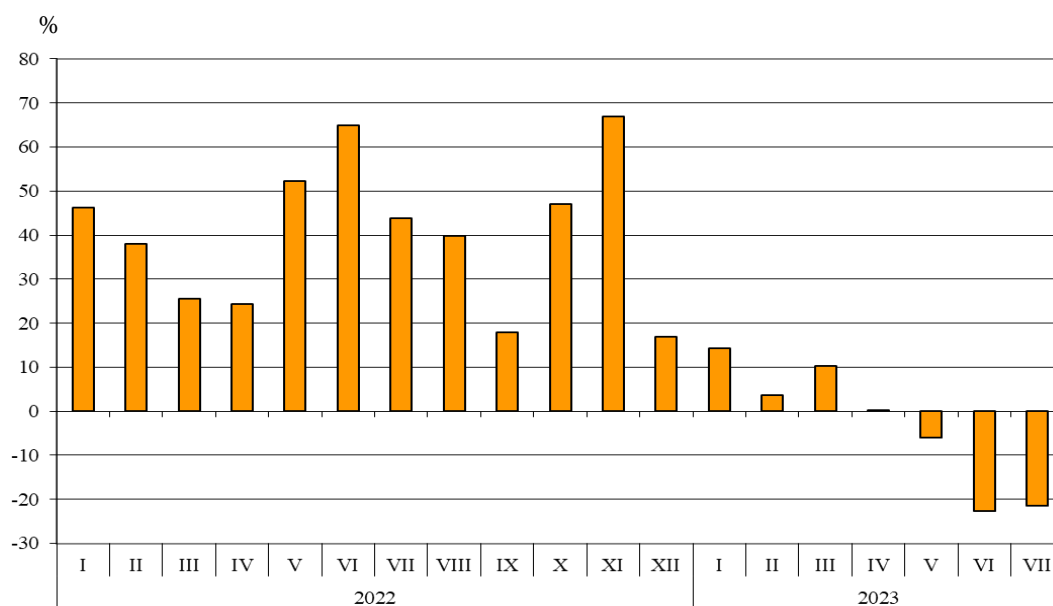


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - July 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 4.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 17 592.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, China, Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 52.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 21.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 294.1 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)**



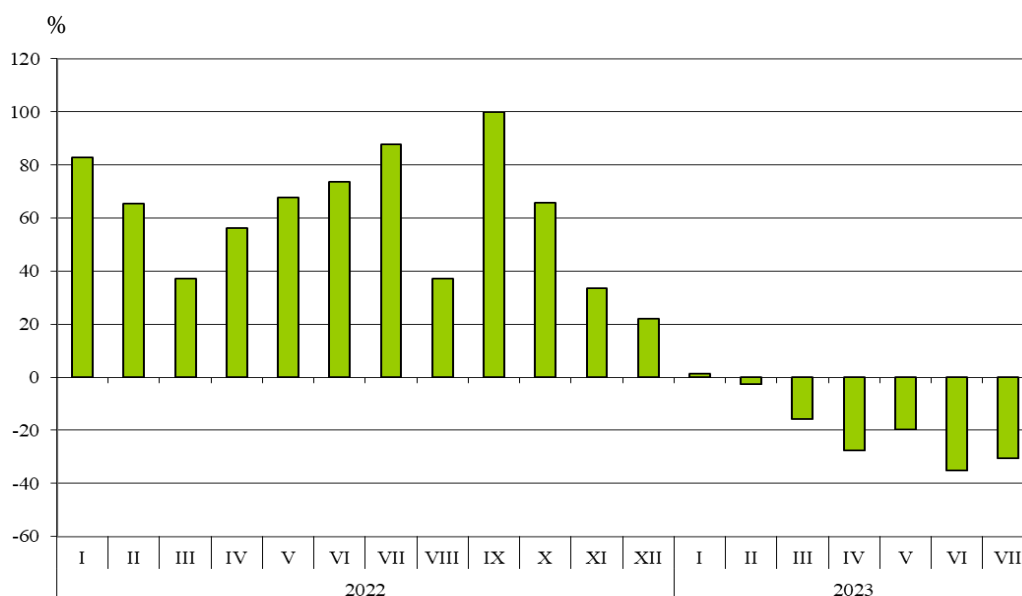
In the period January - July 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (29.0%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (21.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - July 2023 decreased by 20.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 22 011.8 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 July 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 30.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 127.6 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 - July 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 - July 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Food and live animals' (18.1%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (16.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (39.8%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - July 2023 was negative and added up to 4 419.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In July 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 833.5 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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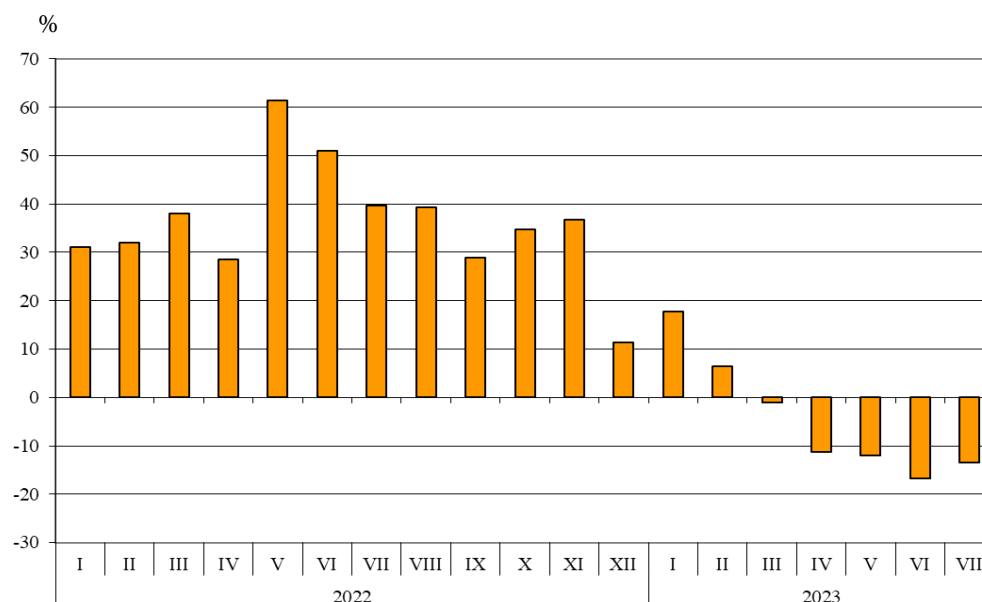
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - July 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 50 746.8 million BGN, which is 5.5% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 081.2 million BGN and decreased by 13.5% 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)**

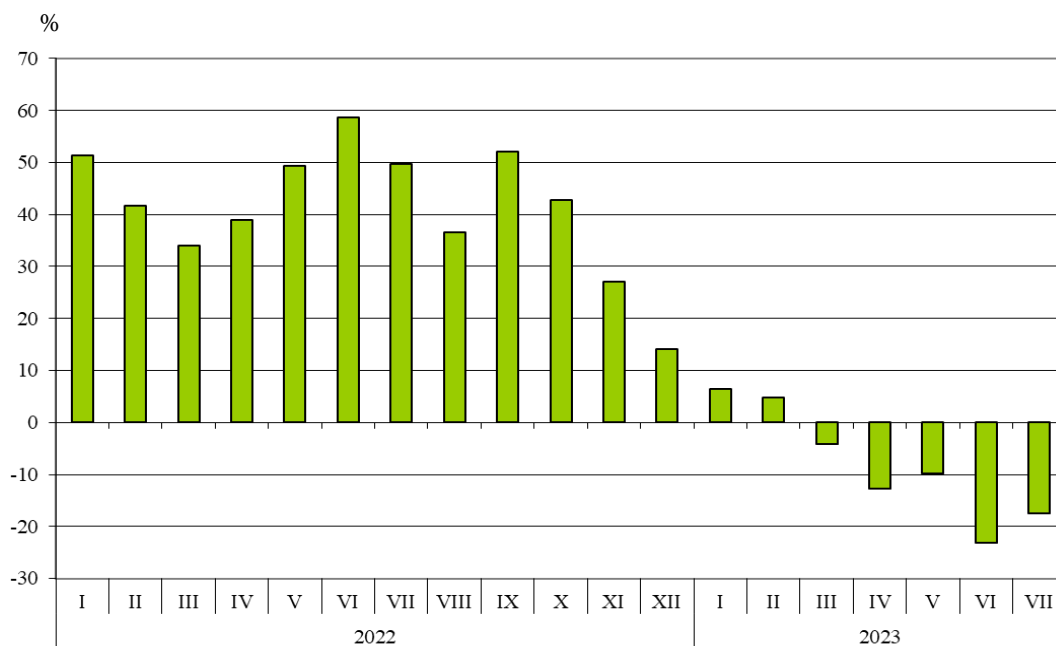


