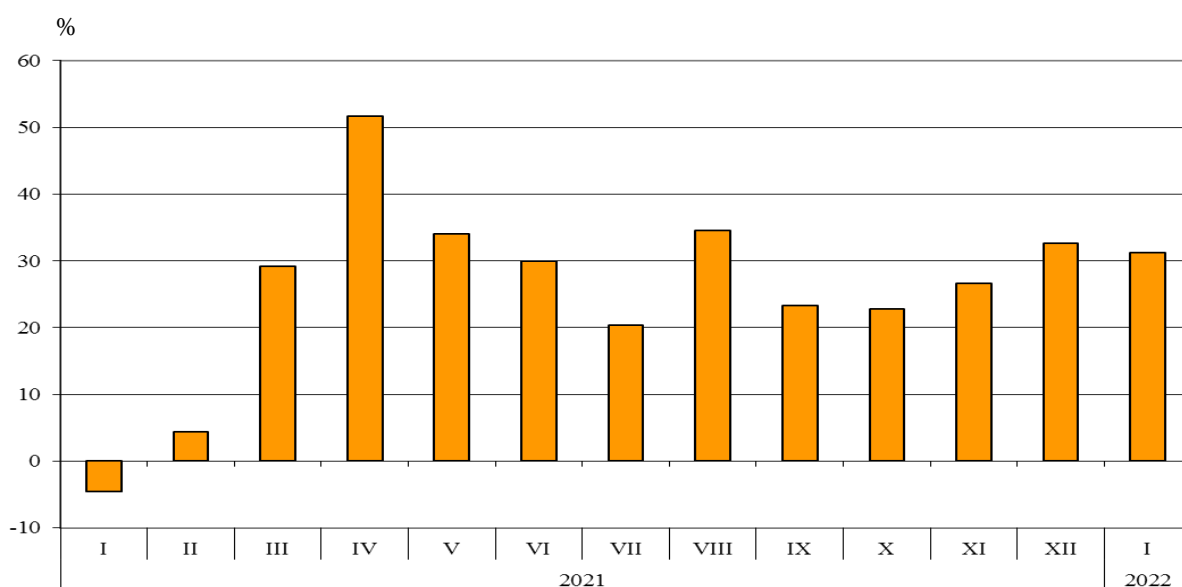
¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

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

In **January 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 6 246.7 million BGN, which is 31.2% more than the same month of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

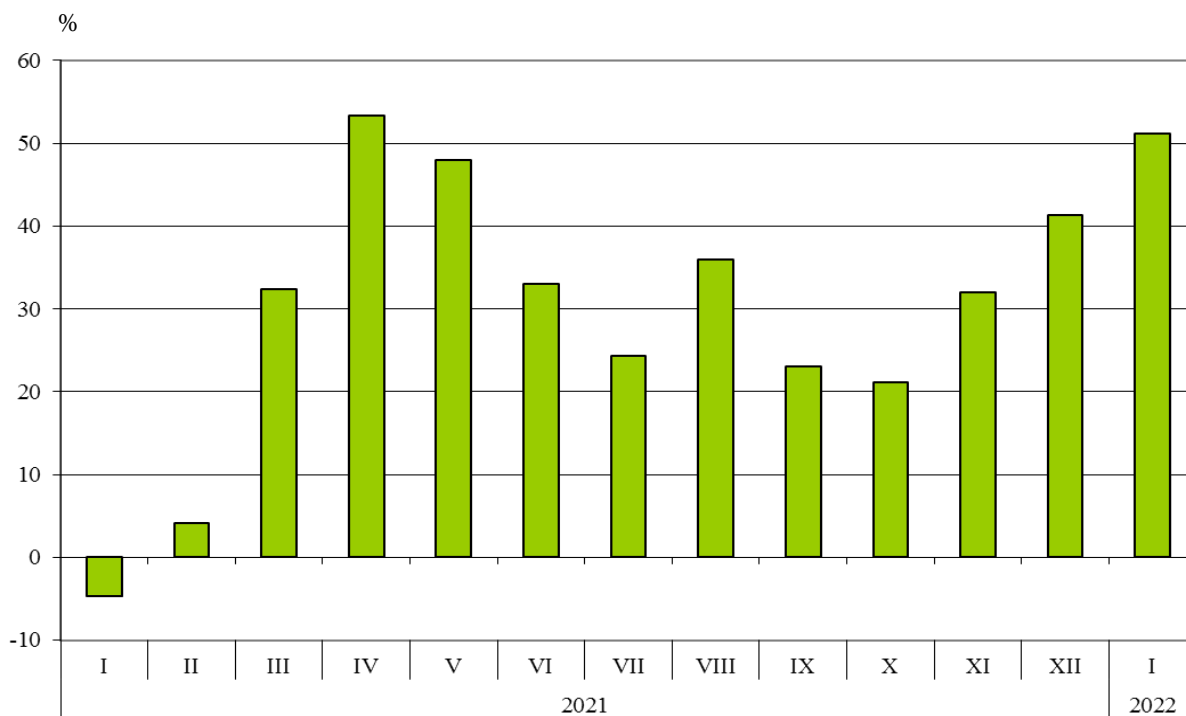
Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **January 2022** amounted to 7 636.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 51.2% more than in January 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **January 2022** and amounted to 1 389.8 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2021¹ and 2022¹ 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.2021	4761.1	3310.9	1450.2	5050.6	3129.9	1920.7	-289.5	181.0	-470.5
I.2022	6246.7	4243.9	2002.8	7636.5	4145.4	3491.1	-1389.8	98.5	-1488.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 14, 2022.

