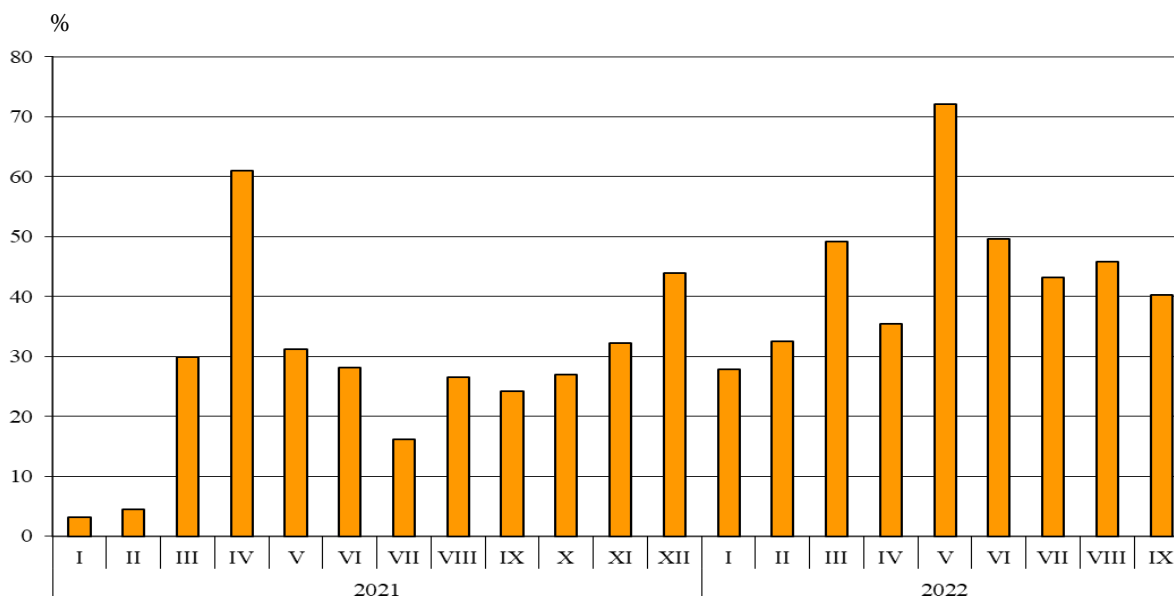


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - September 2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 43.9% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 47 165.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Spain, which accounted for 66.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **September 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 40.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 531.7 million BGN.

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



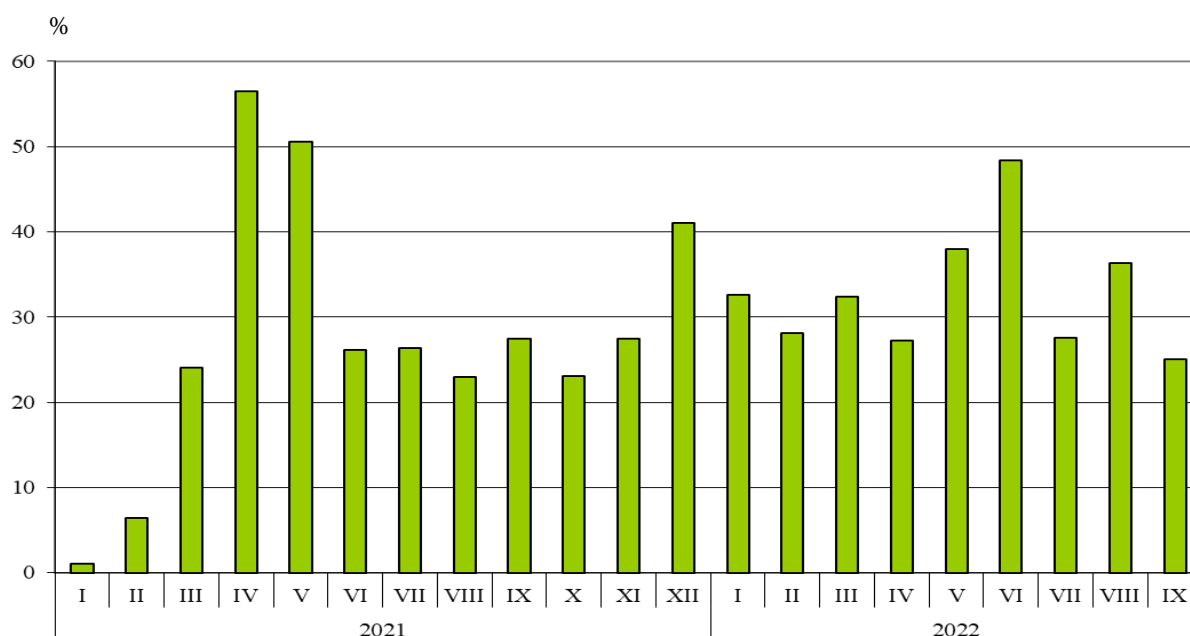
In the period **January - September 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (263.9%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (163.4%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (11.5%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU** in the period **January - September 2022** increased by 32.8% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 44 065.9 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **September 2022**, Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 25.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 210.0 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - September 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’ (139.3%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - September 2022** was positive and added up to 3 099.7 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

