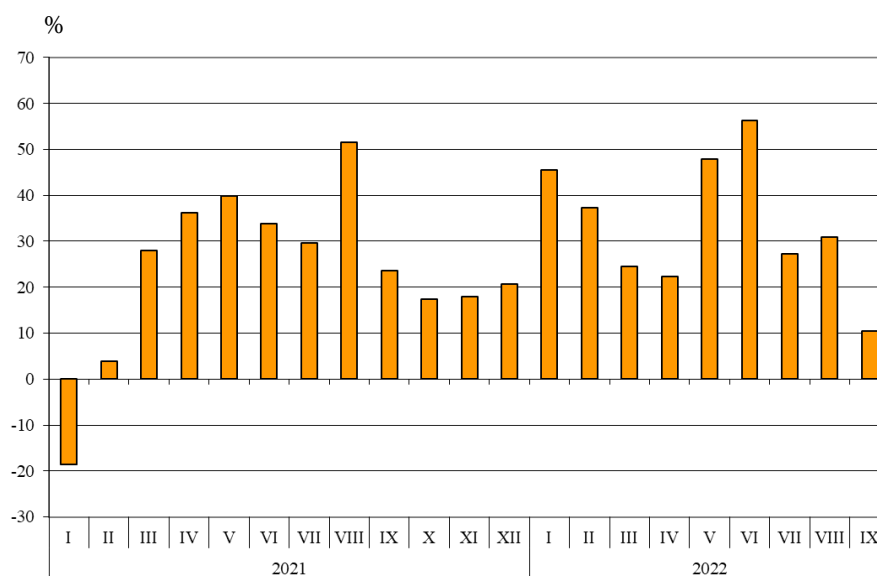


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 32.7% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 22 812.5 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 51.4% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 10.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 333.1 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 - September 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' (194.3%) and 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (116.0%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (10.5%).

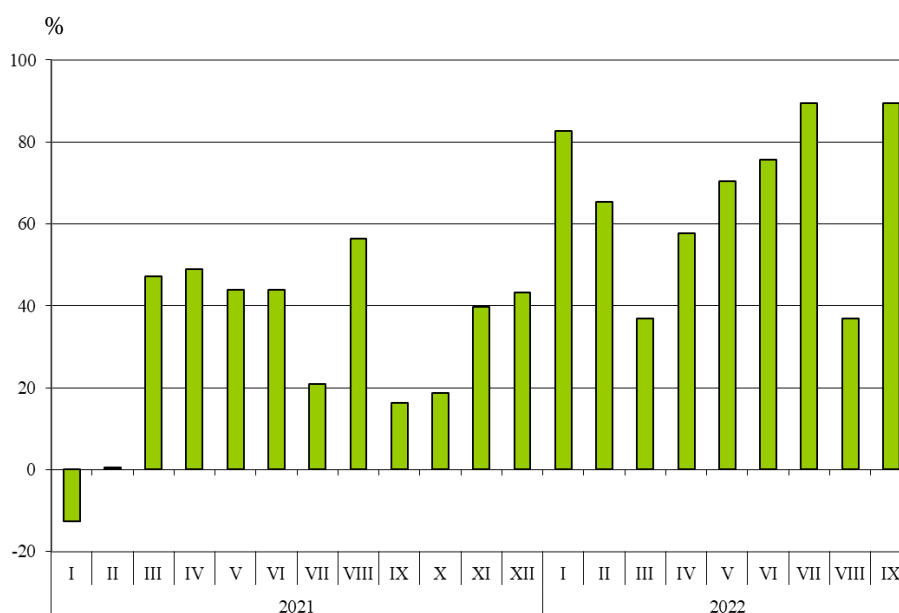
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - September 2022 increased by 66.0% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 36 109.4 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 **September 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 89.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 613.6 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 - September 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’ (427.5%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (135.6%) (Annex, Table 4).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - September 2022** was negative and added up to 13 296.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **September 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 2 280.5 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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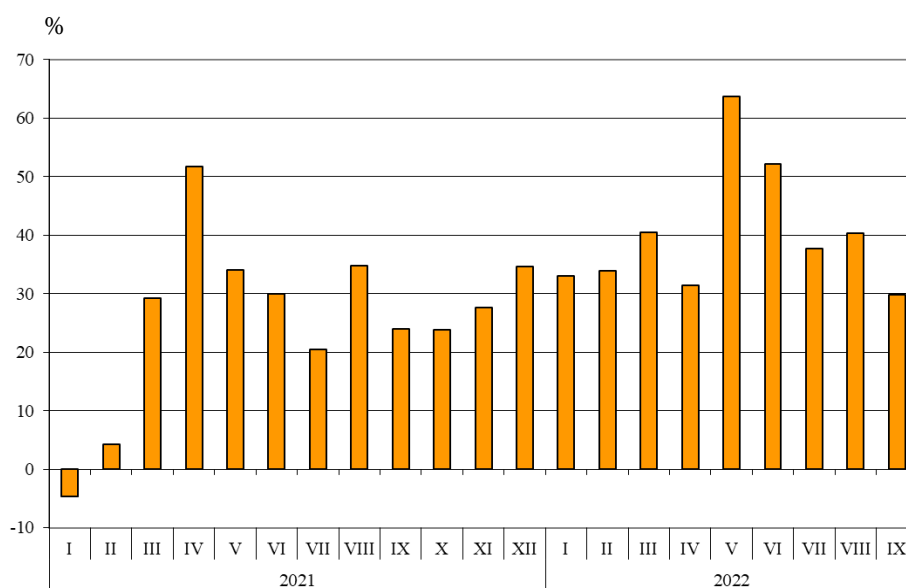
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - September 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 70 021.7 million BGN, which is 40.1% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 7 863.9 million BGN and increased by 29.8% 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)

