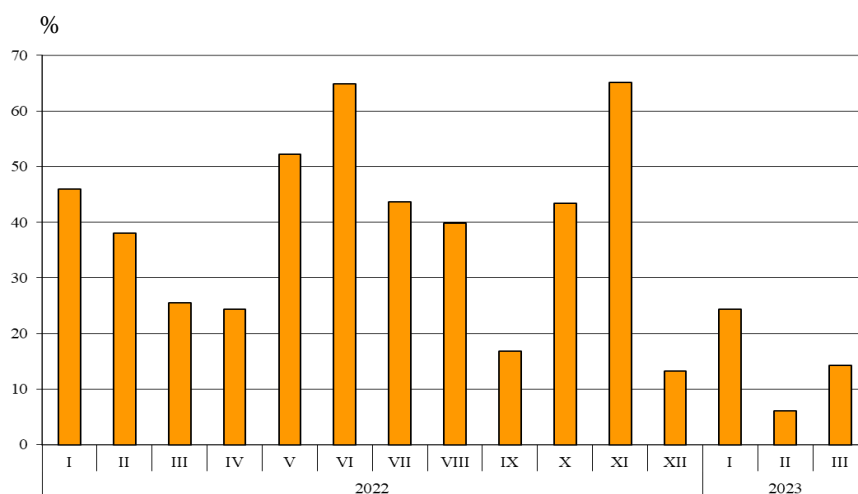


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - March 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 8 160.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, Ukraine, China, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 55.3% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2023 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 979.1 million BGN.

**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)**



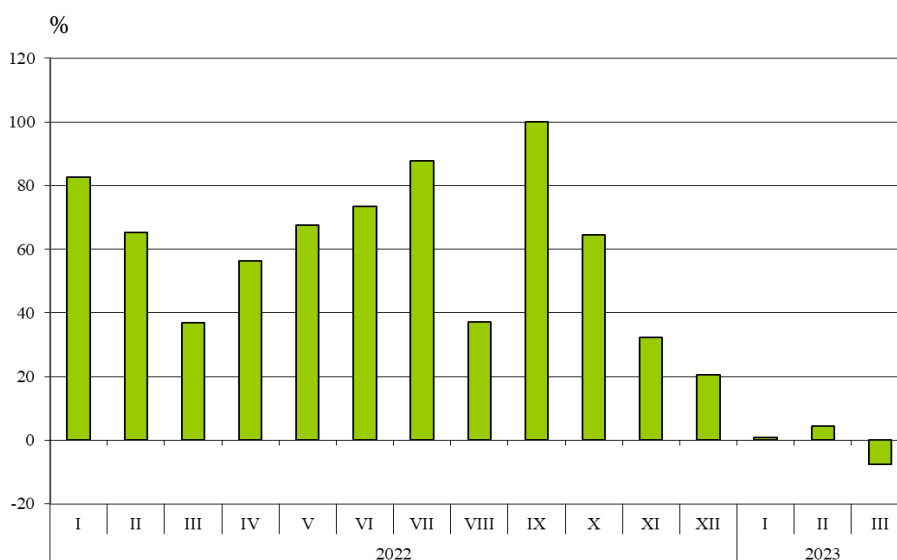
In the period January - March 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (78.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (51.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (17.3%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - March 2023 decreased by 1.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 10 394.4 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2023 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 7.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 404.8 million BGN.

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 the period January - March 2023, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the period January - March 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (59.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (42.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (26.9%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - March 2023 was negative and added up to 2 233.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In March 2023 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 425.7 million BGN.

