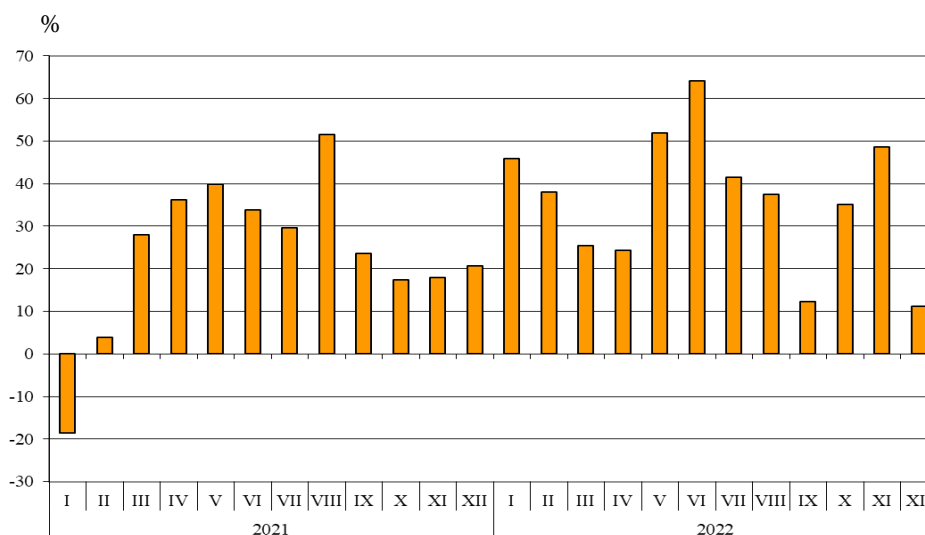


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 35.5% in comparison with 2021 and added up to 31 391.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Ukraine, Serbia, the United States, China, the Republic of North Macedonia and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 51.8% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 11.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 387.6 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 **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 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (218.7%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (195.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (6.8%).

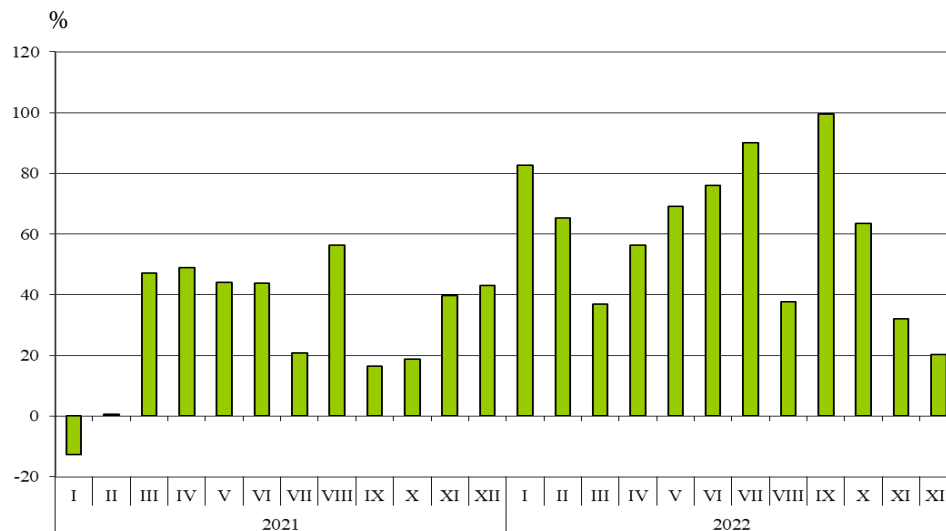
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 2022 increased by 58.8% in comparison with 2021 and added up to 48 288.9 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 **December 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 20.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 453.1 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 **2022**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (560.6%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (126.0%) (Annex, Table 4).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **2022** was negative and added up to 16 897.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 065.5 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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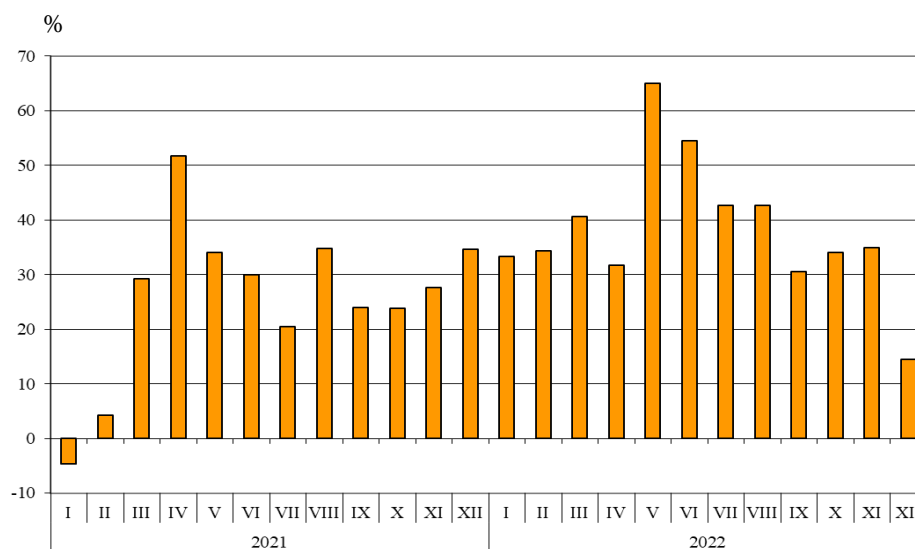
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In **2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 94 372.8 million BGN, which is 37.9% more than 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 6 920.4 million BGN and increased by 14.5% 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)