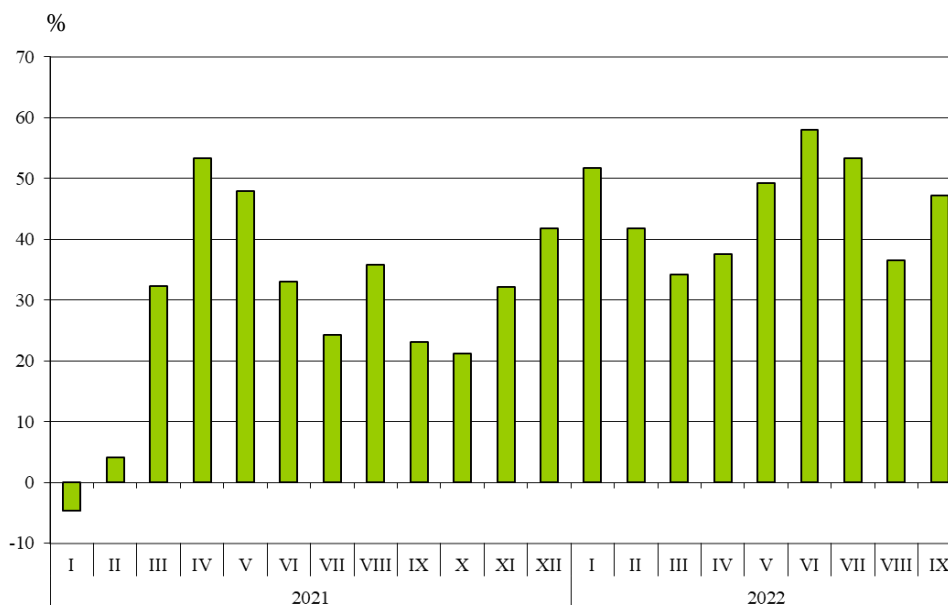


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - September 2022** amounted to 79 896.6 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 45.4% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 47.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 9 712.6 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 - September 2022** and amounted to 9 874.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **September 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 848.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - September 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
IX.2021	6057.0	3945.2	2111.8	6601.0	4167.3	2433.7	-544.0	-222.1	-321.9
VII - IX.2021	17524.2	11312.1	6212.1	19207.4	11592.9	7614.5	-1683.2	-280.8	-1402.4
I - IX.2021	49962.1	32772.8	17189.3	54940.3	33192.0	21748.3	-4978.2	-419.2	-4559.0
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	7866.8	5159.6	2707.2	8539.6	4740.2	3799.4	-672.8	419.4	-1092.2
IX.2022	7863.9	5530.8	2333.1	9712.6	5099.0	4613.6	-1848.7	431.8	-2280.5
VII - IX.2022	23799.5	16174.6	7624.9	27997.5	15029.0	12968.5	-4198.0	1145.6	-5343.6
I - IX.2022	70021.7	47209.2	22812.5	79896.6	43787.2	36109.4	-9874.9	3422.0	-13296.9

