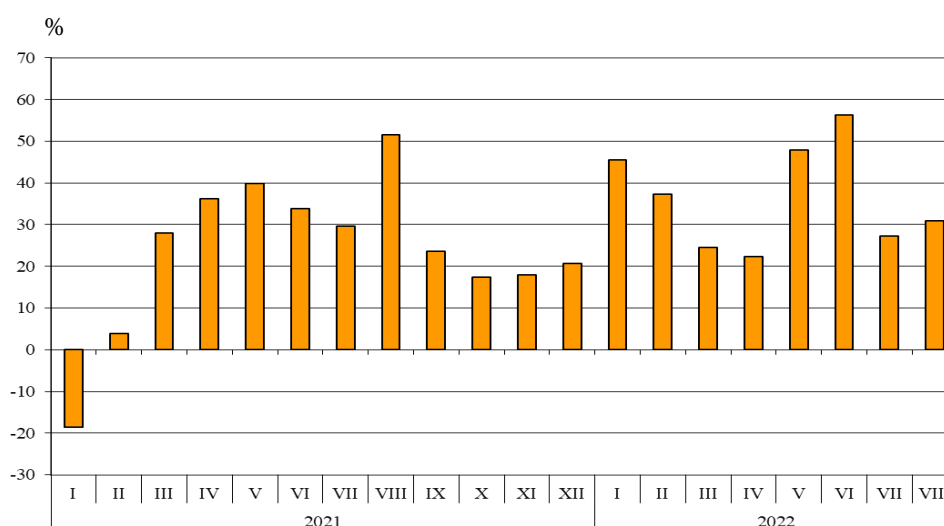


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 35.8% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 20 479.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, Ukraine, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and China, which accounted for 50.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 30.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 707.2 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 - August 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' (203.3%) and 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (123.1%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (11.7%).

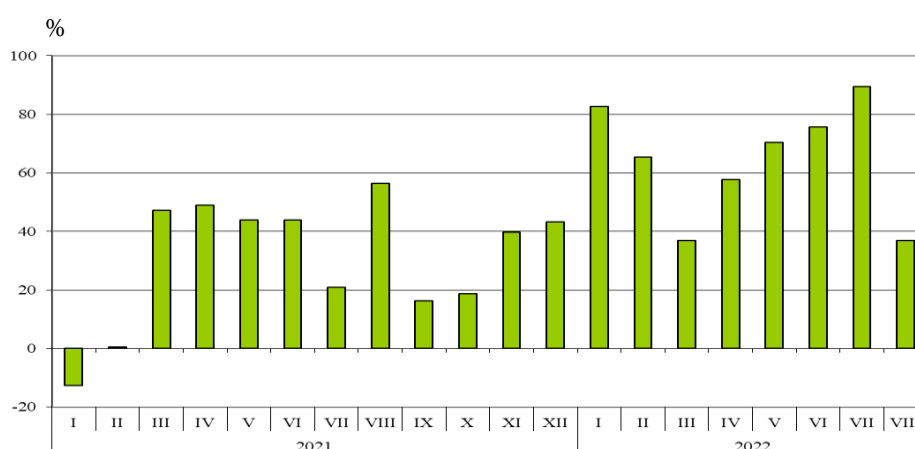
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - August 2022 increased by 63.1% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 31 495.8 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 **August 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 36.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 799.4 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 - August 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' (378.7%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (126.5%) (Annex, Table 4).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - August 2022 was negative and added up to 11 016.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In August 2022, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 092.2 million BGN.

