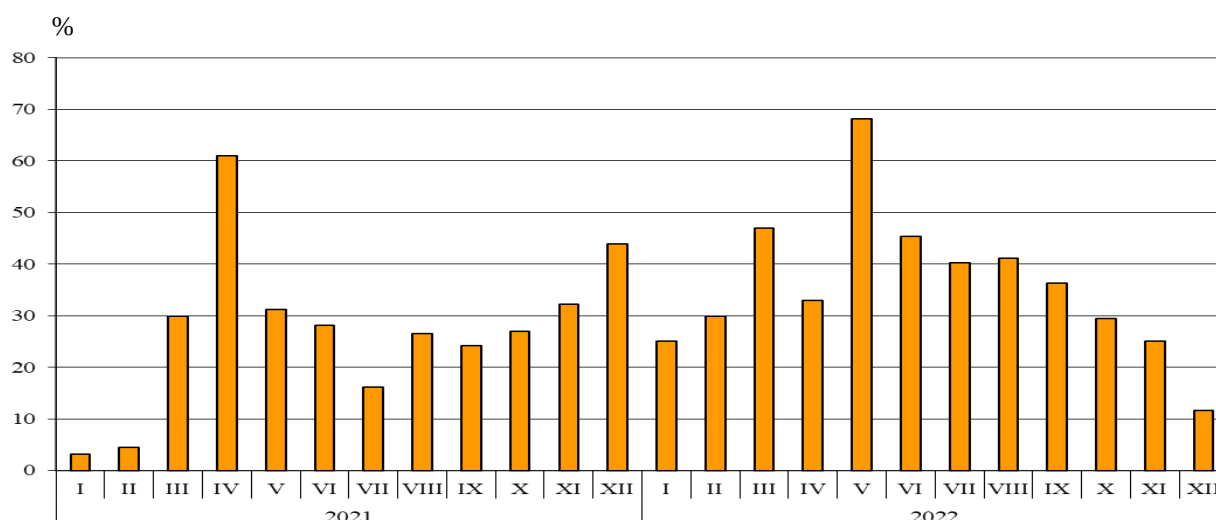


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 35.6% in comparison with 2021 and added up to 61 380.4 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Spain, which accounted for 66.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In December 2022, the exports to the EU grew by 11.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 350.4 million BGN.