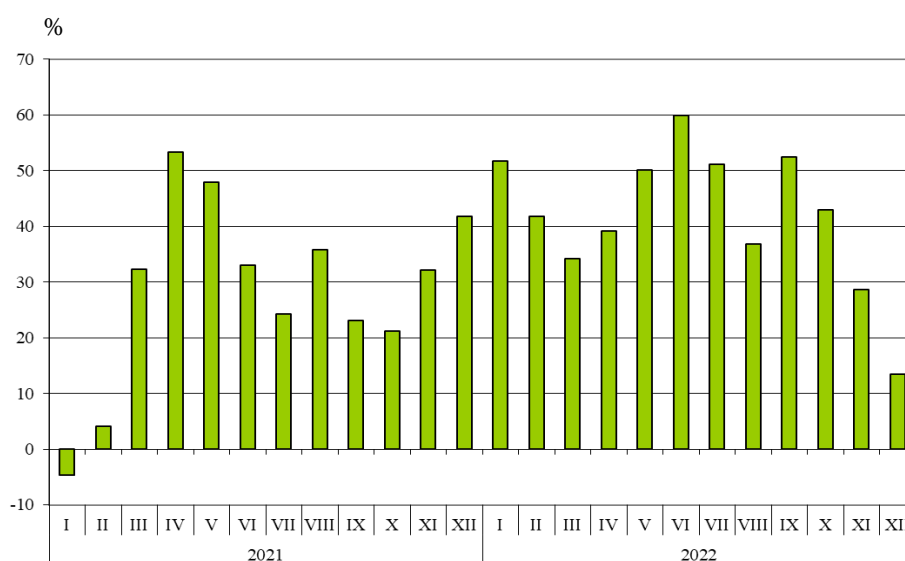


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **2022** amounted to 108 305.8 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 41.1% more than in 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 13.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 356.1 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 **2022** and amounted to 13 933.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 435.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 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
X.2021	6161.4	4221.7	1939.7	6880.2	4127.9	2752.3	-718.8	93.8	-812.6
XI.2021	6262.2	4377.3	1884.9	7558.6	4518.8	3039.8	-1296.4	-141.5	-1154.9
XII.2021	6045.5	3898.8	2146.7	7363.5	4494.2	2869.3	-1318.0	-595.4	-722.6
X - XII.2021	18469.1	12497.8	5971.3	21802.3	13140.9	8661.4	-3333.2	-643.1	-2690.1
I - XII.2021	68431.2	45270.6	23160.6	76742.6	46332.9	30409.7	-8311.4	-1062.3	-7249.1
I.2022	6348.2	4231.2	2117.0	7661.7	4151.1	3510.6	-1313.5	80.1	-1393.6
II.2022	6795.2	4396.0	2399.2	7703.7	4400.4	3303.3	-908.5	-4.4	-904.1
III.2022	8192.9	5587.0	2605.9	8976.0	5292.3	3683.7	-783.1	294.7	-1077.8
I - III.2022	21336.3	14214.2	7122.1	24341.4	13843.8	10497.6	-3005.1	370.4	-3375.5
IV.2022	7775.5	5329.6	2445.9	8455.1	4581.1	3874.0	-679.6	748.5	-1428.1
V.2022	8506.9	5777.0	2729.9	9070.4	5084.4	3986.0	-563.5	692.6	-1256.1
VI.2022	8862.4	5672.0	3190.4	10298.7	5568.5	4730.2	-1436.3	103.5	-1539.8
IV - VI.2022	25144.8	16778.6	8366.2	27824.2	15234.0	12590.2	-2679.4	1544.6	-4224.0
I - VI.2022	46481.1	30992.8	15488.3	52165.6	29077.8	23087.8	-5684.5	1915.0	-7599.5
VII.2022	8361.7	5485.9	2875.8	9603.9	5038.6	4565.3	-1242.2	447.3	-1689.5
