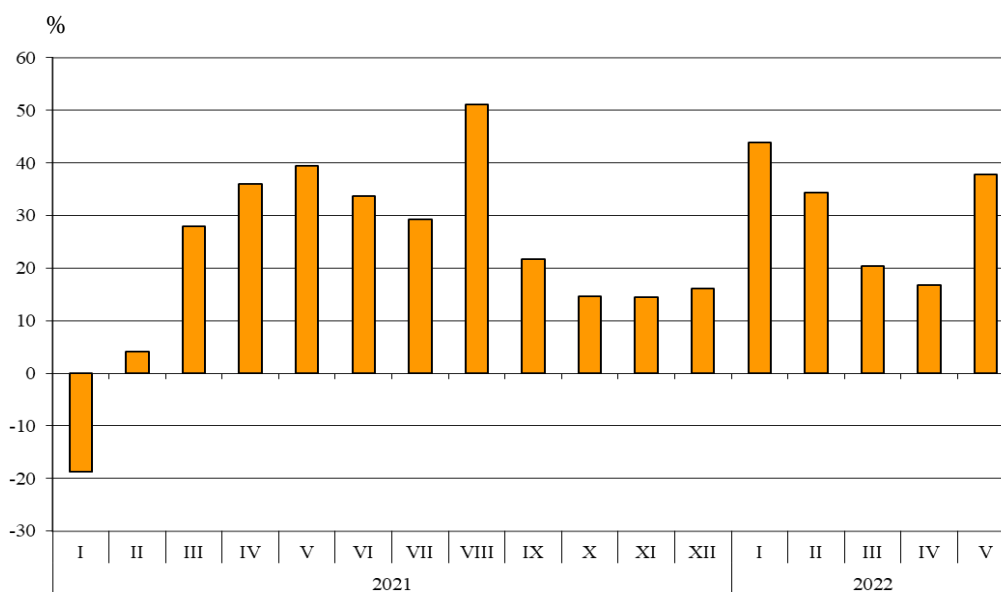


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 29.5% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 11 698.0 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 Gibraltar, which accounted for 51.1% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 37.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 473.3 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 - May 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' (190.5%) and 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (171.0%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (14.6%).

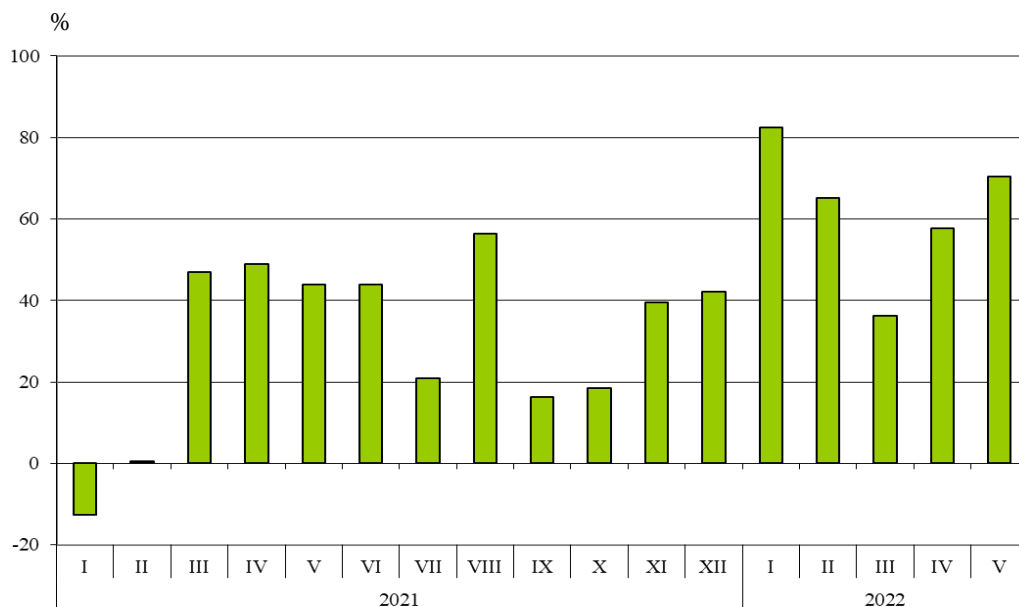
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - May 2022 increased by 60.8% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 18 400.3 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 **May 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 70.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 015.3 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 - May 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 ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (206.5%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (146.0%) (Annex, Table 4).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - May 2022** was negative and added up to 6 702.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **May 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 542.0 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

