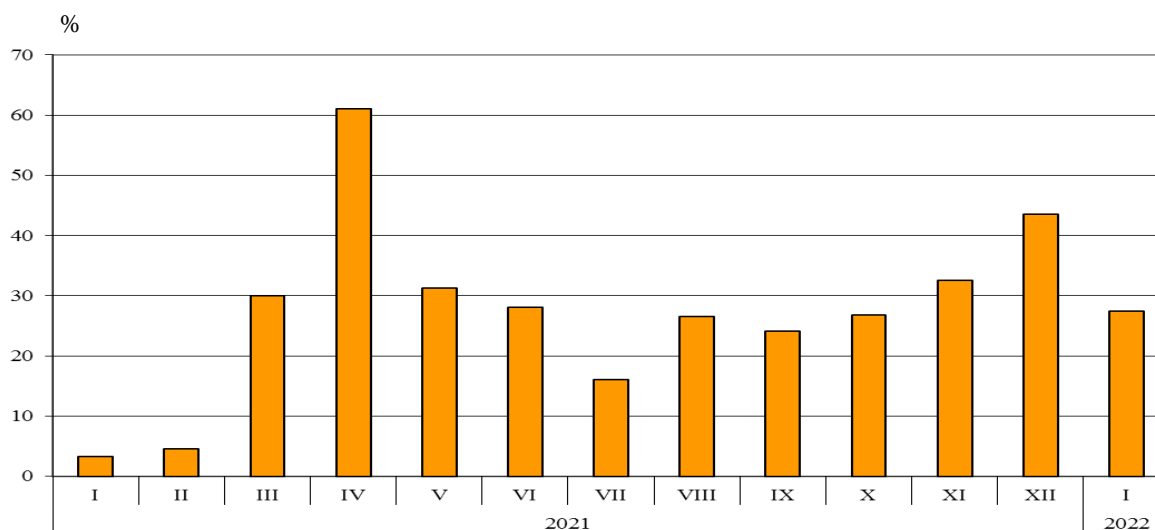


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN JANUARY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In January 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 27.4% in comparison with the same month of 2021 and added up to 4 217.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and the Netherlands, which accounted for 69.1% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



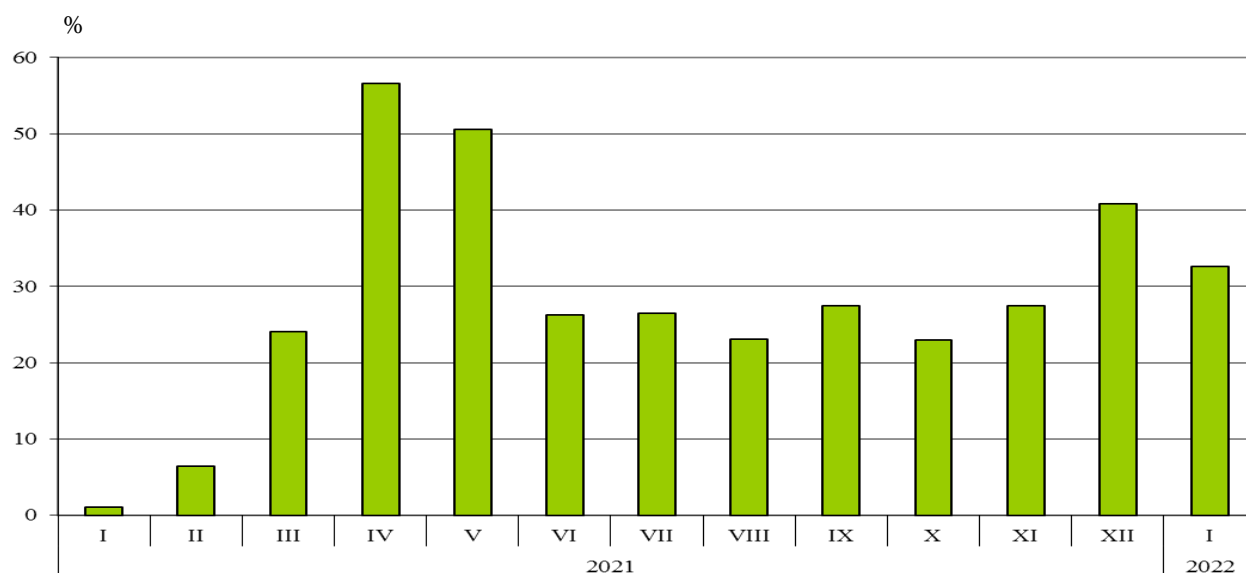
In January 2022, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same month of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (446.1%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (57.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (20.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in January 2022 increased by 32.6% in comparison with the same month of 2021 and added up to 4 149.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, the Netherlands and Italy (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In January 2022, 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 same month of 2021 was recorded in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (214.6%). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in January 2022 was positive and added up to 67.9 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 January 2021¹ and 2022¹ 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.2021	4761.1	3310.9	1450.2	5050.6	3129.9	1920.7	-289.5	181.0	-470.5
I.2022	6219.7	4217.0	2002.7	7640.2	4149.1	3491.1	-1420.5	67.9	-1488.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.