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



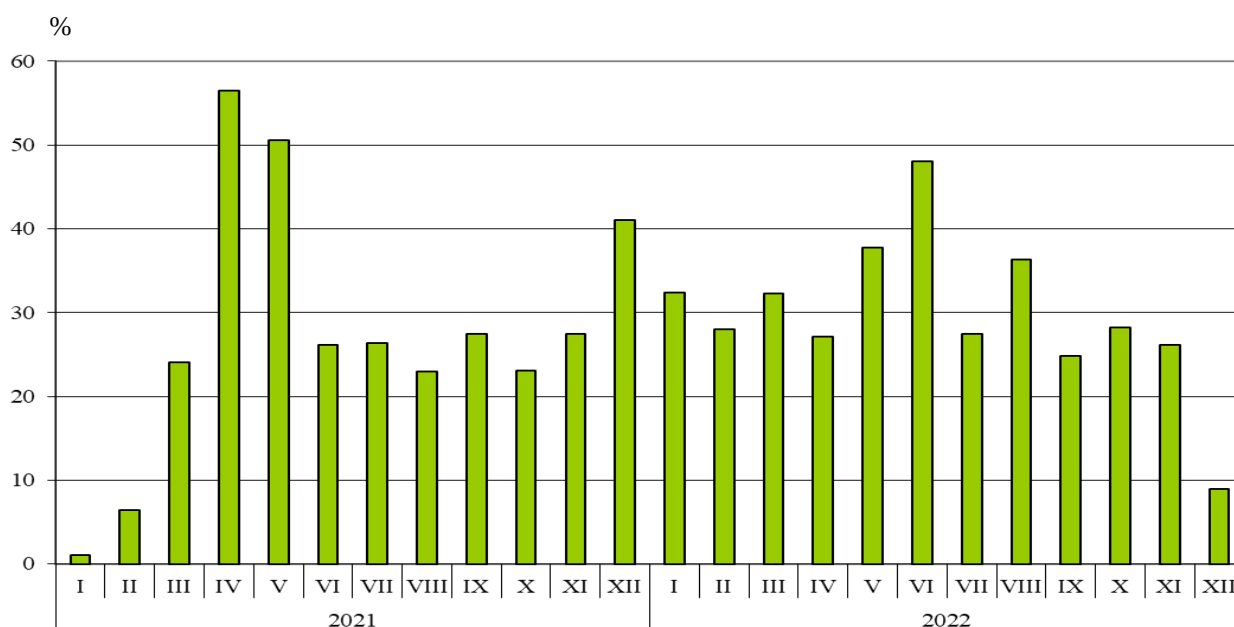
In 2022, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to 2021 was recorded in sections 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (126.0%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (116.9%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (9.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in **2022** increased by 29.3% in comparison with 2021 and added up to 59 899.6 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 and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2022**, Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 9.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 897.7 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - November 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' (81.8%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - November 2022** was positive and added up to 1 480.8 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
2021 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	4761.6	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
I - III.2021	15642.8	10375.1	5267.7	17171.6	10561.0	6610.6	-1528.8	-185.9	-1342.9
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
IV - VI.2021	16795.1	11085.6	5709.5	18561.3	11038.1	7523.2	-1766.2	47.5	-1813.7
I - VI.2021	32437.9	21460.7	10977.2	35732.9	21599.1	14133.8	-3295.0	-138.4	-3156.6
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
VII - IX.2021	17524.2	11312.1	6212.1	19207.4	11592.9	7614.5	-1683.2	-280.8	-1402.4
I - IX.2021	49962.1	32772.8	17189.3	54940.3	33192.0	21748.3	-4978.2	-419.2	-4559.0
X.2021	6161.4	4221.7	1939.7	6880.2	4127.9	2752.3	-718.8	93.8	-812.6
XI.2021	6262.2	4377.3	1884.9	7558.6	4518.8	3039.8	-1296.4	-141.5	-1154.9
XII.2021	6045.5	3898.8	2146.7	7363.5	4494.2	2869.3	-1318.0	-595.4	-722.6
X - XII.2021	18469.1	12497.8	5971.3	21802.3	13140.9	8661.4	-3333.2	-643.1	-2690.1
I - XII.2021	68431.2	45270.6	23160.6	76742.6	46332.9	30409.7	-8311.4	-1062.3	-7249.1
I.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
I - III.2022	21083.9	13957.7	7126.2	24322.8	13825.3	10497.5	-3238.9	132.4	-3371.3
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
V.2022	8382.3	5645.2	2737.1	9027.9	5079.0	3948.9	-645.6	566.2	-1211.8
VI.2022	8713.6	5508.5	3205.1	10221.1	5556.5	4664.6	-1507.5	-48.0	-1459.5
IV - VI.2022	24778.1	16387.8	8390.3	27700.6	15213.4	12487.2	-2922.5	1174.4	-4096.9
I - VI.2022	45862.0	30345.5	15516.5	52023.4	29038.7	22984.7	-6161.4	1306.8	-7468.2
VII.2022	8292.9	5374.5	2918.4	9545.0	5033.2	4511.8	-1252.1	341.3	-1593.4
VIII.2022	7886.5	4993.5	2893.0	8547.9	4737.5	3810.4	-661.4	256.0	-917.4
IX.2022	7843.4	5377.8	2465.6	10071.4	5202.3	4869.1	-2228.0	175.5	-2403.5
VII - IX.2022	24022.8	15745.8	8277.0	28164.3	14973.0	13191.3	-4141.5	772.8	-4914.3
I - IX.2022	69884.8	46091.3	23793.5	80187.7	44011.7	36176.0	-10302.9	2079.6	-12382.5
X.2022	8247.3	5466.9	2780.4	9820.0	5291.6	4528.4	-1572.7	175.3	-1748.0
XI.2022	8584.4	5471.8	3112.6	9720.7	5698.6	4022.1	-1136.3	-226.8	-909.5
XII.2022	6780.5	4350.4	2430.1	8356.7	4897.7	3459.0	-1576.2	-547.3	-1028.9
X - XII.2022	23612.2	15289.1	8323.1	27897.4	15887.9	12009.5	-4285.2	-598.8	-3686.4
I - XII.2022	93497.0	61380.4	32116.6	108085.1	59899.6	48185.5	-14588.1	1480.8	-16068.9