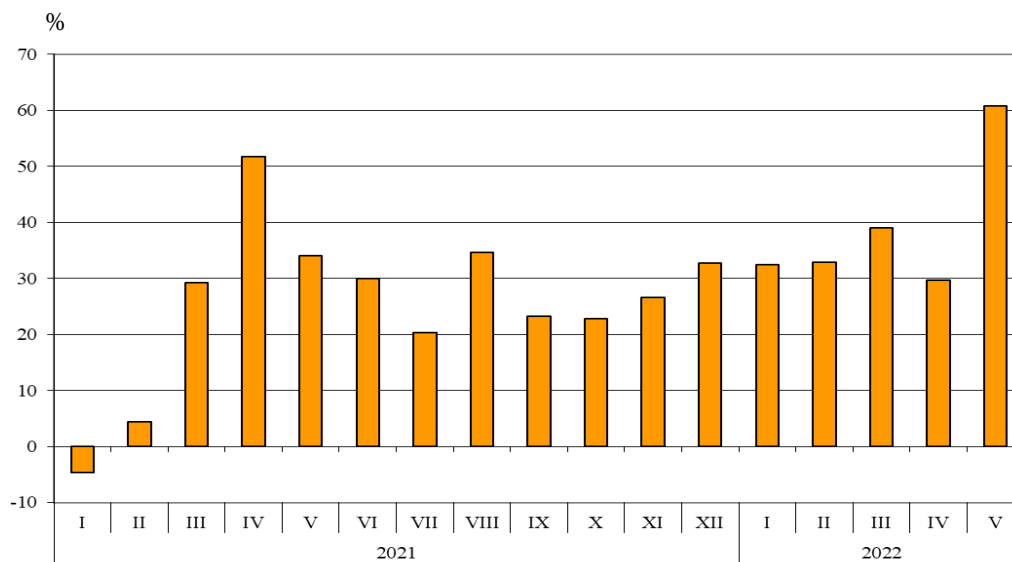
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - May 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 37 067.2 million BGN, which is 38.8% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 8 280.6 million BGN and increased by 60.7% 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)**

