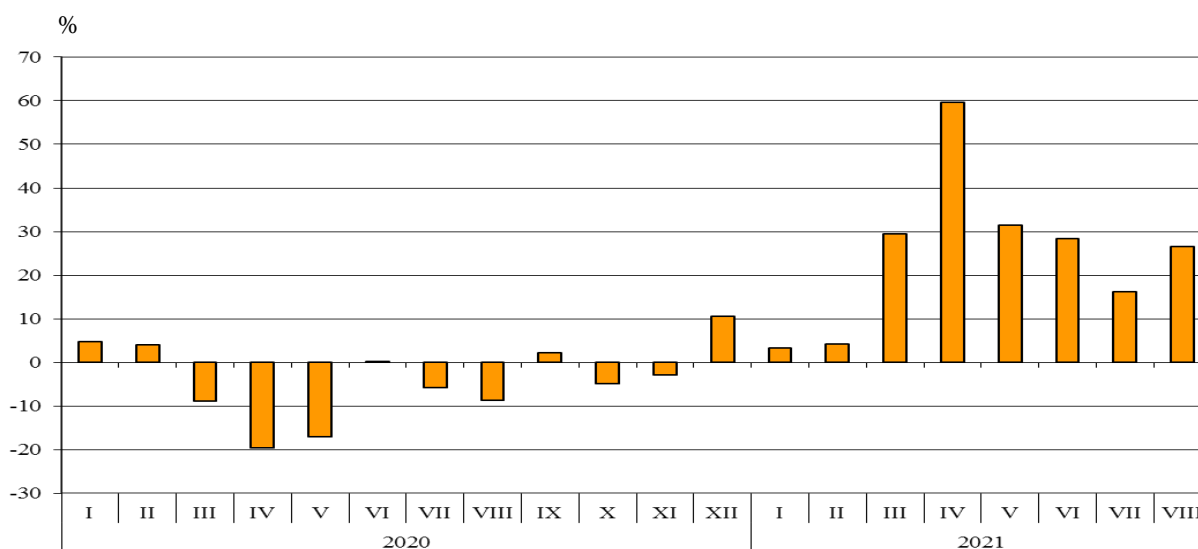


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 23.5% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 28 795.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 69.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 26.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 537.5 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - August 2021** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in sections 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (136.4 %) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)² (28.4%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported only in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (13.8%).

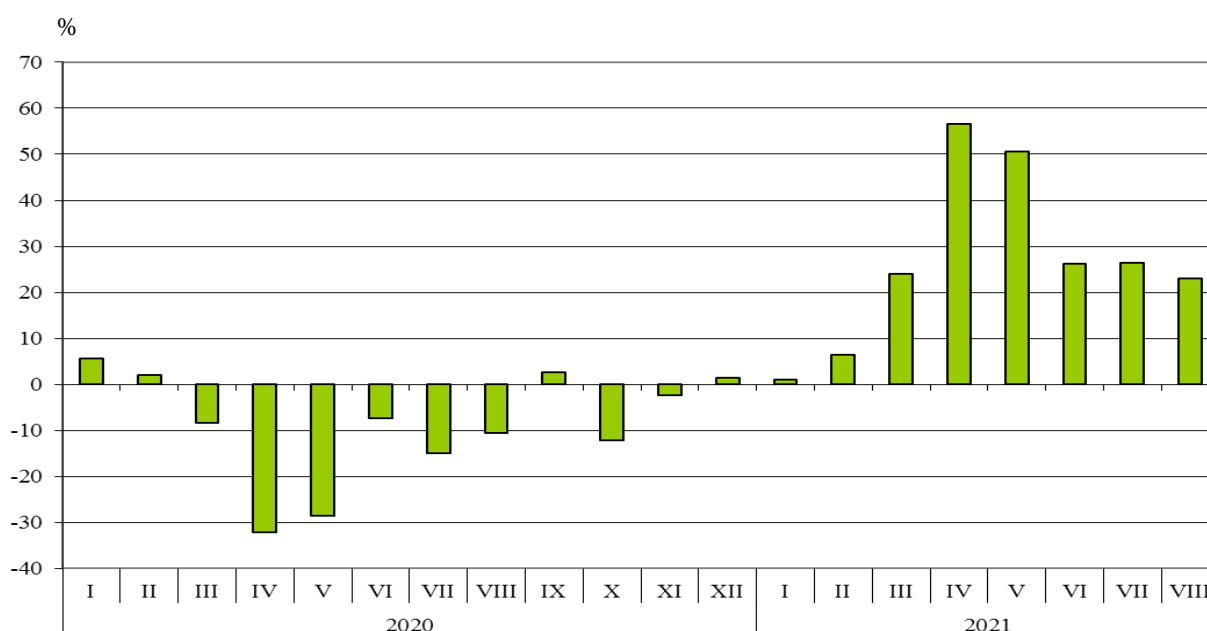
¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.c.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - August 2021** increased by 25.0% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 29 026.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **August 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 23.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 475.0 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - August 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the corresponding period of 2020 was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (121.8%). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - August 2021** was negative and added up to 231.0 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.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2020 and 2021¹ 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.2020	4990.9	3207.9	1783.0	5299.0	3098.6	2200.4	-308.1	109.3	-417.4
