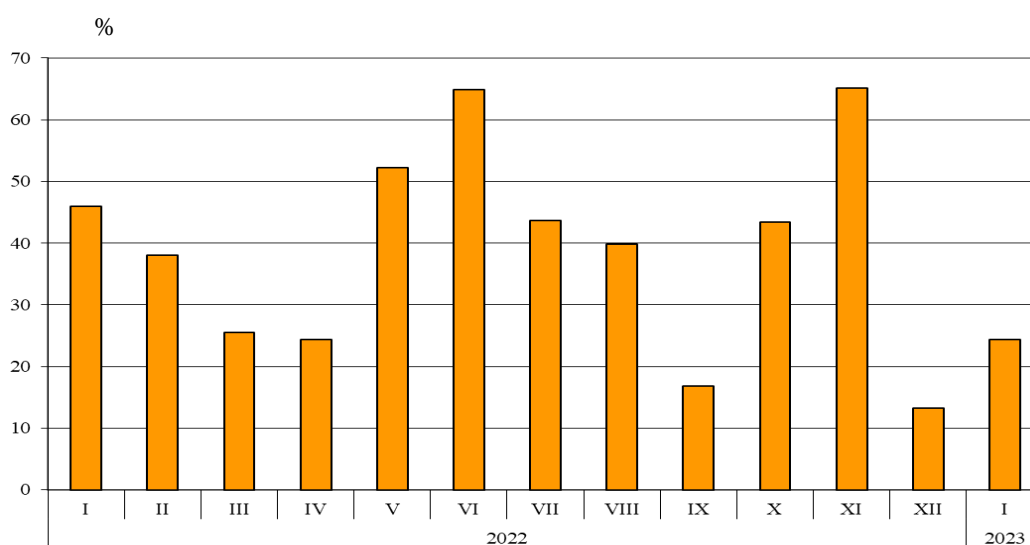


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2023**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 24.4% in comparison with January 2022 and added up to 2 634.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, the United States, Gibraltar, Switzerland and Serbia, which accounted for 54.0% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

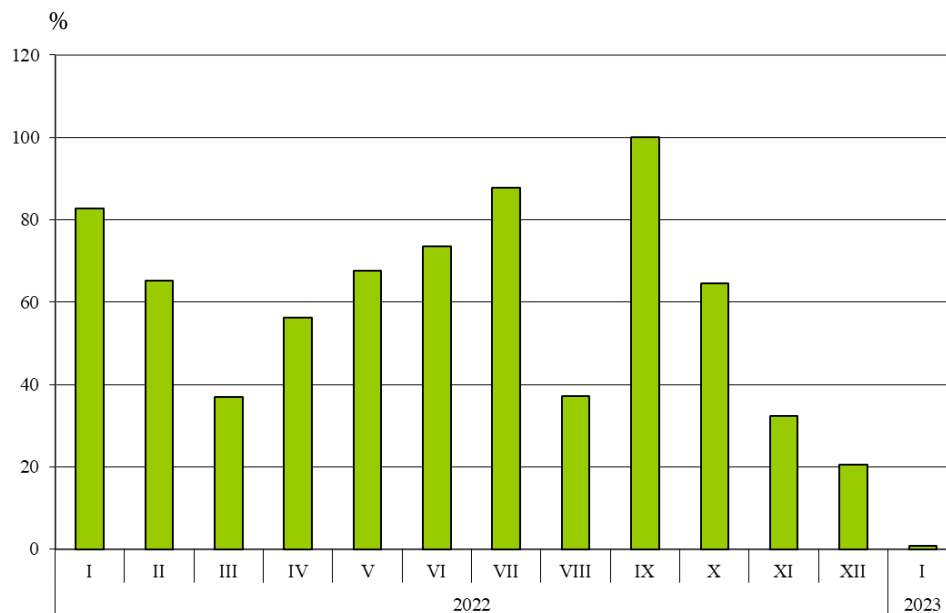


In **January 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to January 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (99.5%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (92.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (30.2%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in **January 2023** increased by 0.8% in comparison with January 2022 and added up to 3 539.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Türkiye, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2023**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to January 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (391.0%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (33.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’³ (19.3%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **January 2023** was negative and added up to 904.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