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

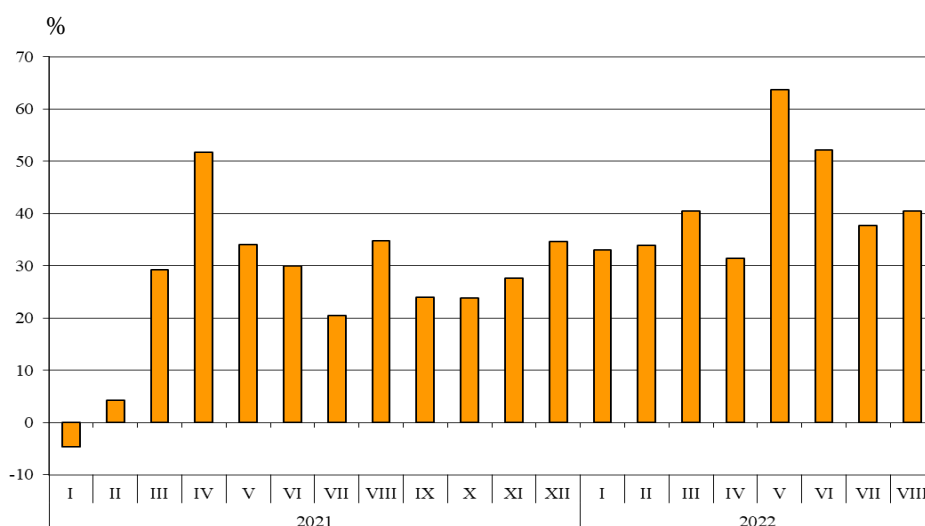
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - August 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 62 164.8 million BGN, which is 41.6% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 7 873.8 million BGN and increased by 40.5% 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)**

