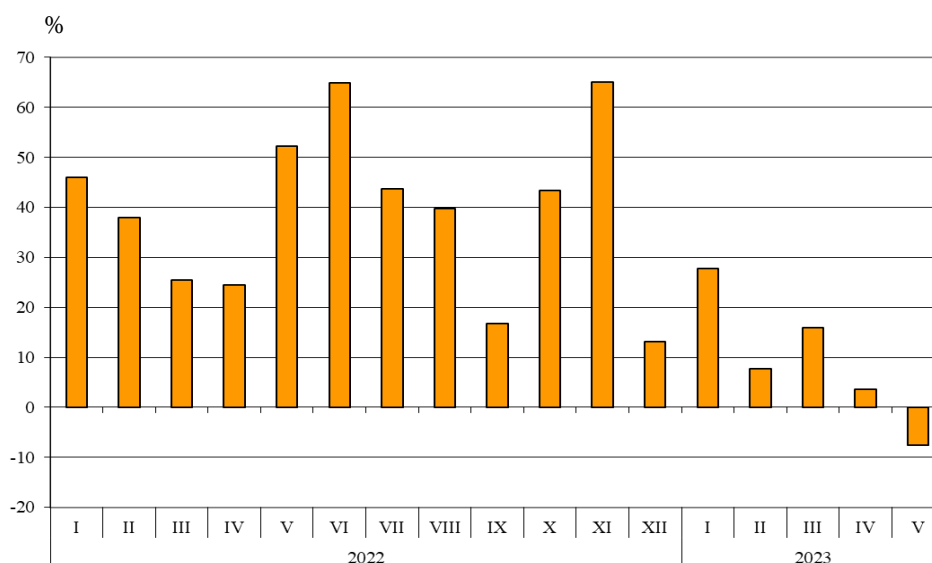


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 8.7% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 13 380.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, China, the United States, Ukraine, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 55.2% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2023 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 7.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 529.1 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)**



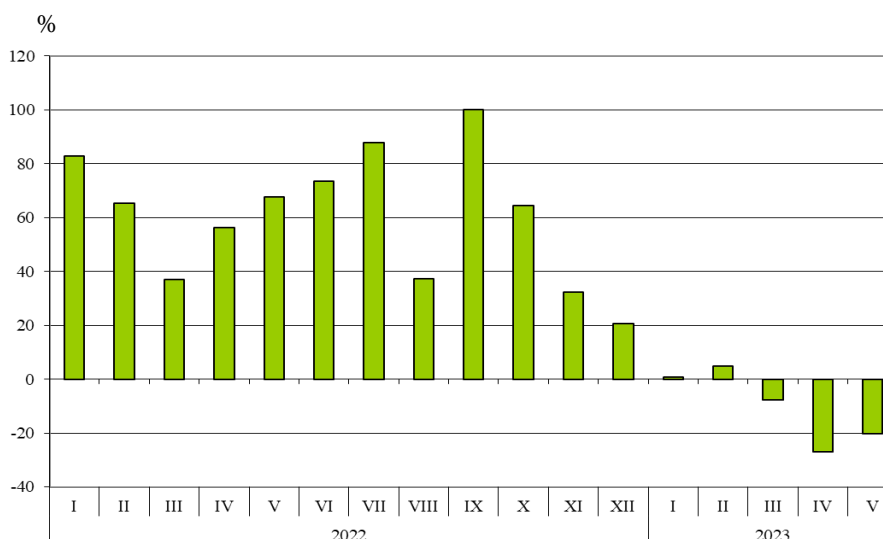
In the period January - May 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (73.1%) and 'Food and live animals' (29.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (23.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - May 2023 decreased by 10.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 16 376.1 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 May 2023 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 20.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 145.8 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 - May 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 - May 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (30.6%) and 'Food and live animals' (25.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.4%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - May 2023 was negative and added up to 2 995.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In May 2023 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 616.7 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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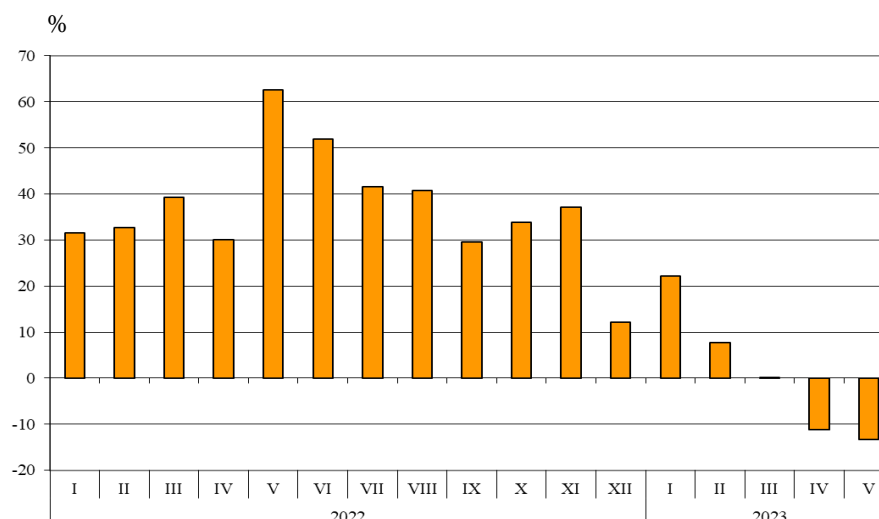
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - May 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 37 075.7 million BGN, which is 0.2% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2023** the total exports of goods added up to 7 263.4 million BGN and decreased by 13.3% 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)**