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - July 2023** amounted to 56 020.4 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 8.9% less than in the period January - July 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 17.4% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 855.0 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 - July 2023** and amounted to 5 273.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In July 2023, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 773.8 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - July 2022 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	6244.6	4124.4	2120.2	7643.0	4132.2	3510.8	-1398.4	-7.8	-1390.6
II.2022	6673.8	4272.2	2401.6	7694.6	4390.7	3303.9	-1020.8	-118.5	-902.3
III.2022	8035.5	5425.9	2609.6	8966.6	5278.8	3687.8	-931.1	147.1	-1078.2
I - III.2022	20953.9	13822.5	7131.4	24304.2	13801.7	10502.5	-3350.3	20.8	-3371.1
IV.2022	7590.2	5141.0	2449.2	8445.5	4571.6	3873.9	-855.3	569.4	-1424.7
V.2022	8322.2	5584.1	2738.1	9020.1	5071.1	3949.0	-697.9	513.0	-1210.9
VI.2022	8659.8	5453.8	3206.0	10219.3	5554.4	4664.9	-1559.5	-100.6	-1458.9
IV - VI.2022	24572.2	16178.9	8393.3	27684.9	15197.1	12487.8	-3112.7	981.8	-4094.5
I - VI.2022	45526.1	30001.4	15524.7	51989.1	28998.8	22990.3	-6463.0	1002.6	-7465.6
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
I - VII.2022	53713.1	35268.1	18445.0	61502.7	34000.2	27502.5	-7789.6	1267.9	-9057.5
I.2023	7356.3	4932.0	2424.3	8137.3	4578.7	3558.6	-781.0	353.3	-1134.3
II.2023	7100.5	4609.8	2490.7	8070.1	4847.5	3222.6	-969.6	-237.7	-731.9
III.2023	7945.3	5067.1	2878.2	8599.4	5488.2	3111.2	-654.1	-421.1	-233.0
I - III.2023	22402.1	14608.9	7793.2	24806.8	14914.4	9892.4	-2404.7	-305.5	-2099.2
IV.2023	6739.1	4286.6	2452.5	7369.8	4568.6	2801.2	-630.7	-282.0	-348.7
V.2023	7316.6	4741.9	2574.7	8137.3	4963.8	3173.5	-820.7	-221.9	-598.8
VI.2023	7207.8	4729.6	2478.2	7851.5	4834.4	3017.1	-643.7	-104.8	-538.9
IV - VI.2023	21263.5	13758.1	7505.4	23358.6	14366.8	8991.8	-2095.1	-608.7	-1486.4
I - VI.2023	43665.6	28367.0	15298.6	48165.4	29281.2	18884.2	-4499.8	-914.2	-3585.6
VII.2023	7081.2	4787.1	2294.1	7855.0	4727.4	3127.6	-773.8	59.7	-833.5