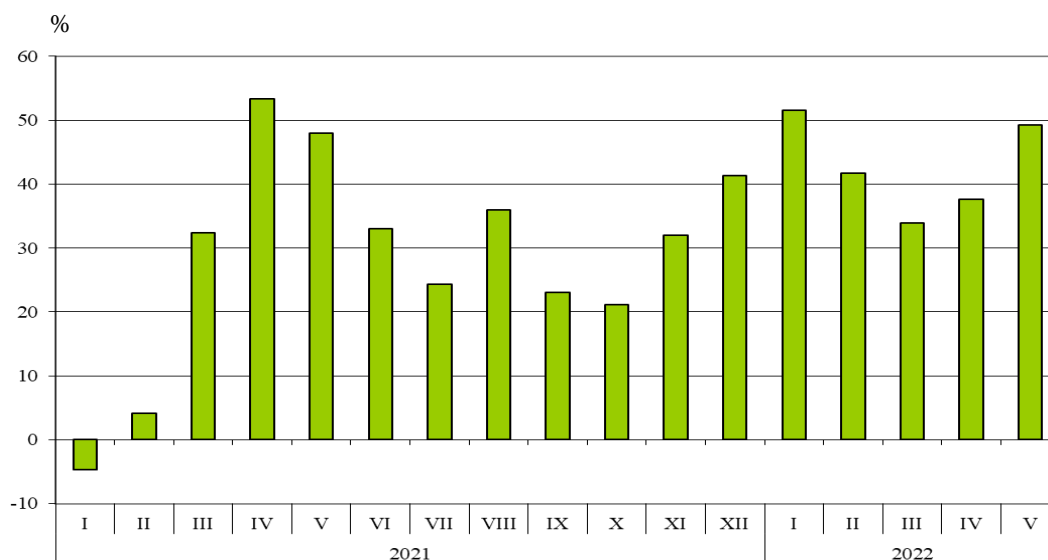


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - May 2022** amounted to 41 702.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 42.3% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 49.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 9 021.5 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 - May 2022** and amounted to 4 635.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **May 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 740.9 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 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
V.2021	5152.0	3357.6	1794.4	6043.9	3687.1	2356.8	-891.9	-329.5	-562.4
I - V.2021	26702.6	17671.3	9031.3	29299.3	17853.5	11445.8	-2596.7	-182.2	-2414.5
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	7654.0	5358.1	2295.9	8364.5	4454.0	3910.5	-710.5	904.1	-1614.6
V.2022	8280.6	5807.3	2473.3	9021.5	5006.2	4015.3	-740.9	801.1	-1542.0
I - V.2022	37067.2	25369.2	11698.0	41702.5	23302.2	18400.3	-4635.3	2067.0	-6702.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 13, 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 the period January - May 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	29.7	36.1	16.8	37.6	23.7	57.8
V	60.7	73.0	37.8	49.3	35.8	70.4
I - V	38.8	43.6	29.5	42.3	30.5	60.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - May 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	9031.3	11698.0	29.5	11445.8	18400.3	60.8	-2414.5	-6702.3
of which:								
Albania	79.2	105.9	33.7	31.5	40.3	27.9	47.7	65.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73.3	84.7	15.6	21.2	20.2	-4.7	52.1	64.5
Brazil	34.7	138.8	300.0	144.6	203.2	40.5	-109.9	-64.4
Canada	53.4	64.7	21.2	197.9	111.0	-43.9	-144.5	-46.3
Chile	12.1	14.4	19.0	326.9	174.8	-46.5	-314.8	-160.4
China	985.4	535.3	-45.7	1472.6	2369.1	60.9	-487.2	-1833.8
Egypt	181.8	378.5	108.2	162.7	170.1	4.5	19.1	208.4
Georgia	105.1	229.2	118.1	303.0	442.8	46.1	-197.9	-213.6
Gibraltar	150.6	405.0	168.9	0.0	0.3	x	150.6	404.7
India	110.4	183.1	65.9	150.5	237.0	57.5	-40.1	-53.9
Indonesia	50.6	19.5	-61.5	24.4	134.0	449.2	26.2	-114.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	71.9	117.3	63.1	29.6	71.9	142.9	42.3	45.4
Israel	126.0	276.0	119.0	212.2	45.3	-78.7	-86.2	230.7
Japan	42.3	55.5	31.2	169.6	177.3	4.5	-127.3	-121.8
Kazakhstan	22.8	22.8	0.0	2.5	4.4	76.0	20.3	18.4
Korea, Republic of	64.5	83.8	29.9	103.2	156.0	51.2	-38.7	-72.2
Libya	159.7	119.2	-25.4	0.0	13.4	x	159.7	105.8
Morocco	93.6	80.1	-14.4	51.9	23.6	-54.5	41.7	56.5
Namibia	65.8	53.7	-18.4	0.0	0.0	x	65.8	53.7
Norway	45.3	43.3	-4.4	22.9	30.9	34.9	22.4	12.4
Peru	3.9	10.8	176.9	351.2	163.5	-53.4	-347.3	-152.7
Republic of North Macedonia	370.0	621.3	67.9	259.2	372.3	43.6	110.8	249.0
Russian Federation	311.1	306.7	-1.4	1930.9	4978.7	157.8	-1619.8	-4672.0
Serbia	494.5	881.8	78.3	554.2	702.8	26.8	-59.7	179.0
Singapore	24.5	18.8	-23.3	35.8	47.4	32.4	-11.3	-28.6
South Africa	30.4	231.5	661.5	25.0	35.1	40.4	5.4	196.4
Switzerland	184.1	222.0	20.6	221.5	241.7	9.1	-37.4	-19.7
Syrian Arab Republic	3.2	2.2	-31.3	1.4	3.9	178.6	1.8	-1.7
Taiwan	28.5	29.8	4.6	116.0	199.0	71.6	-87.5	-169.2
Tunisia	214.8	232.4	8.2	12.9	49.7	285.3	201.9	182.7
Turkey	1800.9	2221.3	23.3	2141.9	3477.9	62.4	-341.0	-1256.6
Ukraine	264.8	348.8	31.7	571.1	977.5	71.2	-306.3	-628.7
United Arab Emirates	65.1	92.2	41.6	31.5	32.5	3.2	33.6	59.7
United Kingdom ³	496.3	610.0	22.9	235.8	289.4	22.7	260.5	320.6
United States	599.7	707.7	18.0	195.7	354.4	81.1	404.0	353.3
Viet Nam	42.5	27.7	-34.8	72.3	121.1	67.5	-29.8	-93.4

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 July 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.



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
in the period January - May 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	9031.3	11698.0	29.5	11445.8	18400.3	60.8	-2414.5	-6702.3
Food and live animals	1124.8	1581.3	40.6	526.0	688.8	31.0	598.8	892.5
Beverages and tobacco	75.2	86.1	14.5	108.8	118.4	8.8	-33.6	-32.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	880.8	914.4	3.8	2425.6	2858.3	17.8	-1544.8	-1943.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	794.2	2307.3	190.5	2022.6	4974.9	146.0	-1228.4	-2667.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	124.3	336.8	171.0	73.4	225.0	206.5	50.9	111.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1103.1	1533.7	39.0	1065.9	1701.9	59.7	37.2	-168.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2231.4	1905.9	-14.6	2214.3	3594.8	62.3	17.1	-1688.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1503.3	1791.0	19.1	2159.2	3175.3	47.1	-655.9	-1384.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1161.2	1227.6	5.7	821.4	1057.3	28.7	339.8	170.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	33.0	13.9	-57.9	28.6	5.6	-80.4	4.4	8.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.