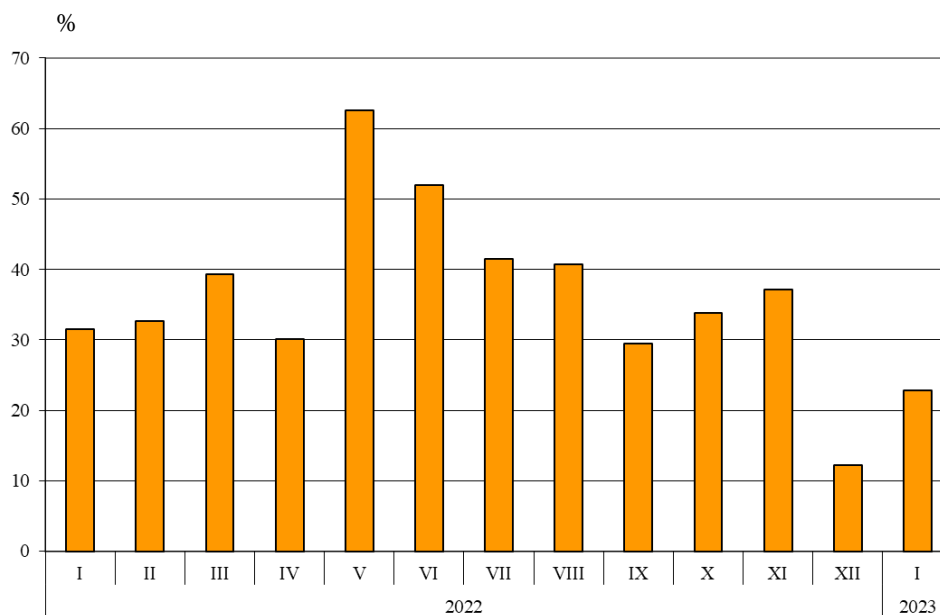
² Value changes at current prices.

³ 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.

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

In **January 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 7 689.1 million BGN, which is 22.8% more than the corresponding month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

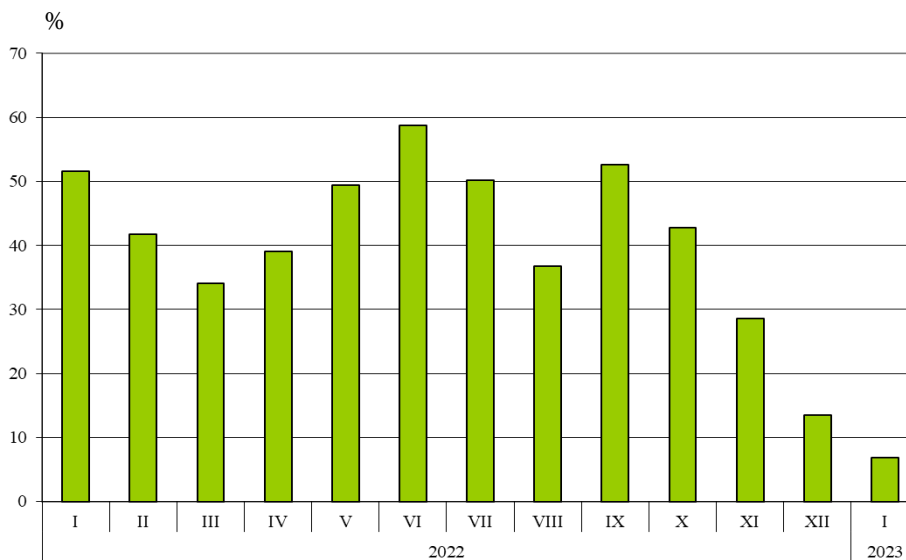
**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **January 2023** amounted to 8 178.7 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 6.9% more than in January 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **January 2023** and amounted to 489.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2022¹ and 2023¹ 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.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
I.2023	7689.1	5054.7	2634.4	8178.7	4639.7	3539.0	-489.6	415.0	-904.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.