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

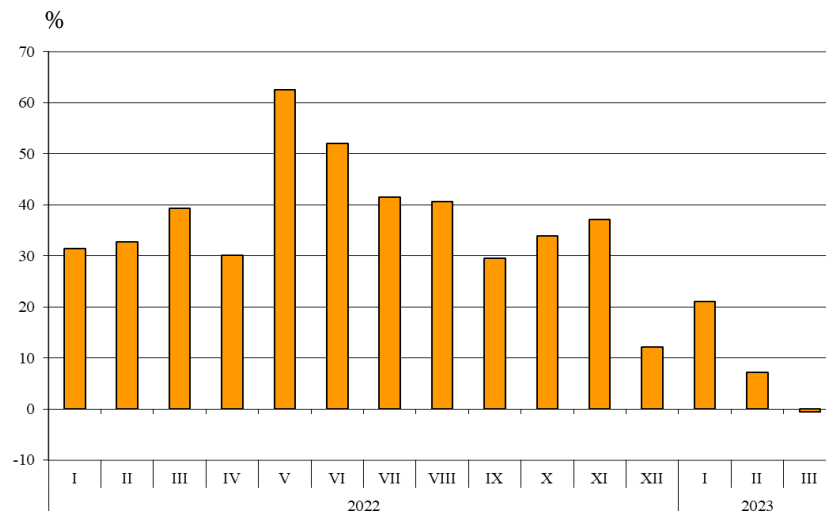
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - March 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 22 836.8 million BGN, which is 8.3% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2023** the total exports of goods added up to 8 070.0 million BGN and decreased by 0.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**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)**

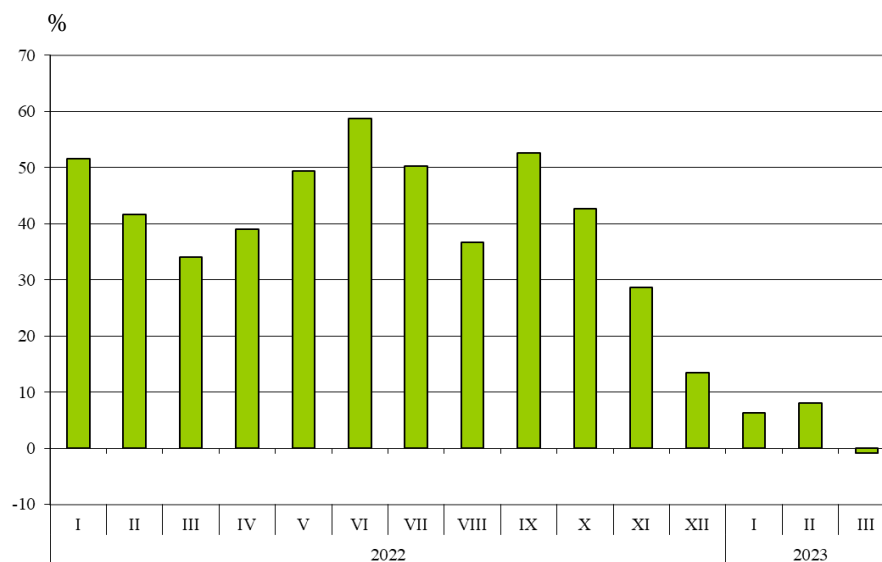


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - March 2023** amounted to 25 355.4 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 4.2% more than in the period January - March 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2023** the total imports of goods decreased by 0.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 893.2 million BGN.

