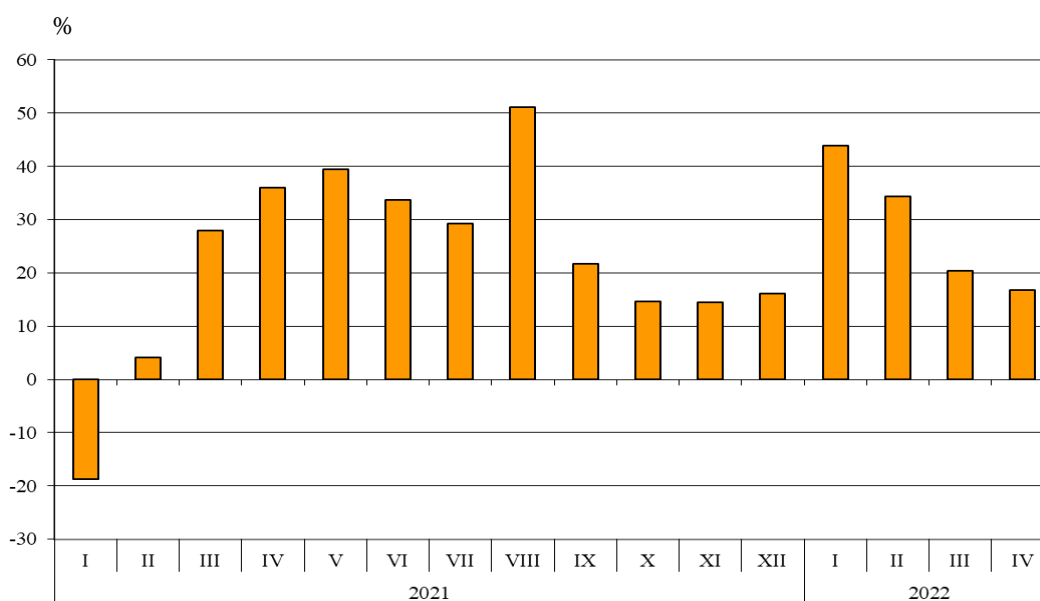


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - April 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 27.5% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 9 224.7 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 and Egypt, which accounted for 52.6% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 16.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 295.9 million BGN.

**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 the period January - April 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 period of 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (198.3%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (141.8%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (14.4%).

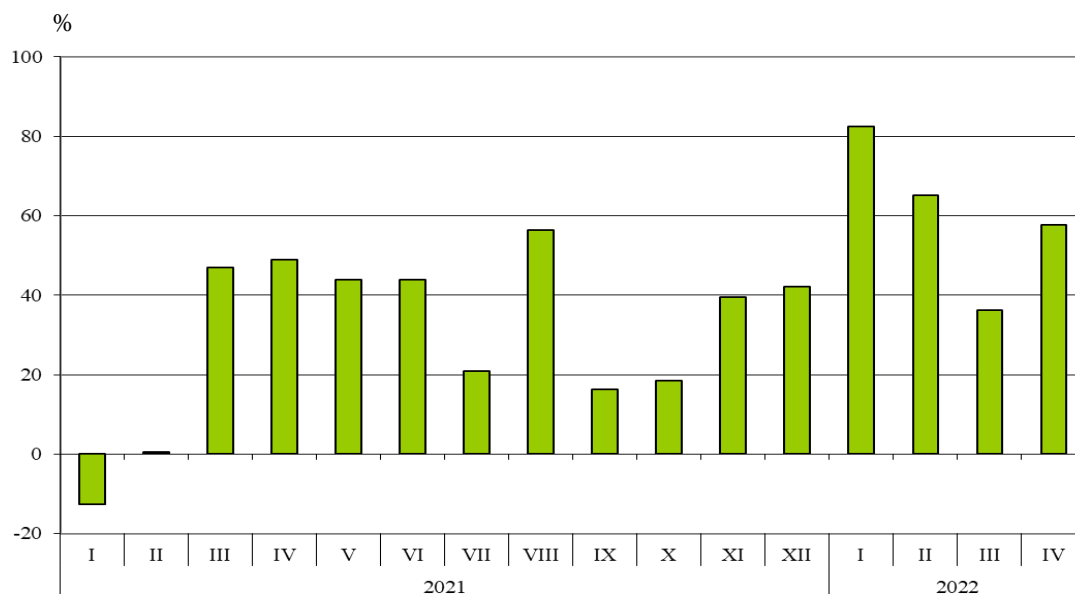
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - April 2022 increased by 58.3% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 14 385.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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).

