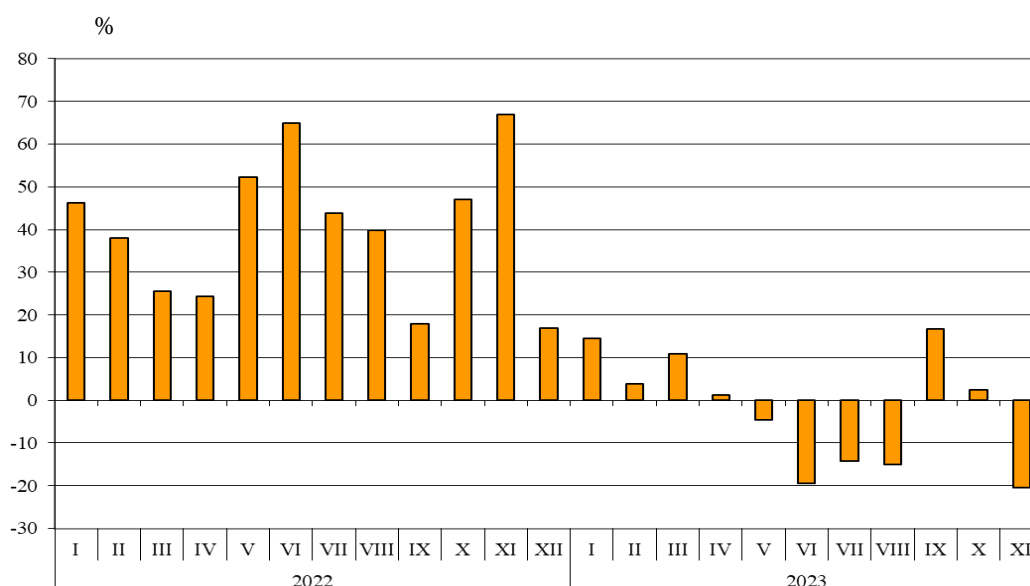


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - November 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 3.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 28 782.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, China, the United States, Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia and Egypt, which accounted for 50.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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)**



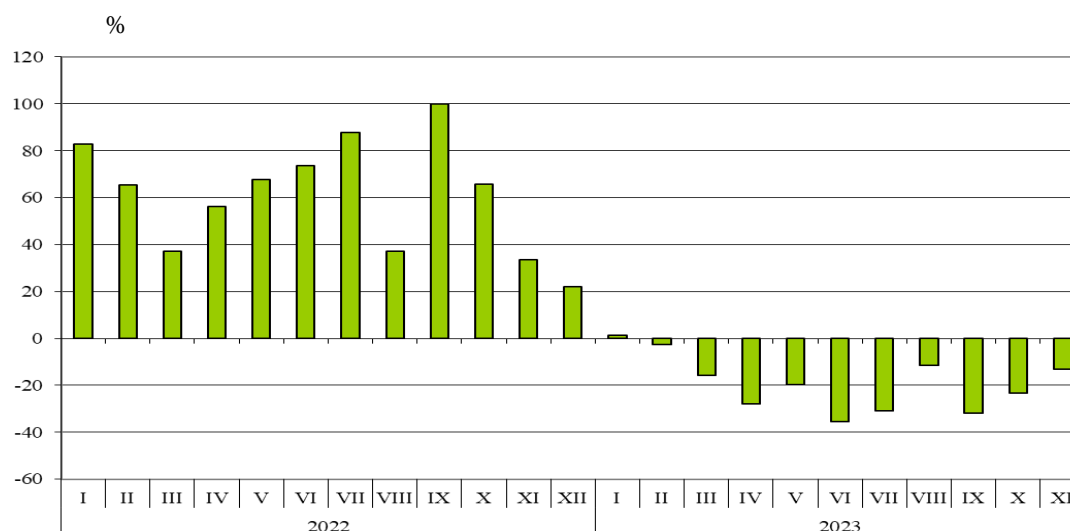
In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (22.0%) and 'Food and live animals' (21.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.9%).

