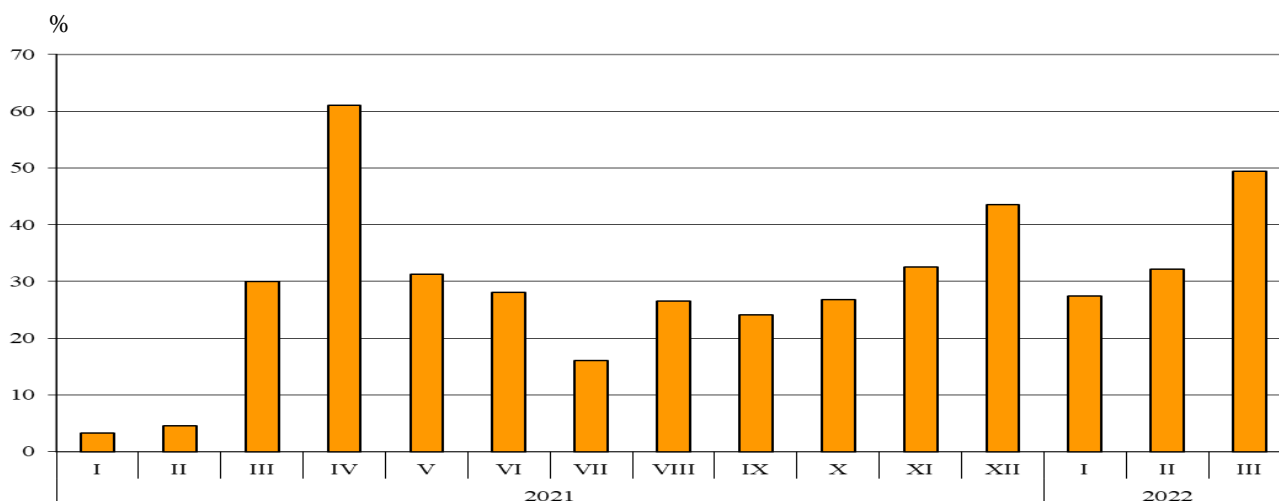


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 36.9% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 14 203.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Spain, which accounted for 69.6% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 49.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 598.9 million BGN.

**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)**



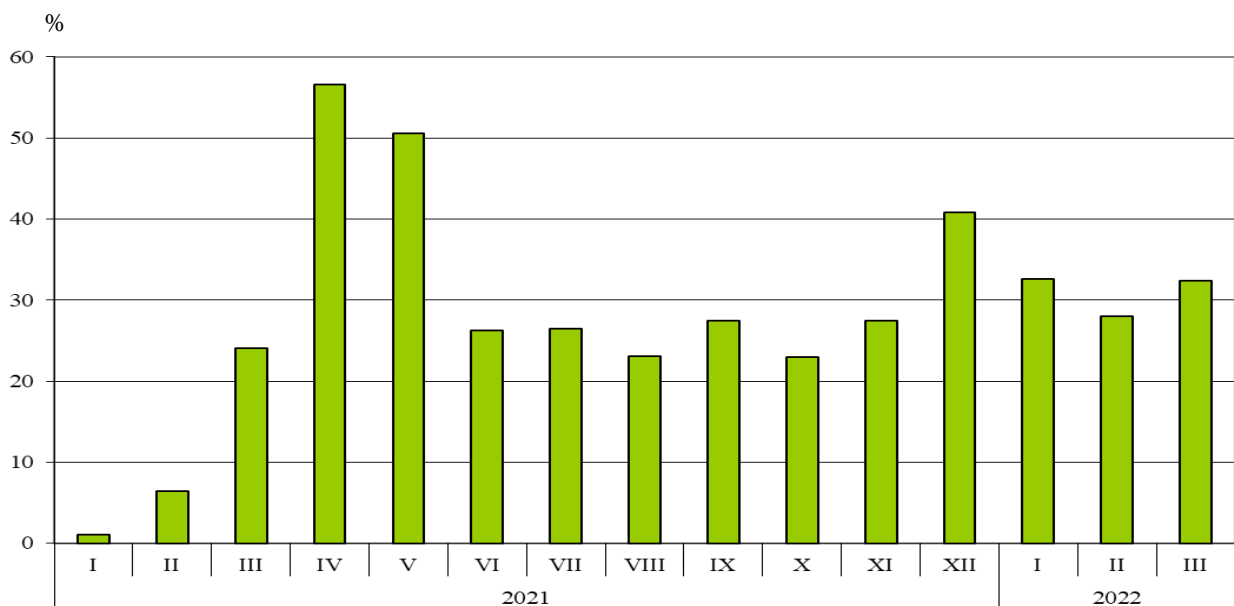
In the period **January - March 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (286.5%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (119.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (22.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - March 2022 increased by 31.0% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 13 842.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2022**, the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 32.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 292.8 million BGN.