In **April 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 57.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 910.5 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 the period **January - April 2022**, 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 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (151.3%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (138.7%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - April 2022** was negative and added up to 5 160.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **April 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 614.6 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

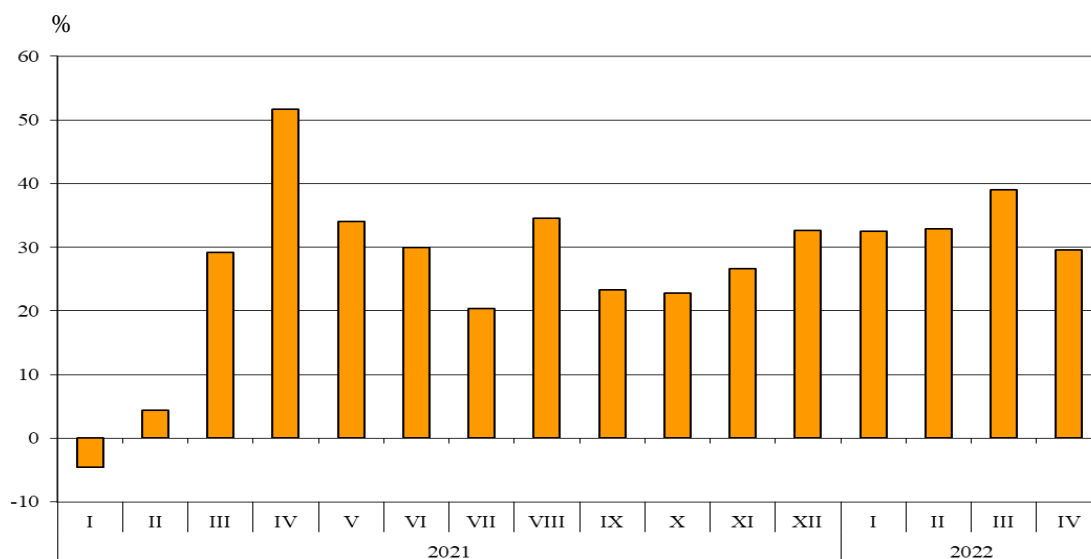
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - April 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 28 781.3 million BGN, which is 33.6% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 7 648.7 million BGN and increased by 29.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**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)**