II.2020	4849.6	3174.6	1675.0	5216.8	3227.4	1989.4	-367.2	-52.8	-314.4
III.2020	4506.0	2883.5	1622.5	5053.6	3223.8	1829.8	-547.6	-340.3	-207.3
I - III.2020	14346.5	9266.0	5080.5	15569.4	9549.8	6019.6	-1222.9	-283.8	-939.1
IV.2020	3890.5	2444.9	1445.6	3964.4	2299.7	1664.7	-73.9	145.2	-219.1
V.2020	3844.5	2558.3	1286.2	4084.8	2447.9	1636.9	-240.3	110.4	-350.7
VI.2020	4412.7	2959.7	1453.0	4842.2	2973.3	1868.9	-429.5	-13.6	-415.9
IV - VI.2020	12147.7	7962.9	4184.8	12891.4	7720.9	5170.5	-743.7	242.0	-985.7
I - VI.2020	26494.2	17228.9	9265.3	28460.8	17270.7	11190.1	-1966.6	-41.8	-1924.8
VII.2020	4865.8	3299.3	1566.5	5113.5	3125.4	1988.1	-247.7	173.9	-421.6
VIII.2020	4160.8	2795.2	1365.6	4602.3	2826.3	1776.0	-441.5	-31.1	-410.4
I - VIII.2020	35520.8	23323.4	12197.4	38176.6	23222.4	14954.2	-2655.8	101.0	-2756.8
I.2021	4758.8	3311.0	1447.8	5044.2	3130.2	1914.0	-285.4	180.8	-466.2
II.2021	5047.6	3310.3	1737.3	5435.8	3437.0	1998.8	-388.2	-126.7	-261.5
III.2021	5800.3	3735.7	2064.6	6682.4	3997.2	2685.2	-882.1	-261.5	-620.6
I - III.2021	15606.7	10357.0	5249.7	17162.4	10564.4	6598.0	-1555.7	-207.4	-1348.3
IV.2021	5824.5	3903.7	1920.8	6060.0	3601.0	2459.0	-235.5	302.7	-538.2
V.2021	5119.5	3364.7	1754.8	6010.5	3685.8	2324.7	-891.0	-321.1	-569.9
VI.2021	5639.3	3800.8	1838.5	6440.1	3750.3	2689.8	-800.8	50.5	-851.3
IV - VI.2021	16583.3	11069.2	5514.1	18510.6	11037.1	7473.5	-1927.3	32.1	-1959.4
I - VI.2021	32190.0	21426.2	10763.8	35673.0	21601.5	14071.5	-3483.0	-175.3	-3307.7
VII.2021	5776.5	3832.0	1944.5	6360.4	3950.2	2410.2	-583.9	-118.2	-465.7
VIII.2021	5526.8	3537.5	1989.3	6248.5	3475.0	2773.5	-721.7	62.5	-784.2
I - VIII.2021	43493.3	28795.7	14697.6	48281.9	29026.7	19255.2	-4788.6	-231.0	-4557.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2021.