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



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - September 2021 and 2022<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.2021	4761.6	3310.9	1450.7	5050.2	3129.4	1920.8	-288.6	181.5	-470.1
II.2021	5057.2	3317.9	1739.3	5432.4	3433.6	1998.8	-375.2	-115.7	-259.5
III.2021	5824.0	3746.3	2077.7	6689.0	3998.0	2691.0	-865.0	-251.7	-613.3
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15642.8</b>	<b>10375.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>17171.6</b>	<b>10561.0</b>	<b>6610.6</b>	<b>-1528.8</b>	<b>-185.9</b>	<b>-1342.9</b>
IV.2021	5905.3	3937.1	1968.2	6078.1	3599.7	2478.4	-172.8	337.4	-510.2
V.2021	5155.3	3357.6	1797.7	6043.0	3686.5	2356.5	-887.7	-328.9	-558.8
VI.2021	5734.5	3790.9	1943.6	6440.2	3751.9	2688.3	-705.7	39.0	-744.7
<b>IV - VI.2021</b>	<b>16795.1</b>	<b>11085.6</b>	<b>5709.5</b>	<b>18561.3</b>	<b>11038.1</b>	<b>7523.2</b>	<b>-1766.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>-1813.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2021</b>	<b>32437.9</b>	<b>21460.7</b>	<b>10977.2</b>	<b>35732.9</b>	<b>21599.1</b>	<b>14133.8</b>	<b>-3295.0</b>	<b>-138.4</b>	<b>-3156.6</b>
VII.2021	5861.3	3830.2	2031.1	6353.2	3949.7	2403.5	-491.9	-119.5	-372.4
VIII.2021	5605.9	3536.7	2069.2	6253.2	3475.9	2777.3	-647.3	60.8	-708.1
IX.2021	6057.0	3945.2	2111.8	6601.0	4167.3	2433.7	-544.0	-222.1	-321.9
<b>VII - IX.2021</b>	<b>17524.2</b>	<b>11312.1</b>	<b>6212.1</b>	<b>19207.4</b>	<b>11592.9</b>	<b>7614.5</b>	<b>-1683.2</b>	<b>-280.8</b>	<b>-1402.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2021</b>	<b>49962.1</b>	<b>32772.8</b>	<b>17189.3</b>	<b>54940.3</b>	<b>33192.0</b>	<b>21748.3</b>	<b>-4978.2</b>	<b>-419.2</b>	<b>-4559.0</b>
I.2022	6348.2	4231.2	2117.0	7661.7	4151.1	3510.6	-1313.5	80.1	-1393.6
II.2022	6795.2	4396.0	2399.2	7703.7	4400.4	3303.3	-908.5	-4.4	-904.1
III.2022	8192.9	5587.0	2605.9	8976.0	5292.3	3683.7	-783.1	294.7	-1077.8