I - VII.2023	50746.8	33154.1	17592.7	56020.4	34008.6	22011.8	-5273.6	-854.5	-4419.1

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - July 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	17.8	19.6	14.3	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.7	4.9	10.4	-2.5
III	-1.1	-6.6	10.3	-4.1	4.0	-15.6
I - III	6.9	5.7	9.3	2.1	8.1	-5.8
IV	-11.2	-16.6	0.1	-12.7	-0.1	-27.7
V	-12.1	-15.1	-6.0	-9.8	-2.1	-19.6
VI	-16.8	-13.3	-22.7	-23.2	-13.0	-35.3
IV - VI	-13.5	-15.0	-10.6	-15.6	-5.5	-28.0
I - VI	-4.1	-5.4	-1.5	-7.4	1.0	-17.9
VII	-13.5	-9.1	-21.4	-17.4	-5.5	-30.7
I - VII	-5.5	-6.0	-4.6	-8.9	0.0	-20.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 13, 2023.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - July 2022 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	18445.0	17592.7	-4.6	27502.5	22011.8	-20.0	-9057.5	-4419.1
of which:								
Albania	149.4	152.3	1.9	64.8	57.1	-11.9	84.6	95.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	114.9	104.7	-8.9	27.9	45.3	62.4	87.0	59.4
Brazil	161.8	46.8	-71.1	296.9	398.3	34.2	-135.1	-351.5
Canada	116.2	136.3	17.3	122.0	51.7	-57.6	-5.8	84.6
Chile	19.9	17.1	-14.1	176.4	160.6	-9.0	-156.5	-143.5
China	742.3	1162.6	56.6	3456.7	3187.9	-7.8	-2714.4	-2025.3
Egypt	640.0	668.7	4.5	272.2	442.3	62.5	367.8	226.4
Georgia	288.8	224.5	-22.3	565.3	354.7	-37.3	-276.5	-130.2
Gibraltar	826.8	201.4	-75.6	0.3	0.0	x	826.5	201.4
India	298.2	220.7	-26.0	318.8	294.6	-7.6	-20.6	-73.9
Indonesia	31.2	192.1	515.7	181.2	400.8	121.2	-150.0	-208.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	148.2	116.6	-21.3	105.5	61.6	-41.6	42.7	55.0
Israel	451.8	246.0	-45.6	69.6	162.1	132.9	382.2	83.9
Japan	83.3	78.0	-6.4	243.9	239.5	-1.8	-160.6	-161.5
Kazakhstan	40.0	96.1	140.3	16.9	7.6	-55.0	23.1	88.5
Korea, Republic of	174.0	245.2	40.9	221.3	224.5	1.4	-47.3	20.7
Libya	226.9	101.6	-55.2	13.4	3.3	-75.4	213.5	98.3
Morocco	108.7	194.5	78.9	85.3	59.4	-30.4	23.4	135.1
Namibia	112.5	0.5	-99.6	1.0	8.5	750.0	111.5	-8.0
Norway	63.2	78.4	24.1	42.8	103.9	142.8	20.4	-25.5
Peru	18.9	26.5	40.2	305.3	225.3	-26.2	-286.4	-198.8
Republic of North Macedonia	912.1	958.3	5.1	505.7	545.8	7.9	406.4	412.5