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 **the period January - March 2023** and amounted to 2 518.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In March 2023 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 823.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 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
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
I - III.2022	21083.9	13957.7	7126.2	24322.8	13825.3	10497.5	-3238.9	132.4	-3371.3
I.2023	7576.1	4941.8	2634.3	8139.8	4600.9	3538.9	-563.7	340.9	-904.6
II.2023	7190.7	4643.2	2547.5	8322.4	4871.7	3450.7	-1131.7	-228.5	-903.2
III.2023	8070.0	5090.9	2979.1	8893.2	5488.4	3404.8	-823.2	-397.5	-425.7
I - III.2023	22836.8	14675.9	8160.9	25355.4	14961.0	10394.4	-2518.6	-285.1	-2233.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 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 the period
January - March 2023¹ 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	21.0	19.3	24.4	6.4	11.1	0.8
II	7.2	7.7	6.1	8.1	10.8	4.5
III	-0.5	-7.5	14.3	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	8.3	5.1	14.5	4.2	8.2	-1.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - March 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	7126.2	8160.9	14.5	10497.5	10394.4	-1.0	-3371.3	-2233.5
of which:								
Albania	58.4	67.3	15.2	24.4	27.6	13.1	34.0	39.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55.1	45.3	-17.8	13.1	21.7	65.6	42.0	23.6
Brazil	96.5	17.6	-81.8	79.2	257.8	225.5	17.3	-240.2
Canada	44.6	40.7	-8.7	92.8	29.6	-68.1	-48.2	11.1
Chile	8.1	6.6	-18.5	121.6	113.6	-6.6	-113.5	-107.0
China	417.0	510.2	22.4	1411.1	1331.2	-5.7	-994.1	-821.0
Egypt	306.3	291.0	-5.0	99.6	104.4	4.8	206.7	186.6
Georgia	170.9	81.8	-52.1	251.6	168.7	-32.9	-80.7	-86.9
Gibraltar	217.6	201.2	-7.5	0.0	0.0	x	217.6	201.2
India	108.8	136.3	25.3	111.1	133.1	19.8	-2.3	3.2
Indonesia	12.4	9.5	-23.4	16.4	183.8	1020.7	-4.0	-174.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	74.8	50.6	-32.4	34.7	26.8	-22.8	40.1	23.8
Israel	79.4	157.8	98.7	26.6	39.9	50.0	52.8	117.9
Japan	36.6	30.7	-16.1	105.3	119.8	13.8	-68.7	-89.1
Kazakhstan	13.0	45.1	246.9	0.9	6.3	600.0	12.1	38.8
Korea, Republic of	65.7	39.0	-40.6	84.3	101.5	20.4	-18.6	-62.5
Libya	45.6	12.7	-72.1	13.4	0.2	-98.5	32.2	12.5
Morocco	48.9	49.4	1.0	13.2	23.4	77.3	35.7	26.0
Namibia	0.4	0.2	-50.0	0.0	4.1	x	0.4	-3.9
Norway	28.6	27.5	-3.8	18.0	15.0	-16.7	10.6	12.5
Peru	3.6	9.1	152.8	162.2	206.7	27.4	-158.6	-197.6
Republic of North Macedonia	399.1	399.8	0.2	199.9	241.0	20.6	199.2	158.8
Russian Federation	183.5	242.5	32.2	3007.1	1526.5	-49.2	-2823.6	-1284.0
Serbia	556.1	447.6	-19.5	431.2	567.4	31.6	124.9	-119.8
Singapore	11.8	14.4	22.0	27.3	20.6	-24.5	-15.5	-6.2
South Africa	184.0	30.3	-83.5	27.4	48.4	76.6	156.6	-18.1
Switzerland	127.4	288.6	126.5	143.8	251.4	74.8	-16.4	37.2
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.1	-40.0	3.8	0.2	-94.7	-0.3	1.9
Taiwan	20.0	41.7	108.5	106.3	93.6	-11.9	-86.3	-51.9
Tunisia	96.1	60.9	-36.6	45.2	14.8	-67.3	50.9	46.1
Türkiye	1316.5	1367.2	3.9	1899.3	2100.5	10.6	-582.8	-733.3
Ukraine	176.7	520.0	194.3	490.1	476.1	-2.9	-313.4	43.9
United Arab Emirates	62.5	153.9	146.2	17.4	21.2	21.8	45.1	132.7
United Kingdom ³	387.9	730.6	88.3	158.3	500.1	215.9	229.6	230.5
United States	485.3	534.6	10.2	164.8	445.9	170.6	320.5	88.7
Viet Nam	25.0	16.4	-34.4	56.6	59.3	4.8	-31.6	-42.9

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 May 12, 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 the period January - March 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	7126.2	8160.9	14.5	10497.5	10394.4	-1.0	-3371.3	-2233.5
Food and live animals	776.1	1174.4	51.3	368.6	526.2	42.8	407.5	648.2
Beverages and tobacco	60.4	72.5	20.0	56.6	90.3	59.5	3.8	-17.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	593.2	515.6	-13.1	1568.7	1682.6	7.3	-975.5	-1167.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1319.4	1245.1	-5.6	2964.0	2168.0	-26.9	-1644.6	-922.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	248.2	205.3	-17.3	107.6	137.0	27.3	140.6	68.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	954.1	900.2	-5.6	1039.0	844.8	-18.7	-84.9	55.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1242.9	1113.9	-10.4	1972.1	1783.6	-9.6	-729.2	-669.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1144.1	2042.2	78.5	1788.8	2509.7	40.3	-644.7	-467.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	781.5	748.7	-4.2	629.3	648.6	3.1	152.2	100.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	6.3	143.0	2169.8	2.8	3.6	28.6	3.5	139.4

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