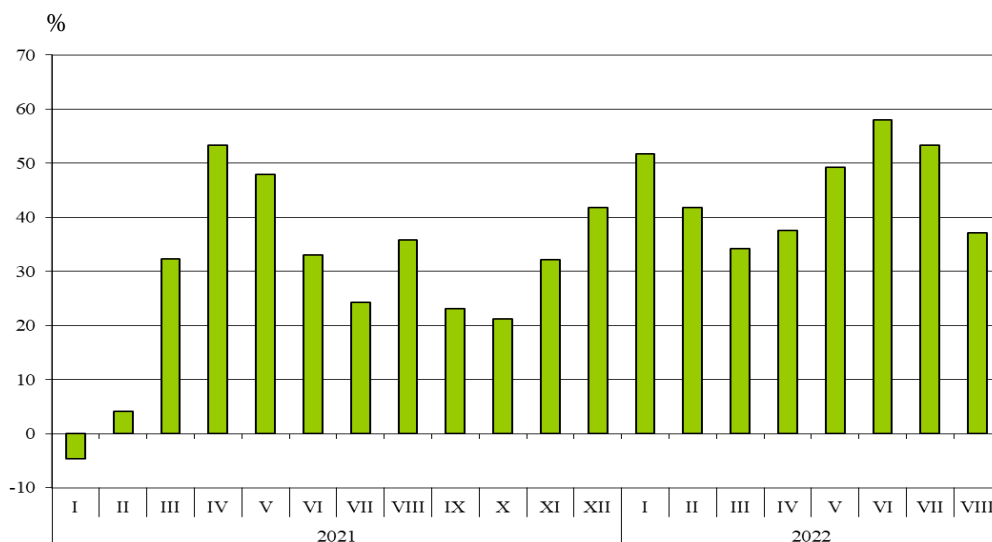


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - August 2022** amounted to 70 223.1 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 45.3% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 37.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 578.7 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 - August 2022** and amounted to 8 058.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **August 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 704.9 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2021 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	4761.6	3310.9	1450.7	5050.2	3129.4	1920.8	-288.6	181.5	-470.1
II.2021	5057.2	3317.9	1739.3	5432.4	3433.6	1998.8	-375.2	-115.7	-259.5
III.2021	5824.0	3746.3	2077.7	6689.0	3998.0	2691.0	-865.0	-251.7	-613.3
I - III.2021	15642.8	10375.1	5267.7	17171.6	10561.0	6610.6	-1528.8	-185.9	-1342.9
IV.2021	5905.3	3937.1	1968.2	6078.1	3599.7	2478.4	-172.8	337.4	-510.2
V.2021	5155.3	3357.6	1797.7	6043.0	3686.5	2356.5	-887.7	-328.9	-558.8
VI.2021	5734.5	3790.9	1943.6	6440.2	3751.9	2688.3	-705.7	39.0	-744.7
IV - VI.2021	16795.1	11085.6	5709.5	18561.3	11038.1	7523.2	-1766.2	47.5	-1813.7
I - VI.2021	32437.9	21460.7	10977.2	35732.9	21599.1	14133.8	-3295.0	-138.4	-3156.6
VII.2021	5861.3	3830.2	2031.1	6353.2	3949.7	2403.5	-491.9	-119.5	-372.4
VIII.2021	5605.9	3536.7	2069.2	6253.2	3475.9	2777.3	-647.3	60.8	-708.1
I - VIII.2021	43905.1	28827.6	15077.5	48339.3	29024.7	19314.6	-4434.2	-197.1	-4237.1
I.2022	6334.3	4223.8	2110.5	7661.3	4150.9	3510.4	-1327.0	72.9	-1399.9
II.2022	6774.7	4387.8	2386.9	7702.4	4399.3	3303.1	-927.7	-11.5	-916.2
III.2022	8185.3	5598.5	2586.8	8977.3	5292.8	3684.5	-792.0	305.7	-1097.7
I - III.2022	21294.3	14210.1	7084.2	24341.0	13843.0	10498.0	-3046.7	367.1	-3413.8
IV.2022	7762.7	5355.0	2407.7	8363.3	4454.0	3909.3	-600.6	901.0	-1501.6
V.2022	8438.4	5779.9	2658.5	9017.4	5003.6	4013.8	-579.0	776.3	-1355.3
VI.2022	8726.8	5689.6	3037.2	10177.4	5457.6	4719.8	-1450.6	232.0	-1682.6
IV - VI.2022	24927.9	16824.5	8103.4	27558.1	14915.2	12642.9	-2630.2	1909.3	-4539.5
I - VI.2022	46222.2	31034.6	15187.6	51899.1	28758.2	23140.9	-5676.9	2276.4	-7953.3
VII.2022	8068.8	5484.2	2584.6	9745.3	5189.8	4555.5	-1676.5	294.4	-1970.9
VIII.2022	7873.8	5166.6	2707.2	8578.7	4779.3	3799.4	-704.9	387.3	-1092.2
I - VIII.2022	62164.8	41685.4	20479.4	70223.1	38727.3	31495.8	-8058.3	2958.1	-11016.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 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 - August 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	33.0	27.6	45.5	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.0	32.2	37.2	41.8	28.1	65.3
III	40.5	49.4	24.5	34.2	32.4	36.9
I - III	36.1	37.0	34.5	41.8	31.1	58.8
IV	31.5	36.0	22.3	37.6	23.7	57.7
V	63.7	72.1	47.9	49.2	35.7	70.3
VI	52.2	50.1	56.3	58.0	45.5	75.6
IV - VI	48.4	51.8	41.9	48.5	35.1	68.1
I - VI	42.5	44.6	38.4	45.2	33.1	63.7
VII	37.7	43.2	27.3	53.4	31.4	89.5
VIII	40.5	46.1	30.8	37.2	37.5	36.8
I - VIII	41.6	44.6	35.8	45.3	33.4	63.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - August 2021 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	15077.5	20479.4	35.8	19314.6	31495.8	63.1	-4237.1	-11016.4
of which:								