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21336.3</b>	<b>14214.2</b>	<b>7122.1</b>	<b>24341.4</b>	<b>13843.8</b>	<b>10497.6</b>	<b>-3005.1</b>	<b>370.4</b>	<b>-3375.5</b>
IV.2022	7775.5	5329.6	2445.9	8455.1	4581.1	3874.0	-679.6	748.5	-1428.1
V.2022	8506.9	5777.0	2729.9	9070.4	5084.4	3986.0	-563.5	692.6	-1256.1
VI.2022	8862.4	5672.0	3190.4	10298.7	5568.5	4730.2	-1436.3	103.5	-1539.8
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>25144.8</b>	<b>16778.6</b>	<b>8366.2</b>	<b>27824.2</b>	<b>15234.0</b>	<b>12590.2</b>	<b>-2679.4</b>	<b>1544.6</b>	<b>-4224.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>46481.1</b>	<b>30992.8</b>	<b>15488.3</b>	<b>52165.6</b>	<b>29077.8</b>	<b>23087.8</b>	<b>-5684.5</b>	<b>1915.0</b>	<b>-7599.5</b>
VII.2022	8361.7	5485.9	2875.8	9603.9	5038.6	4565.3	-1242.2	447.3	-1689.5
VIII.2022	8001.1	5155.2	2845.9	8559.8	4739.5	3820.3	-558.7	415.7	-974.4
IX.2022	7904.8	5531.7	2373.1	10064.9	5210.0	4854.9	-2160.1	321.7	-2481.8
<b>VII - IX.2022</b>	<b>24267.6</b>	<b>16172.8</b>	<b>8094.8</b>	<b>28228.6</b>	<b>14988.1</b>	<b>13240.5</b>	<b>-3961.0</b>	<b>1184.7</b>	<b>-5145.7</b>
<b>I - IX.2022</b>	<b>70748.7</b>	<b>47165.6</b>	<b>23583.1</b>	<b>80394.2</b>	<b>44065.9</b>	<b>36328.3</b>	<b>-9645.5</b>	<b>3099.7</b>	<b>-12745.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - September 2022<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	33.3	27.8	45.9	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.4	32.5	37.9	41.8	28.2	65.3
III	40.7	49.1	25.4	34.2	32.4	36.9
<b>I - III</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>58.8</b>
IV	31.7	35.4	24.3	39.1	27.3	56.3
V	65.0	72.1	51.9	50.1	37.9	69.1
VI	54.5	49.6	64.1	59.9	48.4	76.0
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>67.4</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>63.4</b>
VII	42.7	43.2	41.6	51.2	27.6	89.9
VIII	42.7	45.8	37.5	36.9	36.4	37.6
IX	30.5	40.2	12.4	52.5	25.0	99.5
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>67.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.