Russian Federation	493.1	591.1	19.9	7088.9	3193.1	-55.0	-6595.8	-2602.0
Serbia	1318.8	1112.4	-15.7	1015.5	1236.9	21.8	303.3	-124.5
Singapore	28.0	35.0	25.0	61.8	49.4	-20.1	-33.8	-14.4
South Africa	260.2	134.7	-48.2	45.4	135.6	198.7	214.8	-0.9
Switzerland	326.8	409.8	25.4	356.6	408.4	14.5	-29.8	1.4
Syrian Arab Republic	4.6	3.1	-32.6	8.2	0.7	-91.5	-3.6	2.4
Taiwan	51.9	152.3	193.4	288.6	199.8	-30.8	-236.7	-47.5
Tunisia	309.7	141.7	-54.2	59.6	24.5	-58.9	250.1	117.2
Türkiye	3410.6	2930.1	-14.1	5333.5	4660.7	-12.6	-1922.9	-1730.6
Ukraine	963.0	1107.6	15.0	1917.1	1028.0	-46.4	-954.1	79.6
United Arab Emirates	130.7	157.1	20.2	46.3	56.2	21.4	84.4	100.9
United Kingdom ³	875.4	763.9	-12.7	415.4	452.6	9.0	460.0	311.3
United States	1175.5	1200.8	2.2	709.6	730.2	2.9	465.9	470.6
Viet Nam	58.2	38.5	-33.8	184.6	197.3	6.9	-126.4	-158.8

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 September 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.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC,
rev.4 in the period January - July 2022 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	18445.0	17592.7	-4.6	27502.5	22011.8	-20.0	-9057.5	-4419.1
Food and live animals	2704.6	3099.8	14.6	989.6	1169.0	18.1	1715.0	1930.8
Beverages and tobacco	136.7	157.7	15.4	187.6	218.7	16.6	-50.9	-61.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1241.8	1161.4	-6.5	4393.3	2950.1	-32.9	-3151.5	-1788.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4332.2	2663.1	-38.5	7643.4	4779.6	-37.5	-3311.2	-2116.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	421.0	543.1	29.0	422.0	254.1	-39.8	-1.0	289.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2224.5	2030.6	-8.7	2552.3	1955.8	-23.4	-327.8	74.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2865.0	2568.0	-10.4	5185.9	4245.9	-18.1	-2320.9	-1677.9
Machinery and transport equipment	2719.5	3298.2	21.3	4572.5	4797.7	4.9	-1853.0	-1499.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1781.3	1746.1	-2.0	1545.8	1627.5	5.3	235.5	118.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	18.5	324.7	1655.1	9.8	13.5	37.8	8.7	311.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 13, 2023.