VIII.2022	8001.1	5155.2	2845.9	8559.8	4739.5	3820.3	-558.7	415.7	-974.4
IX.2022	7904.8	5531.7	2373.1	10064.9	5210.0	4854.9	-2160.1	321.7	-2481.8
VII - IX.2022	24267.6	16172.8	8094.8	28228.6	14988.1	13240.5	-3961.0	1184.7	-5145.7
I - IX.2022	70748.7	47165.6	23583.1	80394.2	44065.9	36328.3	-9645.5	3099.7	-12745.2
X.2022	8257.1	5636.9	2620.2	9833.6	5336.3	4497.3	-1576.5	300.6	-1877.1
XI.2022	8446.6	5646.1	2800.5	9721.9	5711.7	4010.2	-1275.3	-65.6	-1209.7
XII.2022	6920.4	4532.8	2387.6	8356.1	4903.0	3453.1	-1435.7	-370.2	-1065.5
X - XII.2022	23624.1	15815.8	7808.3	27911.6	15951.0	11960.6	-4287.5	-135.2	-4152.3
I - XII.2022	94372.8	62981.4	31391.4	108305.8	60016.9	48288.9	-13933.0	2964.5	-16897.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2023.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2
Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 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	33.3	27.8	45.9	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.4	32.5	37.9	41.8	28.2	65.3
III	40.7	49.1	25.4	34.2	32.4	36.9
I - III	36.4	37.0	35.2	41.8	31.1	58.8
IV	31.7	35.4	24.3	39.1	27.3	56.3
V	65.0	72.1	51.9	50.1	37.9	69.1
VI	54.5	49.6	64.1	59.9	48.4	76.0
IV - VI	49.7	51.4	46.5	49.9	38.0	67.4
I - VI	43.3	44.4	41.1	46.0	34.6	63.4
VII	42.7	43.2	41.6	51.2	27.6	89.9
VIII	42.7	45.8	37.5	36.9	36.4	37.6
IX	30.5	40.2	12.4	52.5	25.0	99.5
VII - IX	38.5	43.0	30.3	47.0	29.3	73.9
I - IX	41.6	43.9	37.2	46.3	32.8	67.0
X	34.0	33.5	35.1	42.9	29.3	63.4
XI	34.9	29.0	48.6	28.6	26.4	31.9
XII	14.5	16.3	11.2	13.5	9.1	20.3
X - XII	27.9	26.5	30.8	28.0	21.4	38.1
I - XII	37.9	39.1	35.5	41.1	29.5	58.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2023.



Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹
in 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	23160.6	31391.4	35.5	30409.7	48288.9	58.8	-7249.1	-16897.5
of which:								
Albania	222.6	256.1	15.0	79.1	108.0	36.5	143.5	148.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	180.7	192.0	6.3	58.0	53.0	-8.6	122.7	139.0
Brazil	91.5	182.9	99.9	356.6	639.4	79.3	-265.1	-456.5
Canada	140.6	199.4	41.8	242.9	222.5	-8.4	-102.3	-23.1
Chile	32.5	41.0	26.2	539.4	285.5	-47.1	-506.9	-244.5
China	2198.7	1520.5	-30.8	4148.2	6231.7	50.2	-1949.5	-4711.2
Egypt	465.9	1047.1	124.7	513.8	482.9	-6.0	-47.9	564.2
Georgia	380.0	482.0	26.8	724.1	1039.3	43.5	-344.1	-557.3
Gibraltar	272.4	987.0	262.3	0.0	0.3	x	272.4	986.7
India	277.6	730.8	163.3	392.5	475.9	21.2	-114.9	254.9
Indonesia	129.2	169.1	30.9	59.7	507.3	749.7	69.5	-338.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	166.9	241.7	44.8	116.6	167.0	43.2	50.3	74.7
Israel	379.4	573.7	51.2	336.3	116.2	-65.4	43.1	457.5
Japan	106.2	145.8	37.3	400.8	458.0	14.3	-294.6	-312.2
Kazakhstan	76.0	107.5	41.4	3.8	57.5	1413.2	72.2	50.0
Korea, Republic of	423.1	229.8	-45.7	277.2	388.5	40.2	145.9	-158.7
Libya	229.3	362.3	58.0	101.7	34.0	-66.6	127.6	328.3
Morocco	189.6	175.7	-7.3	169.6	149.9	-11.6	20.0	25.8
Namibia	270.3	200.5	-25.8	0.0	14.1	x	270.3	186.4
Norway	104.3	111.7	7.1	57.4	70.9	23.5	46.9	40.8
Peru	9.0	31.2	246.7	617.2	424.4	-31.2	-608.2	-393.2
Republic of North Macedonia	1124.6	1458.7	29.7	728.0	869.6	19.5	396.6	589.1
Russian Federation	853.8	948.8	11.1	5827.8	11695.1	100.7	-4974.0	-10746.3
Serbia	1453.8	2208.9	51.9	1498.4	1878.8	25.4	-44.6	330.1
Singapore	56.3	48.5	-13.9	80.1	111.6	39.3	-23.8	-63.1
South Africa	165.7	467.4	182.1	78.2	230.1	194.2	87.5	237.3
Switzerland	458.1	606.8	32.5	561.0	623.0	11.1	-102.9	-16.2
Syrian Arab Republic	8.5	8.6	1.2	3.9	10.5	169.2	4.6	-1.9
Taiwan	74.9	105.2	40.5	332.6	485.8	46.1	-257.7	-380.6
Tunisia	427.3	438.6	2.6	38.8	78.8	103.1	388.5	359.8
Turkey	4206.9	5435.1	29.2	6011.8	9067.6	50.8	-1804.9	-3632.5
Ukraine	793.7	2249.4	183.4	1634.5	3411.6	108.7	-840.8	-1162.2
United Arab Emirates	157.9	266.3	68.7	71.6	95.4	33.2	86.3	170.9
United Kingdom ³	1257.0	1438.7	14.5	611.7	860.3	40.6	645.3	578.4
United States	1699.0	1943.9	14.4	558.4	1585.6	184.0	1140.6	358.3
Viet Nam	190.2	95.2	-49.9	190.9	328.5	72.1	-0.7	-233.3

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 February 10, 2023.

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 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	23160.6	31391.4	35.5	30409.7	48288.9	58.8	-7249.1	-16897.5
Food and live animals	3260.6	4332.1	32.9	1335.2	1880.0	40.8	1925.4	2452.1
Beverages and tobacco	203.0	241.1	18.8	298.6	314.3	5.3	-95.6	-73.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2120.6	2001.7	-5.6	4948.5	7471.9	51.0	-2827.9	-5470.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2140.5	6820.9	218.7	6166.9	13935.1	126.0	-4026.4	-7114.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	416.1	1229.0	195.4	148.8	983.0	560.6	267.3	246.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2813.2	3744.8	33.1	3000.7	4229.5	41.0	-187.5	-484.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5378.5	5013.9	-6.8	6330.7	8389.9	32.5	-952.2	-3376.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3877.4	4903.7	26.5	5862.2	8342.3	42.3	-1984.8	-3438.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2861.3	3019.1	5.5	2251.7	2726.4	21.1	609.6	292.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	89.4	85.1	-4.8	66.4	16.5	-75.2	23.0	68.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2023.