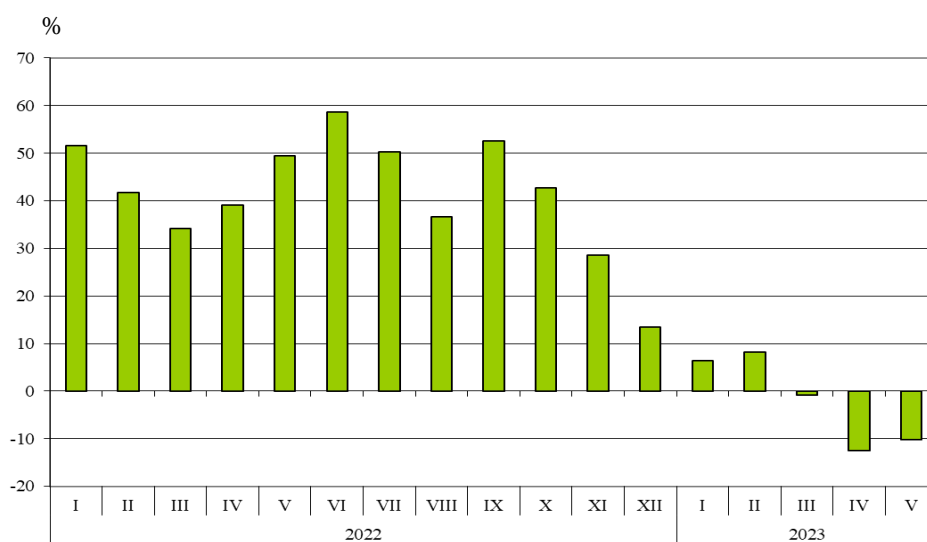


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - May 2023** amounted to 40 874.8 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 2.2% less than in the period January - May 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2023** the total imports of goods decreased by 10.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 111.5 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 - May 2023** and amounted to 3 799.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In May 2023 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 848.1 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
V.2022	8382.3	5645.2	2737.1	9027.9	5079.0	3948.9	-645.6	566.2	-1211.8
I - V.2022	37148.4	24837.0	12311.4	41802.3	23482.2	18320.1	-4653.9	1354.8	-6008.7
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
I - III.2023	22987.7	14673.3	8314.4	25365.7	14959.9	10405.8	-2378.0	-286.6	-2091.4
IV.2023	6824.6	4287.2	2537.4	7397.6	4573.1	2824.5	-573.0	-285.9	-287.1
V.2023	7263.4	4734.3	2529.1	8111.5	4965.7	3145.8	-848.1	-231.4	-616.7
I - V.2023	37075.7	23694.8	13380.9	40874.8	24498.7	16376.1	-3799.1	-803.9	-2995.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 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 the period January - May 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	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	9.0	5.1	16.7	4.3	8.2	-0.9
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.5	-0.1	-27.1
V	-13.3	-16.1	-7.6	-10.2	-2.2	-20.3
I - V	-0.2	-4.6	8.7	-2.2	4.3	-10.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - May 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	12311.4	13380.9	8.7	18320.1	16376.1	-10.6	-6008.7	-2995.2
of which:								
Albania	106.0	110.0	3.8	39.8	41.8	5.0	66.2	68.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	84.9	74.7	-12.0	20.2	33.3	64.9	64.7	41.4
Brazil	147.9	25.7	-82.6	190.7	266.4	39.7	-42.8	-240.7
Canada	78.6	70.6	-10.2	109.2	39.6	-63.7	-30.6	31.0
Chile	16.1	11.4	-29.2	171.9	153.1	-10.9	-155.8	-141.7
China	544.7	883.6	62.2	2382.0	2226.6	-6.5	-1837.3	-1343.0
Egypt	393.1	455.8	16.0	170.1	311.0	82.8	223.0	144.8
Georgia	230.5	144.4	-37.4	410.1	281.6	-31.3	-179.6	-137.2
Gibraltar	509.2	201.3	-60.5	0.3	0.0	x	508.9	201.3
India	193.3	178.5	-7.7	238.1	217.1	-8.8	-44.8	-38.6
Indonesia	19.8	36.4	83.8	113.4	202.0	78.1	-93.6	-165.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	119.3	80.3	-32.7	71.9	46.1	-35.9	47.4	34.2
Israel	289.9	202.1	-30.3	45.2	126.1	179.0	244.7	76.0