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - September 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	40.3	45.9	30.8	36.6	36.4	36.8
IX	29.8	40.2	10.5	47.1	22.4	89.6
VII - IX	35.8	43.0	22.7	45.8	29.6	70.3
I - IX	40.1	44.0	32.7	45.4	31.9	66.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 10, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - September 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	17189.3	22812.5	32.7	21748.3	36109.4	66.0	-4559.0	-13296.9
of which:								
Albania	159.2	192.0	20.6	53.7	74.2	38.2	105.5	117.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	135.9	146.8	8.0	41.6	36.0	-13.5	94.3	110.8
Brazil	69.4	167.1	140.8	227.7	448.5	97.0	-158.3	-281.4
Canada	98.5	129.8	31.8	223.9	198.6	-11.3	-125.4	-68.8
Chile	22.9	21.0	-8.3	440.1	282.4	-35.8	-417.2	-261.4
China	1661.9	994.9	-40.1	3007.3	4648.1	54.6	-1345.4	-3653.2
Egypt	389.6	807.7	107.3	433.8	405.3	-6.6	-44.2	402.4
Georgia	286.0	378.7	32.4	465.6	795.8	70.9	-179.6	-417.1
Gibraltar	229.3	665.9	190.4	0.0	0.3	x	229.3	665.6
India	184.4	366.2	98.6	286.4	388.7	35.7	-102.0	-22.5
Indonesia	117.8	146.6	24.4	45.3	283.5	525.8	72.5	-136.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	128.8	188.6	46.4	75.4	130.8	73.5	53.4	57.8
Israel	316.1	473.1	49.7	308.7	88.1	-71.5	7.4	385.0
Japan	79.2	105.7	33.5	284.3	321.2	13.0	-205.1	-215.5
Kazakhstan	40.9	61.5	50.4	3.5	21.9	525.7	37.4	39.6
Korea, Republic of	337.3	167.9	-50.2	203.4	286.5	40.9	133.9	-118.6
Libya	192.4	286.5	48.9	13.6	34.0	150.0	178.8	252.5
Morocco	163.9	136.1	-17.0	132.8	115.5	-13.0	31.1	20.6
Namibia	140.3	151.8	8.2	0.0	1.0	x	140.3	150.8
Norway	80.1	84.6	5.6	42.9	57.8	34.7	37.2	26.8
Peru	7.0	16.4	134.3	438.9	375.3	-14.5	-431.9	-358.9
Republic of North Macedonia	771.1	1118.1	45.0	535.5	663.0	23.8	235.6	455.1
Russian Federation	604.7	660.1	9.2	4094.1	8984.7	119.5	-3489.4	-8324.6
Serbia	997.3	1701.5	70.6	1057.0	1336.2	26.4	-59.7	365.3
Singapore	47.5	34.3	-27.8	62.0	83.7	35.0	-14.5	-49.4
South Africa	129.8	341.3	162.9	68.9	175.1	154.1	60.9	166.2
Switzerland	342.2	436.2	27.5	405.5	460.8	13.6	-63.3	-24.6
Syrian Arab Republic	7.8	4.1	-47.4	3.8	10.2	168.4	4.0	-6.1
Taiwan	54.7	55.8	2.0	239.9	360.8	50.4	-185.2	-305.0
Tunisia	380.4	385.2	1.3	29.7	73.4	147.1	350.7	311.8
Turkey	3177.3	4070.4	28.1	4096.8	6679.6	63.0	-919.5	-2609.2
Ukraine	609.0	1422.6	133.6	1171.6	2433.2	107.7	-562.6	-1010.6
United Arab Emirates	119.7	162.4	35.7	52.9	60.2	13.8	66.8	102.2
United Kingdom ³	914.7	1082.0	18.3	435.2	534.4	22.8	479.5	547.6
United States	1177.7	1336.3	13.5	405.8	1171.5	188.7	771.9	164.8
Viet Nam	152.9	68.6	-55.1	150.1	236.0	57.2	2.8	-167.4

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 November 10, 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 - September 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	17189.3	22812.5	32.7	21748.3	36109.4	66.0	-4559.0	-13296.9
Food and live animals	2386.0	3370.4	41.3	966.9	1318.2	36.3	1419.1	2052.2
Beverages and tobacco	139.4	173.1	24.2	226.7	237.7	4.9	-87.3	-64.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1579.7	1479.1	-6.4	3608.8	5807.4	60.9	-2029.1	-4328.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1701.8	5009.2	194.3	4376.5	10311.8	135.6	-2674.7	-5302.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	346.5	748.6	116.0	120.0	633.0	427.5	226.5	115.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2046.7	2741.5	33.9	2098.1	3358.5	60.1	-51.4	-617.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4026.5	3603.6	-10.5	4472.3	6407.5	43.3	-445.8	-2803.9
Machinery and transport equipment	2821.4	3463.8	22.8	4184.8	6047.6	44.5	-1363.4	-2583.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2079.2	2190.9	5.4	1646.3	1976.4	20.1	432.9	214.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	62.1	32.3	-48.0	47.9	11.3	-76.4	14.2	21.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 10, 2022.