In **November 2023**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 20.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 501.7 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - November 2023** decreased by 20.3% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 35 707.8 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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).

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (14.6%) and 'Food and live animals' (13.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (49.1%).

**In November 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** decreased by 13.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 526.0 million BGN.

**The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - November 2023** was negative and added up to 6 925.8 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In November 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries** was also negative and amounted to 1 024.3 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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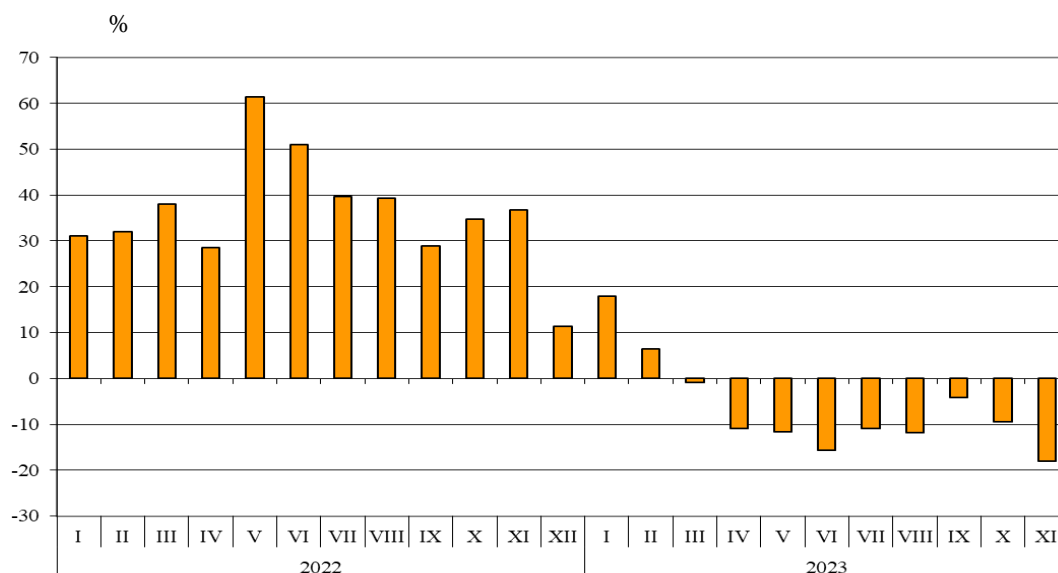
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - November 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 80 056.0 million BGN, which is 7.1% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 016.8 million BGN and decreased by 18.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