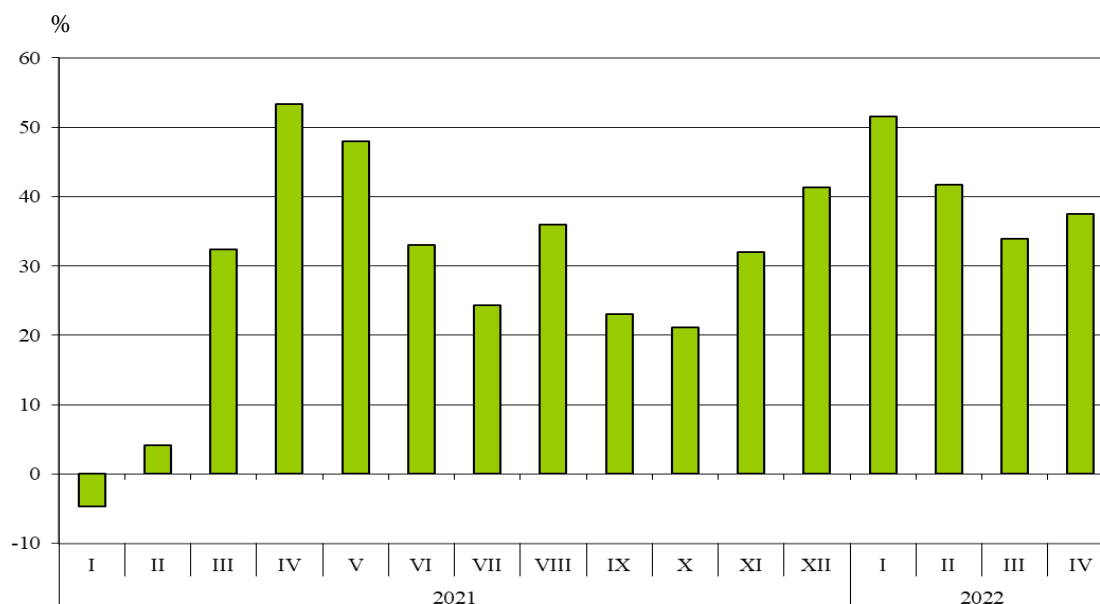


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - April 2022** amounted to 32 678.7 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 40.5% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 37.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 362.2 million BGN.

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 **the period January - April 2022** and amounted to 3 897.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **April 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 713.5 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 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
II.2021	5062.8	3318.9	1743.9	5434.8	3436.0	1998.8	-372.0	-117.1	-254.9
III.2021	5823.2	3746.7	2076.5	6689.9	3999.0	2690.9	-866.7	-252.3	-614.4
I - III.2021	15647.1	10376.5	5270.6	17175.3	10564.9	6610.4	-1528.2	-188.4	-1339.8
IV.2021	5903.5	3937.2	1966.3	6080.1	3601.5	2478.6	-176.6	335.7	-512.3
I - IV.2021	21550.6	14313.7	7236.9	23255.4	14166.4	9089.0	-1704.8	147.3	-1852.1
I.2022	6306.0	4220.1	2085.9	7656.1	4150.8	3505.3	-1350.1	69.3	-1419.4
II.2022	6729.1	4384.8	2344.3	7700.3	4398.4	3301.9	-971.2	-13.6	-957.6
III.2022	8097.5	5598.9	2498.6	8960.1	5292.8	3667.3	-862.6	306.1	-1168.7
I - III.2022	21132.6	14203.8	6928.8	24316.5	13842.0	10474.5	-3183.9	361.8	-3545.7
IV.2022	7648.7	5352.8	2295.9	8362.2	4451.7	3910.5	-713.5	901.1	-1614.6
I - IV.2022	28781.3	19556.6	9224.7	32678.7	18293.7	14385.0	-3897.4	1262.9	-5160.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.