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 January 2023¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	22.8	22.0	24.4	6.9	12.0	0.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹
in 2022² and 2023²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	2118.2	2634.4	24.4	3510.5	3539.0	0.8	-1392.3	-904.6
of which:								
Albania	16.8	19.1	13.7	5.3	7.0	32.1	11.5	12.1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.5	13.5	-37.2	4.8	4.7	-2.1	16.7	8.8
Brazil	43.9	5.4	-87.7	68.8	125.2	82.0	-24.9	-119.8
Canada	15.3	11.3	-26.1	53.7	8.5	-84.2	-38.4	2.8
Chile	1.5	2.8	86.7	34.1	49.9	46.3	-32.6	-47.1
China	90.6	100.4	10.8	493.4	494.4	0.2	-402.8	-394.0
Egypt	30.1	37.2	23.6	10.0	43.4	334.0	20.1	-6.2
Georgia	34.3	21.4	-37.6	114.3	20.2	-82.3	-80.0	1.2
Gibraltar	41.2	148.9	261.4	0.0	0.0	x	41.2	148.9
India	36.2	89.5	147.2	49.5	72.0	45.5	-13.3	17.5
Indonesia	4.7	3.3	-29.8	4.8	62.0	1191.7	-0.1	-58.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	14.2	19.3	35.9	11.3	8.7	-23.0	2.9	10.6
Israel	20.3	69.4	241.9	5.7	13.3	133.3	14.6	56.1
Japan	10.3	11.4	10.7	40.8	40.9	0.2	-30.5	-29.5
Kazakhstan	1.5	12.8	753.3	0.1	1.9	1800.0	1.4	10.9
Korea, Republic of	33.8	9.3	-72.5	29.7	35.7	20.2	4.1	-26.4
Libya	20.1	4.8	-76.1	0.0	0.0	x	20.1	4.8
Morocco	8.2	7.9	-3.7	3.1	3.9	25.8	5.1	4.0
Namibia	0.0	0.1	x	-	4.1	x	0.0	-4.0
Norway	9.4	10.6	12.8	3.4	3.5	2.9	6.0	7.1
Peru	1.3	2.2	69.2	0.2	59.2	29500.0	1.1	-57.0
Republic of North Macedonia	110.8	100.3	-9.5	54.1	73.3	35.5	56.7	27.0
Russian Federation	68.4	82.0	19.9	969.6	701.3	-27.7	-901.2	-619.3
Serbia	169.7	122.0	-28.1	128.6	156.4	21.6	41.1	-34.4
Singapore	3.4	3.3	-2.9	9.5	9.1	-4.2	-6.1	-5.8
South Africa	63.2	9.2	-85.4	15.9	19.8	24.5	47.3	-10.6
Switzerland	39.9	146.3	266.7	43.3	58.3	34.6	-3.4	88.0
Syrian Arab Republic	0.3	1.2	300.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.1
Taiwan	7.4	6.0	-18.9	32.2	37.9	17.7	-24.8	-31.9
Tunisia	19.0	39.7	108.9	36.3	7.3	-79.9	-17.3	32.4
Türkiye	437.1	383.3	-12.3	655.4	644.0	-1.7	-218.3	-260.7
Ukraine	75.1	208.7	177.9	239.5	185.5	-22.5	-164.4	23.2
United Arab Emirates	13.0	89.4	587.7	8.8	6.0	-31.8	4.2	83.4
United Kingdom ³	103.0	240.1	133.1	42.1	55.0	30.6	60.9	185.1
United States	147.8	172.1	16.4	56.8	173.5	205.5	91.0	-1.4
Viet Nam	10.2	3.7	-63.7	19.2	23.2	20.8	-9.0	-19.5

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 March 13, 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.

'-' - no case registered.



Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 2022¹ and 2023¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	2118.2	2634.4	24.4	3510.5	3539.0	0.8	-1392.3	-904.6
Food and live animals	197.8	344.5	74.2	129.8	169.2	30.4	68.0	175.3
Beverages and tobacco	26.2	36.3	38.5	17.5	23.4	33.7	8.7	12.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	173.3	120.9	-30.2	506.8	565.5	11.6	-333.5	-444.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	366.8	456.4	24.4	977.1	946.4	-3.1	-610.3	-490.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	57.7	111.1	92.5	11.1	54.5	391.0	46.6	56.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	338.8	259.4	-23.4	289.7	268.6	-7.3	49.1	-9.2
Manufactured goods, classified chiefly by material	377.8	344.4	-8.8	777.9	627.8	-19.3	-400.1	-283.4
Machinery and transport equipment	353.0	704.1	99.5	601.6	681.7	13.3	-248.6	22.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	225.3	215.4	-4.4	198.3	199.9	0.8	27.0	15.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	1.5	41.9	2693.3	0.7	2.0	185.7	0.8	39.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.