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 the period **January - March 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 period of 2021 was recorded in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (217.6%). 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 - March 2022** was positive and added up to 361.8 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 - March 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
II.2021	5062.8	3318.9	1743.9	5434.8	3436.0	1998.8	-372.0	-117.1	-254.9
III.2021	5823.2	3746.7	2076.5	6689.9	3999.0	2690.9	-866.7	-252.3	-614.4
I - III.2021	15647.1	10376.5	5270.6	17175.3	10564.9	6610.4	-1528.2	-188.4	-1339.8
I.2022	6306.0	4220.1	2085.9	7656.1	4150.8	3505.3	-1350.1	69.3	-1419.4
II.2022	6729.1	4384.8	2344.3	7700.3	4398.4	3301.9	-971.2	-13.6	-957.6
III.2022	8097.5	5598.9	2498.6	8960.1	5292.8	3667.3	-862.6	306.1	-1168.7
I - III.2022	21132.6	14203.8	6928.8	24316.5	13842.0	10474.5	-3183.9	361.8	-3545.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 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 the period
January - March 2022¹ 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	32.4	27.5	43.8	51.6	32.6	82.5
II	32.9	32.1	34.4	41.7	28.0	65.2
III	39.1	49.4	20.3	33.9	32.4	36.3
I - III	35.1	36.9	31.5	41.6	31.0	58.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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	15647.1	21132.6	35.1	17175.3	24316.5	41.6	-1528.2	-3183.9
EU	10376.5	14203.8	36.9	10564.9	13842.0	31.0	-188.4	361.8
Austria	312.5	393.7	26.0	444.6	542.6	22.0	-132.1	-148.9
Belgium	791.0	393.6	-50.2	360.4	411.4	14.2	430.6	-17.8
Croatia	171.4	298.8	74.3	207.7	60.6	-70.8	-36.3	238.2
Cyprus	59.6	90.5	51.8	14.3	21.3	49.0	45.3	69.2
Czechia	361.8	429.7	18.8	492.3	495.6	0.7	-130.5	-65.9
Denmark	111.8	224.3	100.6	79.0	101.3	28.2	32.8	123.0
Estonia	13.3	22.5	69.2	21.1	21.1	0.0	-7.8	1.4
Finland	38.5	48.8	26.8	33.9	50.3	48.4	4.6	-1.5
France	572.2	747.4	30.6	509.1	589.1	15.7	63.1	158.3
Germany	2535.6	3248.4	28.1	2115.7	2603.9	23.1	419.9	644.5
Greece	975.0	1373.4	40.9	741.7	1533.5	106.8	233.3	-160.1
Hungary	256.3	413.5	61.3	729.5	830.1	13.8	-473.2	-416.6
Ireland	28.3	39.4	39.2	122.8	130.2	6.0	-94.5	-90.8
Italy	1183.2	1736.7	46.8	1141.0	1403.9	23.0	42.2	332.8
Latvia	16.8	16.2	-3.6	14.8	18.9	27.7	2.0	-2.7
Lithuania	38.9	49.5	27.2	39.4	48.7	23.6	-0.5	0.8
Luxembourg	16.2	70.8	337.0	27.4	50.0	82.5	-11.2	20.8
Malta	12.0	7.6	-36.7	5.0	9.2	84.0	7.0	-1.6
Netherlands	355.1	559.5	57.6	717.0	983.8	37.2	-361.9	-424.3
Poland	396.2	513.7	29.7	640.1	797.2	24.5	-243.9	-283.5
Portugal	57.5	58.8	2.3	43.8	44.5	1.6	13.7	14.3
Romania	1336.2	2170.3	62.4	1227.9	1999.4	62.8	108.3	170.9
Slovakia	124.1	189.0	52.3	252.7	276.9	9.6	-128.6	-87.9
Slovenia	79.2	238.2	200.8	131.0	188.6	44.0	-51.8	49.6
Spain	361.3	604.9	67.4	313.6	453.4	44.6	47.7	151.5
Sweden	124.8	149.8	20.0	107.7	144.5	34.2	17.1	5.3
Not specified	47.7	114.8	140.7	31.4	32.0	1.9	16.3	82.8

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 June 13, 2022.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - March 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	5270.6	6928.8	31.5	6610.4	10474.5	58.5	-1339.8	-3545.7
CIS³	275.3	301.4	9.5	1207.5	3184.5	163.7	-932.2	-2883.1
of which:								
Kazakhstan	12.9	12.9	0.0	2.2	0.9	-59.1	10.7	12.0
Russian Federation	182.4	177.3	-2.8	1115.3	3010.8	170.0	-932.9	-2833.5
OECD⁴	2103.9	2549.5	21.2	2376.0	2869.0	20.7	-272.1	-319.5
of which:								
Canada	30.2	37.8	25.2	73.1	92.7	26.8	-42.9	-54.9
Chile	9.1	7.5	-17.6	239.5	125.6	-47.6	-230.4	-118.1
Israel	70.8	74.6	5.4	140.0	26.7	-80.9	-69.2	47.9
Japan	24.7	35.2	42.5	112.5	105.3	-6.4	-87.8	-70.1
Korea, Republic of	36.3	56.9	56.7	60.0	84.3	40.5	-23.7	-27.4
Turkey	1079.2	1303.3	20.8	1241.0	1892.6	52.5	-161.8	-589.3
United Kingdom ⁵	286.7	381.3	33.0	128.8	158.3	22.9	157.9	223.0
United States	345.9	434.9	25.7	111.4	165.1	48.2	234.5	269.8
EFTA⁶	143.6	159.0	10.7	147.0	164.2	11.7	-3.4	-5.2
of which:								
Norway	30.0	28.2	-6.0	17.5	18.0	2.9	12.5	10.2
Switzerland	112.4	129.4	15.1	126.2	143.8	13.9	-13.8	-14.4