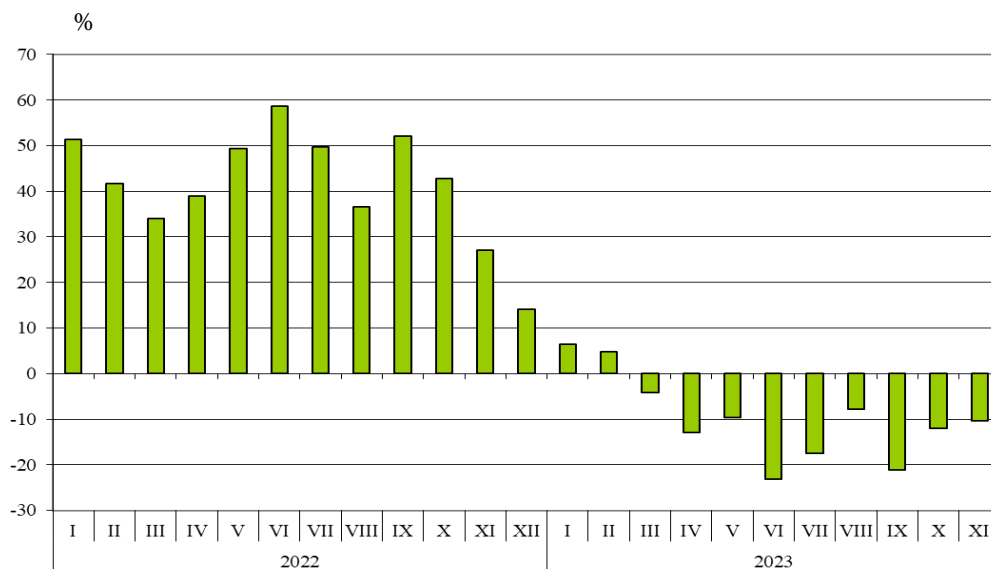


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - November 2023** amounted to 89 054.9 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 10.5% less than in the period January - November 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **November 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 10.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 614.4 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - November 2023** and amounted to 8 998.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In November 2023**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 597.6 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - November 2022 and 2023<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>20953.9</b>	<b>13822.5</b>	<b>7131.4</b>	<b>24304.2</b>	<b>13801.7</b>	<b>10502.5</b>	<b>-3350.3</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>-3371.1</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>24572.2</b>	<b>16178.9</b>	<b>8393.3</b>	<b>27684.9</b>	<b>15197.1</b>	<b>12487.8</b>	<b>-3112.7</b>	<b>981.8</b>	<b>-4094.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>45526.1</b>	<b>30001.4</b>	<b>15524.7</b>	<b>51989.1</b>	<b>28998.8</b>	<b>22990.3</b>	<b>-6463.0</b>	<b>1002.6</b>	<b>-7465.6</b>
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
VIII.2022	7809.0	4915.0	2894.0	8535.3	4724.1	3811.2	-726.3	190.9	-917.2
IX.2022	7803.3	5313.9	2489.4	10043.6	5178.1	4865.5	-2240.3	135.8	-2376.1
<b>VII - IX.2022</b>	<b>23799.3</b>	<b>15495.6</b>	<b>8303.7</b>	<b>28092.5</b>	<b>14903.6</b>	<b>13188.9</b>	<b>-4293.2</b>	<b>592.0</b>	<b>-4885.2</b>
<b>I - IX.2022</b>	<b>69325.4</b>	<b>45497.0</b>	<b>23828.4</b>	<b>80081.6</b>	<b>43902.4</b>	<b>36179.2</b>	<b>-10756.2</b>	<b>1594.6</b>	<b>-12350.8</b>
X.2022	8296.5	5445.2	2851.3	9821.0	5262.9	4558.1	-1524.5	182.3	-1706.8
XI.2022	8559.4	5414.7	3144.7	9603.7	5546.6	4057.1	-1044.3	-131.9	-912.4