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 the period
January - August 2021¹ 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	-4.7	3.2	-18.8	-4.8	1.0	-13.0
II	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.2	6.5	0.5
III	28.7	29.6	27.2	32.2	24.0	46.7
I - III	8.8	11.8	3.3	10.2	10.6	9.6
IV	49.7	59.7	32.9	52.9	56.6	47.7
V	33.2	31.5	36.4	47.1	50.6	42.0
VI	27.8	28.4	26.5	33.0	26.1	43.9
IV - VI	36.5	39.0	31.8	43.6	43.0	44.5
I - VI	21.5	24.4	16.2	25.3	25.1	25.7
VII	18.7	16.1	24.1	24.4	26.4	21.2
VIII	32.8	26.6	45.7	35.8	23.0	56.2
I - VIII	22.4	23.5	20.5	26.5	25.0	28.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2020 and 2021²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	35520.8	43493.3	22.4	38176.6	48281.9	26.5	-2655.8	-4788.6
EU	23323.4	28795.7	23.5	23222.4	29026.7	25.0	101.0	-231.0
Austria	688.4	907.4	31.8	1047.8	1267.4	21.0	-359.4	-360.0
Belgium	1288.9	1288.9	0.0	697.5	914.1	31.1	591.4	374.8
Croatia	201.3	424.2	110.7	205.9	289.5	40.6	-4.6	134.7
Cyprus	137.6	175.4	27.5	69.3	122.9	77.3	68.3	52.5
Czechia	765.6	947.9	23.8	960.9	1227.3	27.7	-195.3	-279.4
Denmark	260.4	351.4	34.9	188.4	224.7	19.3	72.0	126.7
Estonia	26.7	42.0	57.3	32.6	63.0	93.3	-5.9	-21.0
Finland	82.9	93.5	12.8	104.9	106.3	1.3	-22.0	-12.8
France	1410.4	1574.8	11.7	1121.9	1310.2	16.8	288.5	264.6
Germany	5742.5	6823.2	18.8	4624.9	6036.0	30.5	1117.6	787.2
Greece	2357.4	2787.6	18.2	1998.7	2295.6	14.9	358.7	492.0
Hungary	599.8	813.8	35.7	1454.8	1834.9	26.1	-855.0	-1021.1
Ireland	103.0	79.4	-22.9	242.5	336.2	38.6	-139.5	-256.8
Italy	2394.7	3254.2	35.9	2709.9	3165.2	16.8	-315.2	89.0
Latvia	55.0	49.7	-9.6	29.0	38.7	33.4	26.0	11.0
Lithuania	99.8	107.3	7.5	89.6	113.2	26.3	10.2	-5.9
Luxembourg	19.3	34.8	80.3	45.7	69.1	51.2	-26.4	-34.3
Malta	32.3	28.7	-11.1	31.2	18.3	-41.3	1.1	10.4
Netherlands	951.1	1109.5	16.7	1542.0	1968.3	27.6	-590.9	-858.8
Poland	846.2	1096.9	29.6	1379.3	1731.4	25.5	-533.1	-634.5
Portugal	145.1	159.4	9.9	77.5	148.4	91.5	67.6	11.0
Romania	3233.5	4298.9	32.9	2772.9	3469.8	25.1	460.6	829.1
Slovakia	354.7	350.6	-1.2	528.0	631.9	19.7	-173.3	-281.3
Slovenia	234.5	256.1	9.2	288.6	356.3	23.5	-54.1	-100.2
Spain	840.0	1221.6	45.4	706.1	930.7	31.8	133.9	290.9
Sweden	314.8	350.4	11.3	240.3	290.3	20.8	74.5	60.1
Not specified	137.5	168.1	22.3	32.2	67.0	108.1	105.3	101.1

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 12-th November 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2020 and 2021²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	12197.4	14697.6	20.5	14954.2	19255.2	28.8	-2756.8	-4557.6
CIS³	815.5	802.6	-1.6	2587.3	3785.1	46.3	-1771.8	-2982.5
of which:								
Kazakhstan	40.5	37.1	-8.4	15.4	3.4	-77.9	25.1	33.7
Russian Federation	530.4	520.8	-1.8	2457.2	3567.5	45.2	-1926.8	-3046.7
OECD⁴	4737.3	5693.0	20.2	4855.1	6417.7	32.2	-117.8	-724.7
of which:								
Canada	176.9	78.4	-55.7	229.4	211.1	-8.0	-52.5	-132.7
Israel	149.6	232.0	55.1	58.1	302.1	420.0	91.5	-70.1
Japan	69.0	68.1	-1.3	181.9	251.5	38.3	-112.9	-183.4
Korea, Republic of	85.6	240.4	180.8	169.3	176.6	4.3	-83.7	63.8
Turkey	2270.8	2795.3	23.1	2630.5	3605.5	37.1	-359.7	-810.2
United Kingdom ⁵	826.8	789.6	-4.5	460.1	374.6	-18.6	366.7	415.0
United States	701.3	914.6	30.4	451.4	374.5	-17.0	249.9	540.1
EFTA⁶	304.5	379.9	24.8	354.3	399.8	12.8	-49.8	-19.9
of which:								
Norway	62.3	71.6	14.9	31.3	37.9	21.1	31.0	33.7
Switzerland	240.7	305.7	27.0	317.5	357.5	12.6	-76.8	-51.8