**Table 3**  
**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>**  
**of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2021 and 2022<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>49962.1</b>	<b>70748.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>54940.3</b>	<b>80394.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>-4978.2</b>	<b>-9645.5</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>32772.8</b>	<b>47165.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>33192.0</b>	<b>44065.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>-419.2</b>	<b>3099.7</b>
Austria	988.8	1329.0	34.4	1352.1	1724.1	27.5	-363.3	-395.1
Belgium	1399.2	1801.5	28.8	1056.3	1427.7	35.2	342.9	373.8
Croatia	488.7	604.9	23.8	305.9	180.5	-41.0	182.8	424.4
Cyprus	204.8	296.8	44.9	130.0	82.6	-36.5	74.8	214.2
Czechia	1077.0	1230.0	14.2	1397.3	1780.0	27.4	-320.3	-550.0
Denmark	422.8	811.0	91.8	252.3	335.9	33.1	170.5	475.1
Estonia	47.2	87.9	86.2	69.8	62.6	-10.3	-22.6	25.3
Finland	106.9	163.5	52.9	118.8	158.9	33.8	-11.9	4.6
France	1803.2	2343.3	30.0	1480.9	1708.3	15.4	322.3	635.0
Germany	7734.3	9962.0	28.8	6883.1	8491.5	23.4	851.2	1470.5
Greece	3295.1	4643.4	40.9	2866.5	4817.2	68.1	428.6	-173.8
Hungary	925.2	1247.6	34.8	2063.1	2564.3	24.3	-1137.9	-1316.7
Ireland	94.8	154.0	62.4	373.5	330.0	-11.6	-278.7	-176.0
Italy	3663.4	5388.3	47.1	3609.4	4601.1	27.5	54.0	787.2
Latvia	57.4	68.0	18.5	43.9	86.6	97.3	13.5	-18.6
Lithuania	121.5	174.7	43.8	127.6	170.6	33.7	-6.1	4.1
Luxembourg	42.3	202.7	379.2	77.6	156.0	101.0	-35.3	46.7
Malta	33.0	25.9	-21.5	19.7	30.3	53.8	13.3	-4.4
Netherlands	1225.9	1821.6	48.6	2241.0	3304.9	47.5	-1015.1	-1483.3
Poland	1255.2	1584.5	26.2	1971.0	2576.8	30.7	-715.8	-992.3
Portugal	171.7	195.0	13.6	157.1	165.1	5.1	14.6	29.9
Romania	4955.0	7153.0	44.4	3984.7	5651.5	41.8	970.3	1501.5
Slovakia	405.7	640.5	57.9	711.2	815.3	14.6	-305.5	-174.8
Slovenia	297.5	1033.4	247.4	411.7	576.7	40.1	-114.2	456.7
Spain	1365.3	1965.0	43.9	1075.0	1697.2	57.9	290.3	267.8
Sweden	396.6	497.7	25.5	331.8	471.8	42.2	64.8	25.9
Not specified	194.3	1740.4	795.7	80.7	98.4	21.9	113.6	1642.0

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2021 and 2022<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>17189.3</b>	<b>23583.1</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>21748.3</b>	<b>36328.3</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>-4559.0</b>	<b>-12745.2</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>928.6</b>	<b>1155.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>4342.9</b>	<b>9946.6</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>-3414.3</b>	<b>-8791.3</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	40.9	61.8	51.1	3.5	21.9	525.7	37.4	39.9
Russian Federation	604.7	664.1	9.8	4094.1	8986.4	119.5	-3489.4	-8322.3
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>6762.0</b>	<b>8469.1</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>7159.7</b>	<b>10469.3</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>-397.7</b>	<b>-2000.2</b>
of which:								
Canada	98.5	144.9	47.1	223.9	195.7	-12.6	-125.4	-50.8
Chile	22.9	22.4	-2.2	440.1	283.6	-35.6	-417.2	-261.2
Israel	316.1	488.1	54.4	308.7	88.0	-71.5	7.4	400.1
Japan	79.2	107.2	35.4	284.3	321.1	12.9	-205.1	-213.9
Korea, Republic of	337.3	195.0	-42.2	203.4	286.5	40.9	133.9	-91.5
Turkey	3177.3	4230.5	33.1	4096.8	6673.9	62.9	-919.5	-2443.4
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	914.7	1096.3	19.9	435.2	534.3	22.8	479.5	562.0
United States	1177.7	1461.4	24.1	405.8	1402.2	245.5	771.9	59.2
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>425.7</b>	<b>530.4</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>452.9</b>	<b>524.7</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>-27.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>
of which:								
Norway	80.1	84.7	5.7	42.9	57.8	34.7	37.2	26.9
Switzerland	342.2	437.4	27.8	405.5	461.7	13.9	-63.3	-24.3