<b>I - XI.2022</b>	<b>86181.3</b>	<b>56356.9</b>	<b>29824.4</b>	<b>99506.3</b>	<b>54711.9</b>	<b>44794.4</b>	<b>-13325.0</b>	<b>1645.0</b>	<b>-14970.0</b>
I.2023	7359.6	4931.9	2427.7	8137.1	4577.5	3559.6	-777.5	354.4	-1131.9
II.2023	7103.7	4609.3	2494.4	8067.4	4845.9	3221.5	-963.7	-236.6	-727.1
III.2023	7964.8	5073.0	2891.8	8594.1	5487.6	3106.5	-629.3	-414.6	-214.7
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22428.1</b>	<b>14614.2</b>	<b>7813.9</b>	<b>24798.6</b>	<b>14911.0</b>	<b>9887.6</b>	<b>-2370.5</b>	<b>-296.8</b>	<b>-2073.7</b>
IV.2023	6760.5	4278.6	2481.9	7356.0	4565.7	2790.3	-595.5	-287.1	-308.4
V.2023	7354.6	4741.9	2612.7	8148.1	4976.6	3171.5	-793.5	-234.7	-558.8
VI.2023	7309.0	4729.4	2579.6	7862.8	4849.2	3013.6	-553.8	-119.8	-434.0
<b>IV - VI.2023</b>	<b>21424.1</b>	<b>13749.9</b>	<b>7674.2</b>	<b>23366.9</b>	<b>14391.5</b>	<b>8975.4</b>	<b>-1942.8</b>	<b>-641.6</b>	<b>-1301.2</b>
<b>I - VI.2023</b>	<b>43852.2</b>	<b>28364.1</b>	<b>15488.1</b>	<b>48165.5</b>	<b>29302.5</b>	<b>18863.0</b>	<b>-4313.3</b>	<b>-938.4</b>	<b>-3374.9</b>
VII.2023	7294.3	4786.4	2507.9	7858.0	4732.5	3125.5	-563.7	53.9	-617.6
VIII.2023	6893.0	4436.6	2456.4	7862.1	4484.6	3377.5	-969.1	-48.0	-921.1
IX.2023	7481.8	4575.8	2906.0	7917.8	4598.1	3319.7	-436.0	-22.3	-413.7
<b>VII - IX.2023</b>	<b>21669.1</b>	<b>13798.8</b>	<b>7870.3</b>	<b>23637.9</b>	<b>13815.2</b>	<b>9822.7</b>	<b>-1968.8</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-1952.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2023</b>	<b>65521.3</b>	<b>42162.9</b>	<b>23358.4</b>	<b>71803.4</b>	<b>43117.7</b>	<b>28685.7</b>	<b>-6282.1</b>	<b>-954.8</b>	<b>-5327.3</b>
X.2023	7517.9	4596.0	2921.9	8637.1	5141.0	3496.1	-1119.2	-545.0	-574.2
XI.2023	7016.8	4515.1	2501.7	8614.4	5088.4	3526.0	-1597.6	-573.3	-1024.3
<b>I - XI.2023</b>	<b>80056.0</b>	<b>51274.0</b>	<b>28782.0</b>	<b>89054.9</b>	<b>53347.1</b>	<b>35707.8</b>	<b>-8998.9</b>	<b>-2073.1</b>	<b>-6925.8</b>