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 January 2022¹ compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	30.6	27.4	38.1	51.3	32.6	81.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2021² and 2022²

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	4761.1	6219.7	30.6	5050.6	7640.2	51.3	-289.5	-1420.5
EU	3310.9	4217.0	27.4	3129.9	4149.1	32.6	181.0	67.9
Austria	93.6	111.8	19.4	130.1	159.7	22.8	-36.5	-47.9
Belgium	212.0	173.6	-18.1	138.5	121.4	-12.3	73.5	52.2
Croatia	35.4	48.2	36.2	114.7	16.5	-85.6	-79.3	31.7
Cyprus	20.3	27.9	37.4	2.6	7.4	184.6	17.7	20.5
Czechia	105.1	122.7	16.7	147.5	162.8	10.4	-42.4	-40.1
Denmark	32.9	77.7	136.2	23.2	29.7	28.0	9.7	48.0
Estonia	4.3	6.4	48.8	4.1	7.0	70.7	0.2	-0.6
Finland	12.1	18.4	52.1	9.1	16.7	83.5	3.0	1.7
France	182.2	215.1	18.1	140.8	155.4	10.4	41.4	59.7
Germany	890.5	961.4	8.0	591.7	746.9	26.2	298.8	214.5
Greece	297.8	386.9	29.9	226.1	401.3	77.5	71.7	-14.4
Hungary	86.3	111.3	29.0	251.5	265.6	5.6	-165.2	-154.3
Ireland	7.9	12.3	55.7	52.6	42.8	-18.6	-44.7	-30.5
Italy	413.1	531.6	28.7	291.4	375.5	28.9	121.7	156.1
Latvia	5.1	3.7	-27.5	5.2	5.6	7.7	-0.1	-1.9
Lithuania	12.9	16.2	25.6	8.8	17.1	94.3	4.1	-0.9
Luxembourg	6.5	13.7	110.8	8.2	16.0	95.1	-1.7	-2.3
Malta	2.8	2.2	-21.4	1.8	2.4	33.3	1.0	-0.2
Netherlands	104.3	211.1	102.4	209.7	390.7	86.3	-105.4	-179.6
Poland	121.8	154.3	26.7	163.9	248.8	51.8	-42.1	-94.5
Portugal	27.3	14.1	-48.4	14.1	15.1	7.1	13.2	-1.0
Romania	386.2	609.0	57.7	355.1	617.0	73.8	31.1	-8.0
Slovakia	43.4	67.2	54.8	81.3	85.0	4.6	-37.9	-17.8
Slovenia	25.1	62.9	150.6	33.2	55.3	66.6	-8.1	7.6
Spain	119.6	190.0	58.9	84.0	137.1	63.2	35.6	52.9
Sweden	37.8	46.7	23.5	33.3	38.0	14.1	4.5	8.7
Not specified	24.6	20.6	-16.3	7.4	12.3	66.2	17.2	8.3

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 April 13, 2022.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in January 2021² and 2022²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	1450.2	2002.7	38.1	1920.7	3491.1	81.8	-470.5	-1488.4
CIS³	78.4	92.1	17.5	281.4	1019.1	262.2	-203.0	-927.0
of which:								
Kazakhstan	2.8	1.5	-46.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.7	1.4
Russian Federation	55.7	67.3	20.8	258.1	965.8	274.2	-202.4	-898.5
OECD⁴	601.3	785.0	30.6	582.3	977.1	67.8	19.0	-192.1
of which:								
Canada	9.1	12.0	31.9	56.4	44.0	-22.0	-47.3	-32.0
Chile	1.6	1.0	-37.5	38.2	34.7	-9.2	-36.6	-33.7
Israel	18.1	18.0	-0.6	5.0	5.7	14.0	13.1	12.3
Japan	7.8	9.7	24.4	31.4	40.8	29.9	-23.6	-31.1
Korea, Republic of	12.3	29.8	142.3	21.6	29.7	37.5	-9.3	0.1
Turkey	319.5	429.4	34.4	318.2	654.2	105.6	1.3	-224.8
United Kingdom ⁵	75.7	99.3	31.2	23.1	42.2	82.7	52.6	57.1
United States	96.1	115.8	20.5	32.3	56.7	75.5	63.8	59.1
EFTA⁶	41.3	49.5	19.9	40.6	46.8	15.3	0.7	2.7
of which:								
Norway	6.9	9.4	36.2	4.0	3.4	-15.0	2.9	6.0
Switzerland	34.1	39.7	16.4	36.5	43.3	18.6	-2.4	-3.6

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² Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.