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 2022¹ 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	32.4	27.5	43.8	51.6	32.6	82.5
II	32.9	32.1	34.4	41.7	28.0	65.2
III	39.1	49.4	20.3	33.9	32.4	36.3
I - III	35.1	36.9	31.5	41.6	31.0	58.5
IV	29.6	36.0	16.8	37.5	23.6	57.8
I - IV	33.6	36.6	27.5	40.5	29.1	58.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - April 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	7236.9	9224.7	27.5	9089.0	14385.0	58.3	-1852.1	-5160.3
of which:								
Albania	61.9	81.2	31.2	26.0	31.9	22.7	35.9	49.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	60.4	70.8	17.2	16.3	17.4	6.7	44.1	53.4
Brazil	26.7	133.5	400.0	97.5	81.2	-16.7	-70.8	52.3
Canada	40.6	53.6	32.0	186.2	102.3	-45.1	-145.6	-48.7
Chile	10.7	10.6	-0.9	246.0	172.3	-30.0	-235.3	-161.7
China	785.6	471.5	-40.0	1191.5	1858.3	56.0	-405.9	-1386.8
Egypt	129.6	320.5	147.3	71.5	125.4	75.4	58.1	195.1
Georgia	85.0	201.1	136.6	260.3	308.7	18.6	-175.3	-107.6
Gibraltar	150.6	281.1	86.7	0.0	0.0	x	150.6	281.1
India	80.1	142.5	77.9	119.6	192.5	61.0	-39.5	-50.0
Indonesia	27.4	16.0	-41.6	19.6	129.4	560.2	7.8	-113.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52.5	101.9	94.1	21.7	52.9	143.8	30.8	49.0
Israel	86.1	189.4	120.0	206.7	35.6	-82.8	-120.6	153.8
Japan	33.0	45.4	37.6	147.5	137.3	-6.9	-114.5	-91.9
Kazakhstan	18.1	17.1	-5.5	2.3	2.1	-8.7	15.8	15.0
Korea, Republic of	57.5	66.5	15.7	84.7	112.4	32.7	-27.2	-45.9
Libya	156.3	48.4	-69.0	0.0	13.4	x	156.3	35.0
Morocco	86.2	69.7	-19.1	38.3	17.4	-54.6	47.9	52.3
Namibia	65.7	0.4	-99.4	-	0.0	x	65.7	0.4
Norway	39.1	36.2	-7.4	20.0	22.0	10.0	19.1	14.2
Peru	2.7	7.0	159.3	314.6	162.7	-48.3	-311.9	-155.7
Republic of North Macedonia	297.9	509.4	71.0	199.7	278.7	39.6	98.2	230.7
Russian Federation	250.8	240.3	-4.2	1525.1	3976.9	160.8	-1274.3	-3736.6
Serbia	386.2	723.6	87.4	432.2	555.8	28.6	-46.0	167.8
Singapore	11.6	14.9	28.4	27.7	40.1	44.8	-16.1	-25.2
South Africa	23.5	185.1	687.7	18.4	29.4	59.8	5.1	155.7
Switzerland	150.3	176.6	17.5	184.3	192.2	4.3	-34.0	-15.6
Syrian Arab Republic	3.0	2.2	-26.7	1.2	3.8	216.7	1.8	-1.6
Taiwan	23.9	22.2	-7.1	98.4	147.7	50.1	-74.5	-125.5
Tunisia	150.3	187.7	24.9	8.5	48.9	475.3	141.8	138.8
Turkey	1453.7	1749.3	20.3	1724.9	2752.8	59.6	-271.2	-1003.5
Ukraine	210.2	223.1	6.1	467.9	645.1	37.9	-257.7	-422.0
United Arab Emirates	54.8	79.3	44.7	27.3	24.9	-8.8	27.5	54.4
United Kingdom ³	388.8	496.3	27.6	189.9	222.5	17.2	198.9	273.8
United States	478.4	580.5	21.3	152.0	305.9	101.3	326.4	274.6
Viet Nam	34.6	21.5	-37.9	56.0	94.1	68.0	-21.4	-72.6

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 June 13, 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 the period January - April 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	7236.9	9224.7	27.5	9089.0	14385.0	58.3	-1852.1	-5160.3
Food and live animals	928.7	1166.7	25.6	423.4	547.3	29.3	505.3	619.4
Beverages and tobacco	61.4	69.7	13.5	77.6	84.0	8.2	-16.2	-14.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	714.3	726.5	1.7	1927.8	2104.8	9.2	-1213.5	-1378.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	585.1	1745.3	198.3	1590.3	3997.0	151.3	-1005.2	-2251.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	112.9	273.0	141.8	61.0	145.6	138.7	51.9	127.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	899.4	1263.7	40.5	866.9	1359.5	56.8	32.5	-95.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1795.5	1537.0	-14.4	1745.2	2850.9	63.4	50.3	-1313.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1233.8	1467.8	19.0	1715.9	2458.5	43.3	-482.1	-990.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	878.6	965.1	9.8	657.1	833.7	26.9	221.5	131.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	27.2	9.9	-63.6	23.8	3.7	-84.5	3.4	6.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.