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² Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2021.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2020 and 2021²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	113.0	142.6	26.2	35.8	46.9	31.0	77.2	95.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	110.4	121.3	9.9	29.6	35.9	21.3	80.8	85.4
Brazil	63.5	46.2	-27.2	106.2	224.2	111.1	-42.7	-178.0
China	1155.8	1500.8	29.8	1985.2	2610.2	31.5	-829.4	-1109.4
Egypt	233.0	329.3	41.3	468.5	401.8	-14.2	-235.5	-72.5
Georgia	161.4	250.8	55.4	618.9	435.7	-29.6	-457.5	-184.9
India	128.7	155.9	21.1	189.2	258.3	36.5	-60.5	-102.4
Indonesia	56.3	82.7	46.9	168.6	40.3	-76.1	-112.3	42.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	153.5	118.8	-22.6	25.9	63.8	146.3	127.6	55.0
Peru	10.6	5.4	-49.1	417.4	422.6	1.2	-406.8	-417.2
Republic of North Macedonia	459.3	670.8	46.0	361.1	462.0	27.9	98.2	208.8
Serbia	622.1	858.7	38.0	801.1	932.6	16.4	-179.0	-73.9
Singapore	30.7	35.1	14.3	45.5	54.9	20.7	-14.8	-19.8
South Africa	161.4	78.0	-51.7	36.5	66.5	82.2	124.9	11.5
Syrian Arab Republic	3.9	6.7	71.8	0.4	3.8	850.0	3.5	2.9
Taiwan	56.7	42.1	-25.7	133.0	213.9	60.8	-76.3	-171.8
Tunisia	141.3	314.8	122.8	19.6	27.4	39.8	121.7	287.4
Ukraine	281.1	514.3	83.0	652.2	1030.9	58.1	-371.1	-516.6
United Arab Emirates	93.9	97.4	3.7	31.7	49.9	57.4	62.2	47.5
Viet Nam	49.7	117.5	136.4	92.8	130.9	41.1	-43.1	-13.4

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 12-th November 2021.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - August 2020 and 2021¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	35520.8	43493.3	22.4	38176.6	48281.9	26.5	-2655.8	-4788.6
of which: EU	23323.4	28795.7	23.5	23222.4	29026.7	25.0	101.0	-231.0
Food and live animals	4226.8	4970.1	17.6	3337.7	3641.7	9.1	889.1	1328.4
of which: EU	2627.7	3045.6	15.9	2581.0	2802.4	8.6	46.7	243.2
Beverages and tobacco	497.3	418.6	-15.8	758.8	821.7	8.3	-261.5	-403.1
of which: EU	348.4	300.4	-13.8	598.5	619.7	3.5	-250.1	-319.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2581.0	3354.9	30.0	3779.2	4323.1	14.4	-1198.2	-968.2
of which: EU	1547.1	1986.8	28.4	740.6	1010.3	36.4	806.5	976.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1868.8	2338.0	25.1	3428.1	5250.6	53.2	-1559.3	-2912.6
of which: EU	717.5	852.5	18.8	1043.6	1405.4	34.7	-326.1	-552.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	556.8	932.9	67.5	178.6	302.8	69.5	378.2	630.1
of which: EU	273.4	646.4	136.4	84.7	187.9	121.8	188.7	458.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	4198.4	4928.0	17.4	6015.2	7484.5	24.4	-1816.8	-2556.5
of which: EU	2535.4	3198.3	26.1	4524.7	5660.5	25.1	-1989.3	-2462.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	8063.1	10179.2	26.2	6692.4	8318.2	24.3	1370.7	1861.0
of which: EU	5303.7	6713.1	26.6	3661.7	4379.4	19.6	1642.0	2333.7
Machinery and transport equipment	8244.8	10195.2	23.7	10469.0	13727.2	31.1	-2224.2	-3532.0
of which: EU	6191.9	7735.5	24.9	7589.9	10019.0	32.0	-1398.0	-2283.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5142.9	6010.6	16.9	3225.1	4050.5	25.6	1917.8	1960.1
of which: EU	3678.1	4206.4	14.4	2135.4	2623.7	22.9	1542.7	1582.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	140.9	165.8	17.7	292.5	361.6	23.6	-151.6	-195.8
of which: EU	100.2	110.7	10.5	262.3	318.4	21.4	-162.1	-207.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th November 2021.