Japan	58.3	51.4	-11.8	177.3	179.3	1.1	-119.0	-127.9
Kazakhstan	23.0	69.1	200.4	4.4	6.8	54.5	18.6	62.3
Korea, Republic of	102.8	66.0	-35.8	156.0	157.5	1.0	-53.2	-91.5
Libya	120.6	82.6	-31.5	13.4	3.1	-76.9	107.2	79.5
Morocco	83.2	100.2	20.4	23.7	42.3	78.5	59.5	57.9
Namibia	53.7	0.3	-99.4	0.0	8.5	x	53.7	-8.2
Norway	43.7	46.9	7.3	30.9	23.5	-23.9	12.8	23.4
Peru	13.7	14.7	7.3	164.5	217.2	32.0	-150.8	-202.5
Republic of North Macedonia	645.2	689.1	6.8	355.3	419.8	18.2	289.9	269.3
Russian Federation	317.2	416.0	31.1	4973.7	2237.8	-55.0	-4656.5	-1821.8
Serbia	895.4	762.2	-14.9	699.9	938.7	34.1	195.5	-176.5
Singapore	19.5	25.6	31.3	47.4	36.4	-23.2	-27.9	-10.8
South Africa	238.8	86.2	-63.9	35.1	108.8	210.0	203.7	-22.6
Switzerland	220.7	398.6	80.6	241.9	359.2	48.5	-21.2	39.4
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.9	-17.1	3.9	0.5	-87.2	-0.4	2.4
Taiwan	36.5	106.5	191.8	199.1	145.7	-26.8	-162.6	-39.2
Tunisia	232.7	130.5	-43.9	49.6	18.8	-62.1	183.1	111.7
Türkiye	2342.6	2267.6	-3.2	3467.1	3470.9	0.1	-1124.5	-1203.3
Ukraine	354.7	813.3	129.3	977.8	723.7	-26.0	-623.1	89.6
United Arab Emirates	97.4	209.9	115.5	32.5	39.3	20.9	64.9	170.6
United Kingdom ³	627.3	1098.9	75.2	289.3	629.2	117.5	338.0	469.7
United States	830.2	866.3	4.3	352.7	580.0	64.4	477.5	286.3
Viet Nam	36.6	29.1	-20.5	122.4	104.2	-14.9	-85.8	-75.1

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 July 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 the period January - May 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	12311.4	13380.9	8.7	18320.1	16376.1	-10.6	-6008.7	-2995.2
Food and live animals	1648.9	2135.7	29.5	689.1	867.2	25.8	959.8	1268.5
Beverages and tobacco	87.3	112.9	29.3	118.4	154.6	30.6	-31.1	-41.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	935.0	844.8	-9.6	2755.9	2303.0	-16.4	-1820.9	-1458.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2515.6	1914.0	-23.9	4975.0	3462.6	-30.4	-2459.4	-1548.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	336.9	407.9	21.1	225.0	176.5	-21.6	111.9	231.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1613.0	1443.3	-10.5	1702.6	1407.6	-17.3	-89.6	35.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2035.0	1819.0	-10.6	3601.9	3003.3	-16.6	-1566.9	-1184.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1851.8	3205.4	73.1	3172.6	3894.4	22.8	-1320.8	-689.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1274.0	1269.4	-0.4	1073.9	1101.0	2.5	200.1	168.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	13.9	228.5	1543.9	5.7	5.9	3.5	8.2	222.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.