Albania	138.9	170.4	22.7	46.6	68.6	47.2	92.3	101.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	121.3	129.7	6.9	35.9	32.1	-10.6	85.4	97.6
Brazil	61.2	163.4	167.0	223.3	341.2	52.8	-162.1	-177.8
Canada	85.1	118.9	39.7	215.9	141.1	-34.6	-130.8	-22.2
Chile	21.1	19.3	-8.5	439.9	198.9	-54.8	-418.8	-179.6
China	1522.6	817.2	-46.3	2617.4	4046.7	54.6	-1094.8	-3229.5
Egypt	351.7	743.4	111.4	405.3	347.8	-14.2	-53.6	395.6
Georgia	251.0	334.9	33.4	436.0	725.4	66.4	-185.0	-390.5
Gibraltar	217.2	665.9	206.6	0.0	0.3	x	217.2	665.6
India	164.6	347.8	111.3	258.3	358.2	38.7	-93.7	-10.4
Indonesia	86.3	144.2	67.1	40.2	218.1	442.5	46.1	-73.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	119.3	167.3	40.2	63.8	121.8	90.9	55.5	45.5
Israel	246.9	457.8	85.4	302.2	78.0	-74.2	-55.3	379.8
Japan	69.8	93.0	33.2	251.3	277.9	10.6	-181.5	-184.9
Kazakhstan	37.2	50.9	36.8	3.4	21.6	535.3	33.8	29.3
Korea, Republic of	258.3	157.5	-39.0	176.6	256.0	45.0	81.7	-98.5
Libya	174.3	232.3	33.3	2.9	13.4	362.1	171.4	218.9
Morocco	151.0	127.2	-15.8	124.3	87.9	-29.3	26.7	39.3
Namibia	109.0	151.8	39.3	0.0	1.0	x	109.0	150.8
Norway	72.3	71.3	-1.4	37.9	45.4	19.8	34.4	25.9
Peru	5.7	14.9	161.4	438.3	332.3	-24.2	-432.6	-317.4
Republic of North Macedonia	666.8	1002.9	50.4	463.4	593.2	28.0	203.4	409.7
Russian Federation	527.6	570.6	8.2	3569.7	8078.5	126.3	-3042.1	-7507.9
Serbia	859.3	1518.2	76.7	932.8	1183.6	26.9	-73.5	334.6
Singapore	44.5	31.1	-30.1	54.9	70.0	27.5	-10.4	-38.9
South Africa	83.4	334.5	301.1	66.6	59.8	-10.2	16.8	274.7
Switzerland	306.3	382.5	24.9	357.5	406.9	13.8	-51.2	-24.4
Syrian Arab Republic	6.7	3.9	-41.8	3.8	10.1	165.8	2.9	-6.2
Taiwan	49.4	52.4	6.1	213.9	320.0	49.6	-164.5	-267.6
Tunisia	315.7	347.7	10.1	27.4	68.7	150.7	288.3	279.0
Turkey	2821.1	3601.0	27.6	3607.0	6020.0	66.9	-785.9	-2419.0
Ukraine	517.6	1196.1	131.1	1030.9	2175.7	111.0	-513.3	-979.6
United Arab Emirates	103.2	143.4	39.0	49.9	53.3	6.8	53.3	90.1
United Kingdom ³	808.5	967.6	19.7	374.8	473.6	26.4	433.7	494.0
United States	1028.2	1178.8	14.6	374.6	793.3	111.8	653.6	385.5
Viet Nam	120.6	60.8	-49.6	130.9	207.6	58.6	-10.3	-146.8

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 October 12, 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 - August 2021 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	15077.5	20479.4	35.8	19314.6	31495.8	63.1	-4237.1	-11016.4
Food and live animals	1999.4	3119.4	56.0	843.8	1128.4	33.7	1155.6	1991.0
Beverages and tobacco	121.5	155.1	27.7	202.1	213.3	5.5	-80.6	-58.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1382.4	1369.7	-0.9	3360.6	5108.1	52.0	-1978.2	-3738.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1485.6	4505.2	203.3	3848.1	8715.0	126.5	-2362.5	-4209.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	288.0	642.5	123.1	110.1	527.0	378.7	177.9	115.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1813.1	2470.2	36.2	1825.0	2979.5	63.3	-11.9	-509.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3595.0	3173.0	-11.7	3941.4	5812.0	47.5	-346.4	-2639.0
Machinery and transport equipment	2500.4	3048.5	21.9	3708.4	5246.3	41.5	-1208.0	-2197.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1836.6	1974.8	7.5	1431.9	1755.7	22.6	404.7	219.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	55.5	21.0	-62.2	43.2	10.5	-75.7	12.3	10.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2022.