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; Chile; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel.

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 January 2021² and 2022²

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	11.4	16.8	47.4	3.7	5.3	43.2	7.7	11.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9.7	21.5	121.6	3.0	4.9	63.3	6.7	16.6
Brazil	6.0	41.7	595.0	5.6	65.4	1067.9	0.4	-23.7
China	142.1	87.6	-38.4	316.3	493.5	56.0	-174.2	-405.9
Egypt	48.0	27.7	-42.3	23.0	10.0	-56.5	25.0	17.7
Georgia	12.9	34.2	165.1	86.1	113.4	31.7	-73.2	-79.2
India	14.7	33.4	127.2	25.2	49.5	96.4	-10.5	-16.1
Indonesia	3.7	3.4	-8.1	6.5	4.8	-26.2	-2.8	-1.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	11.1	14.1	27.0	3.2	11.3	253.1	7.9	2.8
Peru	0.9	1.2	33.3	154.8	0.2	-99.9	-153.9	1.0
Republic of North Macedonia	57.3	110.7	93.2	35.7	55.1	54.3	21.6	55.6
Serbia	75.9	169.6	123.5	95.4	128.6	34.8	-19.5	41.0
Singapore	2.4	3.4	41.7	7.2	9.5	31.9	-4.8	-6.1
South Africa	4.9	59.9	1122.4	2.1	15.9	657.1	2.8	44.0
Syrian Arab Republic	1.2	0.3	-75.0	0.3	0.1	-66.7	0.9	0.2
Taiwan	6.5	5.6	-13.8	28.6	32.2	12.6	-22.1	-26.6
Tunisia	14.6	18.7	28.1	3.0	36.3	1110.0	11.6	-17.6
Ukraine	26.0	75.0	188.5	86.9	239.5	175.6	-60.9	-164.5
United Arab Emirates	11.3	11.0	-2.7	6.8	8.8	29.4	4.5	2.2
Viet Nam	8.7	4.9	-43.7	14.5	19.2	32.4	-5.8	-14.3

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
In January 2021¹ and 2022¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	4761.1	6219.7	30.6	5050.6	7640.2	51.3	-289.5	-1420.5
of which: EU	3310.9	4217.0	27.4	3129.9	4149.1	32.6	181.0	67.9
Food and live animals	496.6	532.4	7.2	403.1	520.3	29.1	93.5	12.1
of which: EU	291.6	374.5	28.4	303.7	390.5	28.6	-12.1	-16.0
Beverages and tobacco	56.5	54.2	-4.1	68.5	78.9	15.2	-12.0	-24.7
of which: EU	37.8	30.1	-20.4	56.5	61.4	8.7	-18.7	-31.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	419.3	409.9	-2.2	598.0	661.4	10.6	-178.7	-251.5
of which: EU	262.5	240.3	-8.5	129.0	170.3	32.0	133.5	70.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	159.5	649.7	307.3	434.8	1329.9	205.9	-275.3	-680.2
of which: EU	51.8	282.9	446.1	196.7	356.6	81.3	-144.9	-73.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	85.7	156.5	82.6	27.2	49.7	82.7	58.5	106.8
of which: EU	79.6	98.8	24.1	12.3	38.7	214.6	67.3	60.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	521.7	827.2	58.6	834.4	1173.5	40.6	-312.7	-346.3
of which: EU	323.7	510.9	57.8	643.6	883.8	37.3	-319.9	-372.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1185.8	1501.5	26.6	793.2	1398.5	76.3	392.6	103.0
of which: EU	851.6	1150.5	35.1	429.2	620.8	44.6	422.4	529.7
Machinery and transport equipment	1121.7	1305.7	16.4	1419.4	1868.2	31.6	-297.7	-562.5
of which: EU	862.0	966.6	12.1	1034.6	1266.2	22.4	-172.6	-299.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	693.5	777.8	12.2	428.7	553.5	29.1	264.8	224.3
of which: EU	534.8	559.1	4.5	286.0	355.2	24.2	248.8	203.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.8	4.8	-76.9	43.3	6.3	-85.5	-22.5	-1.5
of which: EU	15.5	3.3	-78.7	38.3	5.6	-85.4	-22.8	-2.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 13, 2022.