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - November 2023<sup>1</sup> 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	17.9	19.6	14.5	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.9	4.8	10.4	-2.5
III	-0.9	-6.5	10.8	-4.2	4.0	-15.8
<b>I - III</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-5.9</b>
IV	-10.9	-16.8	1.3	-12.9	-0.1	-28.0
V	-11.6	-15.1	-4.6	-9.7	-1.9	-19.7
VI	-15.6	-13.3	-19.5	-23.1	-12.7	-35.4
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-12.8</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-28.1</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-18.0</b>
VII	-10.9	-9.1	-14.1	-17.4	-5.4	-30.7
VIII	-11.7	-9.7	-15.1	-7.9	-5.1	-11.4
IX	-4.1	-13.9	16.7	-21.2	-11.2	-31.8
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-25.5</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-20.7</b>
X	-9.4	-15.6	2.5	-12.1	-2.3	-23.3
XI	-18.0	-16.6	-20.4	-10.3	-8.3	-13.1
<b>I - XI</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-20.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of January 12, 2024.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period  
January - November 2022 and 2023<sup>2</sup>

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	29824.4	28782.0	-3.5	44794.4	35707.8	-20.3	-14970.0	-6925.8
of which:								
Albania	236.4	237.6	0.5	98.7	82.2	-16.7	137.7	155.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	178.9	173.0	-3.3	48.3	66.5	37.7	130.6	106.5
Brazil	186.8	76.6	-59.0	536.0	610.2	13.8	-349.2	-533.6
Canada	190.4	257.6	35.3	220.1	242.4	10.1	-29.7	15.2
Chile	39.2	23.9	-39.0	288.1	300.3	4.2	-248.9	-276.4
China	1334.1	1904.6	42.8	5775.5	4879.1	-15.5	-4441.4	-2974.5
Egypt	1200.8	1310.5	9.1	450.0	652.7	45.0	750.8	657.8
Georgia	456.7	497.1	8.8	872.9	553.3	-36.6	-416.2	-56.2
Gibraltar	958.3	341.5	-64.4	0.3	0.1	-66.7	958.0	341.4
India	569.8	367.3	-35.5	456.0	433.2	-5.0	113.8	-65.9
Indonesia	164.0	499.0	204.3	469.8	724.3	54.2	-305.8	-225.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	232.6	209.8	-9.8	159.2	102.0	-35.9	73.4	107.8
Israel	554.8	381.5	-31.2	108.6	210.2	93.6	446.2	171.3
Japan	139.2	159.6	14.7	419.0	350.3	-16.4	-279.8	-190.7
Kazakhstan	92.4	151.0	63.4	53.8	15.4	-71.4	38.6	135.6
Korea, Republic of	237.5	379.5	59.8	351.8	340.9	-3.1	-114.3	38.6
Libya	363.9	266.5	-26.8	34.0	3.8	-88.8	329.9	262.7
Morocco	160.9	309.9	92.6	138.7	162.8	17.4	22.2	147.1
Namibia	200.5	50.0	-75.1	8.4	8.5	1.2	192.1	41.5
Norway	106.2	121.2	14.1	68.5	236.1	244.7	37.7	-114.9
Peru	25.2	40.6	61.1	403.0	373.9	-7.2	-377.8	-333.3
Republic of North Macedonia	1410.2	1500.9	6.4	785.1	927.4	18.1	625.1	573.5
Russian Federation	888.0	912.8	2.8	11062.3	5910.5	-46.6	-10174.3	-4997.7
Serbia	2130.6	1754.2	-17.7	1670.8	1968.4	17.8	459.8	-214.2
Singapore	44.4	260.7	487.2	105.2	69.6	-33.8	-60.8	191.1
South Africa	449.6	226.4	-49.6	227.6	185.3	-18.6	222.0	41.1
Switzerland	560.3	618.6	10.4	574.1	643.1	12.0	-13.8	-24.5
Syrian Arab Republic	9.0	3.8	-57.8	10.4	1.6	-84.6	-1.4	2.2
Taiwan	90.7	247.5	172.9	455.9	289.6	-36.5	-365.2	-42.1
Tunisia	433.8	218.1	-49.7	77.4	68.2	-11.9	356.4	149.9
Türkiye	5155.4	4503.5	-12.6	8429.8	7308.6	-13.3	-3274.4	-2805.1
Ukraine	1988.7	1569.5	-21.1	3056.5	1688.2	-44.8	-1067.8	-118.7
United Arab Emirates	235.8	320.8	36.0	88.0	90.6	3.0	147.8	230.2
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	1366.9	1264.0	-7.5	787.7	721.9	-8.4	579.2	542.1
United States	1910.9	1876.4	-1.8	1544.6	970.1	-37.2	366.3	906.3
Vjet Nam	94.5	98.6	4.3	317.1	271.6	-14.3	-222.6	-173.0

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of January 12, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

**Table 4**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - November 2022 and 2023<sup>1</sup>**

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	29824.4	28782.0	-3.5	44794.4	35707.8	-20.3	-14970.0	-6925.8
Food and live animals	4149.3	5038.8	21.4	1670.8	1887.9	13.0	2478.5	3150.9
Beverages and tobacco	228.2	278.4	22.0	288.0	330.1	14.6	-59.8	-51.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1814.3	1845.1	1.7	6771.5	4811.2	-28.9	-4957.2	-2966.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	6781.4	4682.8	-30.9	13094.3	8409.3	-35.8	-6312.9	-3726.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1074.5	818.5	-23.8	871.3	443.9	-49.1	203.2	374.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3559.4	3220.1	-9.5	3963.7	3071.7	-22.5	-404.3	148.4
Manufactured goods, classified chiefly by material	4766.7	4259.4	-10.6	7876.2	6658.4	-15.5	-3109.5	-2399.0
Machinery and transport equipment	4535.0	5451.6	20.2	7709.9	7423.5	-3.7	-3174.9	-1971.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2842.0	2784.5	-2.0	2533.0	2653.2	4.7	309.0	131.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	73.6	402.8	447.3	15.7	18.6	18.5	57.9	384.2

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of January 12, 2024.