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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 the period January - March 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	44.1	58.3	32.2	15.7	25.0	59.2	28.4	33.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42.1	55.0	30.6	12.0	13.1	9.2	30.1	41.9
Brazil	19.6	89.6	357.1	93.6	75.7	-19.1	-74.0	13.9
China	542.1	412.0	-24.0	935.2	1399.8	49.7	-393.1	-987.8
Egypt	107.4	298.4	177.8	59.4	99.6	67.7	48.0	198.8
Georgia	60.5	170.6	182.0	201.1	259.5	29.0	-140.6	-88.9
India	56.4	102.8	82.3	80.5	109.5	36.0	-24.1	-6.7
Indonesia	9.3	12.2	31.2	16.2	16.4	1.2	-6.9	-4.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	41.8	73.9	76.8	14.1	34.7	146.1	27.7	39.2
Peru	1.9	3.5	84.2	184.0	161.3	-12.3	-182.1	-157.8
Republic of North Macedonia	217.1	393.9	81.4	135.5	200.9	48.3	81.6	193.0
Serbia	276.0	544.6	97.3	320.5	431.1	34.5	-44.5	113.5
Singapore	8.3	11.3	36.1	20.5	27.3	33.2	-12.2	-16.0
South Africa	18.3	179.3	879.8	9.7	27.4	182.5	8.6	151.9
Syrian Arab Republic	2.8	2.2	-21.4	0.6	3.8	533.3	2.2	-1.6
Taiwan	18.0	17.1	-5.0	76.3	106.3	39.3	-58.3	-89.2
Tunisia	121.9	95.8	-21.4	7.0	45.2	545.7	114.9	50.6
Ukraine	123.7	176.6	42.8	314.1	490.1	56.0	-190.4	-313.5
United Arab Emirates	43.8	61.0	39.3	20.0	17.4	-13.0	23.8	43.6
Viet Nam	26.1	18.1	-30.7	41.0	55.5	35.4	-14.9	-37.4

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² Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - March 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	15647.1	21132.6	35.1	17175.3	24316.5	41.6	-1528.2	-3183.9
of which: EU	10376.5	14203.8	36.9	10564.9	13842.0	31.0	-188.4	361.8
Food and live animals	1645.1	2188.9	33.1	1376.8	1650.9	19.9	268.3	538.0
of which: EU	921.3	1449.0	57.3	1065.3	1282.4	20.4	-144.0	166.6
Beverages and tobacco	169.6	151.8	-10.5	250.0	301.3	20.5	-80.4	-149.5
of which: EU	118.5	92.0	-22.4	197.7	244.8	23.8	-79.2	-152.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1303.5	1288.4	-1.2	1792.6	2177.9	21.5	-489.1	-889.5
of which: EU	769.1	705.4	-8.3	420.0	614.9	46.4	349.1	90.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	650.3	2261.3	247.7	1647.8	4176.2	153.4	-997.5	-1914.9
of which: EU	247.5	956.6	286.5	483.3	1212.2	150.8	-235.8	-255.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	272.2	662.1	143.2	92.1	258.8	181.0	180.1	403.3
of which: EU	188.4	413.9	119.7	47.6	151.2	217.6	140.8	262.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1739.9	2658.4	52.8	2726.1	3717.7	36.4	-986.2	-1059.3
of which: EU	1064.1	1741.5	63.7	2090.2	2678.8	28.2	-1026.1	-937.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3814.4	4967.9	30.2	2762.5	4118.9	49.1	1051.9	849.0
of which: EU	2587.0	3776.8	46.0	1525.5	2151.5	41.0	1061.5	1625.3
Machinery and transport equipment	3785.5	4305.4	13.7	4916.1	6079.4	23.7	-1130.6	-1774.0
of which: EU	2860.2	3187.1	11.4	3635.3	4287.0	17.9	-775.1	-1099.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2202.6	2628.7	19.3	1471.4	1810.8	23.1	731.2	817.9
of which: EU	1575.4	1868.0	18.6	978.3	1197.5	22.4	597.1	670.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	64.0	19.7	-69.2	139.9	24.6	-82.4	-75.9	-4.9
of which: EU	45.0	13.5	-70.0	121.7	21.7	-82.2	-76.7	-8.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 13, 2022.