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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- 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 December 13, 2022.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2021 and 2022<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	159.2	192.1	20.7	53.7	74.2	38.2	105.5	117.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	135.9	146.9	8.1	41.6	36.0	-13.5	94.3	110.9
Brazil	69.4	170.4	145.5	227.7	448.5	97.0	-158.3	-278.1
China	1661.9	1001.6	-39.7	3007.3	4684.0	55.8	-1345.4	-3682.4
Egypt	389.6	814.1	109.0	433.8	405.3	-6.6	-44.2	408.8
Georgia	286.0	379.8	32.8	465.6	790.2	69.7	-179.6	-410.4
India	184.4	375.0	103.4	286.4	390.7	36.4	-102.0	-15.7
Indonesia	117.8	148.2	25.8	45.3	263.0	480.6	72.5	-114.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	128.8	190.0	47.5	75.4	130.8	73.5	53.4	59.2
Peru	7.0	21.5	207.1	438.9	375.3	-14.5	-431.9	-353.8
Republic of North Macedonia	771.1	1120.3	45.3	535.5	644.7	20.4	235.6	475.6
Serbia	997.3	1703.1	70.8	1057.0	1333.5	26.2	-59.7	369.6
Singapore	47.5	35.1	-26.1	62.0	83.7	35.0	-14.5	-48.6
South Africa	129.8	347.5	167.7	68.9	175.1	154.1	60.9	172.4
Syrian Arab Republic	7.8	4.9	-37.2	3.8	10.2	168.4	4.0	-5.3
Taiwan	54.7	62.4	14.1	239.9	361.3	50.6	-185.2	-298.9
Tunisia	380.4	385.5	1.3	29.7	73.3	146.8	350.7	312.2
Ukraine	609.0	1429.4	134.7	1171.6	2433.5	107.7	-562.6	-1004.1
United Arab Emirates	119.7	166.9	39.4	52.9	60.3	14.0	66.8	106.6
Viet Nam	152.9	73.9	-51.7	150.1	238.6	59.0	2.8	-164.7

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - September 2021 and 2022<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>49962.1</b>	<b>70748.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>54940.3</b>	<b>80394.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>-4978.2</b>	<b>-9645.5</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>32772.8</b>	<b>47165.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>33192.0</b>	<b>44065.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>-419.2</b>	<b>3099.7</b>
Food and live animals	5871.8	7594.8	29.3	4158.4	5348.7	28.6	1713.4	2246.1
of which: EU	3485.8	4170.6	19.6	3191.6	4030.5	26.3	294.2	140.1
Beverages and tobacco	470.9	467.2	-0.8	935.8	1088.4	16.3	-464.9	-621.2
of which: EU	331.5	293.3	-11.5	709.1	850.7	20.0	-377.6	-557.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3892.8	4007.4	2.9	4846.1	7310.5	50.9	-953.3	-3303.1
of which: EU	2313.1	2518.5	8.9	1237.3	1580.2	27.7	1075.8	938.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2815.0	9453.6	235.8	6108.9	13975.5	128.8	-3293.9	-4521.9
of which: EU	1113.2	4050.8	263.9	1732.4	3430.4	98.0	-619.2	620.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1040.3	2576.3	147.6	341.2	1163.4	241.0	699.1	1412.9
of which: EU	693.9	1827.7	163.4	221.1	529.2	139.3	472.8	1298.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	5674.4	8183.1	44.2	8552.1	11829.6	38.3	-2877.7	-3646.5
of which: EU	3627.7	5367.3	48.0	6454.0	8468.8	31.2	-2826.3	-3101.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11629.4	15338.0	31.9	9447.8	13041.2	38.0	2181.6	2296.8
of which: EU	7602.9	11605.0	52.6	4975.4	6620.9	33.1	2627.5	4984.1
Machinery and transport equipment	11537.7	13925.2	20.7	15479.1	20605.9	33.1	-3941.4	-6680.7
of which: EU	8716.2	10399.3	19.3	11294.4	14557.3	28.9	-2578.2	-4158.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6841.2	9135.7	33.5	4660.4	5957.2	27.8	2180.8	3178.5
of which: EU	4762.1	6898.1	44.9	3014.1	3935.4	30.6	1748.0	2962.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	188.6	67.4	-64.3	410.5	73.8	-82.0	-221.9	-6.4
of which: EU	126.4	35.0	-72.3	362.6	62.5	-82.8	-236.2	-27.5

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.