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 January 2022¹
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	31.2	28.2	38.1	51.2	32.4	81.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 14, 2022.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in
January 2021² and 2022²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	1450.2	2002.8	38.1	1920.7	3491.1	81.8	-470.5	-1488.3
of which:								
Albania	11.4	16.8	47.4	3.7	5.3	43.2	7.7	11.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.7	21.5	121.6	3.0	4.9	63.3	6.7	16.6
Brazil	6.0	41.7	595.0	5.6	65.4	1067.9	0.4	-23.7
Canada	9.1	12.0	31.9	56.4	44.0	-22.0	-47.3	-32.0
Chile	1.6	1.0	-37.5	38.2	34.7	-9.2	-36.6	-33.7
China	142.1	87.6	-38.4	316.3	493.5	56.0	-174.2	-405.9
Egypt	48.0	27.7	-42.3	23.0	10.0	-56.5	25.0	17.7
Georgia	12.9	34.2	165.1	86.1	113.4	31.7	-73.2	-79.2
Gibraltar	23.7	41.2	73.8	-	0.0	x	23.7	41.2
India	14.7	33.4	127.2	25.2	49.5	96.4	-10.5	-16.1
Indonesia	3.7	3.4	-8.1	6.5	4.8	-26.2	-2.8	-1.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	11.1	14.1	27.0	3.2	11.3	253.1	7.9	2.8
Israel	18.1	18.0	-0.6	5.0	5.7	14.0	13.1	12.3
Japan	7.8	9.7	24.4	31.4	40.8	29.9	-23.6	-31.1
Kazakhstan	2.8	1.5	-46.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.7	1.4
Korea, Republic of	12.3	29.8	142.3	21.6	29.7	37.5	-9.3	0.1
Libya	19.0	17.6	-7.4	-	-	x	19.0	17.6
Morocco	10.6	8.1	-23.6	1.1	3.1	181.8	9.5	5.0
Namibia	0.3	0.0	-100.0	-	-	x	0.3	0.0
Norway	6.9	9.4	36.2	4.0	3.4	-15.0	2.9	6.0
Peru	0.9	1.2	33.3	154.8	0.2	-99.9	-153.9	1.0
Republic of North Macedonia	57.3	110.7	93.2	35.7	55.1	54.3	21.6	55.6
Russian Federation	55.7	67.3	20.8	258.1	965.8	274.2	-202.4	-898.5
Serbia	75.9	169.6	123.5	95.4	128.6	34.8	-19.5	41.0
Singapore	2.4	3.4	41.7	7.2	9.5	31.9	-4.8	-6.1
South Africa	4.9	59.9	1122.4	2.1	15.9	657.1	2.8	44.0
Switzerland	34.1	39.7	16.4	36.5	43.3	18.6	-2.4	-3.6
Syrian Arab Republic	1.2	0.3	-75.0	0.3	0.1	-66.7	0.9	0.2
Taiwan	6.5	5.6	-13.8	28.6	32.2	12.6	-22.1	-26.6
Tunisia	14.6	18.7	28.1	3.0	36.3	1110.0	11.6	-17.6
Turkey	319.5	429.4	34.4	318.2	654.2	105.6	1.3	-224.8
Ukraine	26.0	75.0	188.5	86.9	239.5	175.6	-60.9	-164.5
United Arab Emirates	11.3	11.0	-2.7	6.8	8.8	29.4	4.5	2.2
United Kingdom ³	75.7	99.3	31.2	23.1	42.2	82.7	52.6	57.1
United States	96.1	115.8	20.5	32.3	56.7	75.5	63.8	59.1
Viet Nam	8.7	4.9	-43.7	14.5	19.2	32.4	-5.8	-14.3

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 March 14, 2022.

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 January 2021¹ and 2022¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	1450.2	2002.8	38.1	1920.7	3491.1	81.8	-470.5	-1488.3
Food and live animals	205.0	157.9	-23.0	99.4	129.8	30.6	105.6	28.1
Beverages and tobacco	18.7	24.1	28.9	11.9	17.5	47.1	6.8	6.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	156.8	169.6	8.2	469.0	491.1	4.7	-312.2	-321.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	107.7	366.8	240.6	238.1	973.3	308.8	-130.4	-606.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6.1	57.7	845.9	14.9	11.1	-25.5	-8.8	46.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	198.0	316.3	59.7	190.8	289.7	51.8	7.2	26.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	334.2	351.0	5.0	364.0	777.7	113.7	-29.8	-426.7
Machinery and transport equipment	259.7	339.2	30.6	384.8	602.0	56.4	-125.1	-262.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	158.7	218.7	37.8	142.8	198.2	38.8	15.9	20.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	5.3	1.5	-71.7	5.0	0.7	-86.0	0.3	0.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 14, 2022.