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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
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	31.5	25.1	46.0	51.5	32.4	82.8
II	32.7	29.9	38.0	41.7	28.0	65.3
III	39.3	47.0	25.5	34.1	32.3	36.9
I - III	34.8	34.5	35.3	41.6	30.9	58.8
IV	30.1	32.9	24.4	39.1	27.2	56.3
V	62.6	68.1	52.3	49.4	37.8	67.6
VI	52.0	45.3	64.9	58.7	48.1	73.5
IV - VI	47.5	47.8	47.0	49.2	37.8	66.0
I - VI	41.4	41.4	41.4	45.6	34.4	62.6
VII	41.5	40.3	43.7	50.2	27.4	87.7
VIII	40.7	41.2	39.8	36.7	36.3	37.2
IX	29.5	36.3	16.8	52.6	24.8	100.1
VII - IX	37.1	39.2	33.2	46.6	29.2	73.2
I - IX	39.9	40.6	38.4	46.0	32.6	66.3
X	33.9	29.5	43.3	42.7	28.2	64.5
XI	37.1	25.0	65.1	28.6	26.1	32.3
XII	12.2	11.6	13.2	13.5	9.0	20.6
X - XII	27.8	22.3	39.4	28.0	20.9	38.7
I - XII	36.6	35.6	38.7	40.8	29.3	58.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in 2021 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	68431.2	93497.0	36.6	76742.6	108085.1	40.8	-8311.4	-14588.1
EU	45270.6	61380.4	35.6	46332.9	59899.6	29.3	-1062.3	1480.8
Austria	1345.5	1849.9	37.5	1870.2	2372.8	26.9	-524.7	-522.9
Belgium	2211.3	2377.0	7.5	1481.3	2028.3	36.9	730.0	348.7
Croatia	636.5	741.0	16.4	370.8	244.1	-34.2	265.7	496.9
Cyprus	274.5	429.2	56.4	149.6	117.5	-21.5	124.9	311.7
Czechia	1489.0	1528.0	2.6	1890.4	2408.9	27.4	-401.4	-880.9
Denmark	645.0	544.7	-15.6	348.7	462.6	32.7	296.3	82.1
Estonia	68.3	176.0	157.7	87.4	89.8	2.7	-19.1	86.2
Finland	151.7	212.9	40.3	166.2	224.4	35.0	-14.5	-11.5
France	2478.3	3082.6	24.4	2016.5	2349.7	16.5	461.8	732.9
Germany	10135.1	13040.8	28.7	9391.5	11671.2	24.3	743.6	1369.6
Greece	4744.0	6062.6	27.8	4209.3	6437.9	52.9	534.7	-375.3
Hungary	1249.7	1637.4	31.0	2805.8	3393.2	20.9	-1556.1	-1755.8
Ireland	128.0	214.9	67.9	497.6	426.9	-14.2	-369.6	-212.0
Italy	5128.0	6981.0	36.1	5059.2	6450.3	27.5	68.8	530.7
Latvia	75.5	100.4	33.0	62.0	111.0	79.0	13.5	-10.6
Lithuania	170.8	275.4	61.2	176.0	238.5	35.5	-5.2	36.9
Luxembourg	110.5	189.8	71.8	107.9	132.1	22.4	2.6	57.7
Malta	56.5	33.3	-41.1	27.6	38.1	38.0	28.9	-4.8
Netherlands	1703.2	2403.0	41.1	3252.6	4499.7	38.3	-1549.4	-2096.7
Poland	1716.8	2098.4	22.2	2738.5	3573.2	30.5	-1021.7	-1474.8
Portugal	251.0	239.3	-4.7	240.2	229.8	-4.3	10.8	9.5
Romania	6864.9	9462.7	37.8	5784.5	7402.4	28.0	1080.4	2060.3
Slovakia	565.9	879.3	55.4	958.6	1106.0	15.4	-392.7	-226.7
Slovenia	419.9	1025.1	144.1	570.6	785.3	37.6	-150.7	239.8
Spain	1860.7	2434.3	30.8	1448.6	2267.8	56.6	412.1	166.5
Sweden	533.0	697.8	30.9	485.1	690.7	42.4	47.9	7.1
Not specified	257.0	2663.6	936.4	136.2	147.4	8.2	120.8	2516.2

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 March 13, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in 2021 and 2022²**

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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	23160.6	32116.6	38.7	30409.7	48185.5	58.5	-7249.1	-16068.9
CIS ³	1322.2	1708.5	29.2	6267.7	12929.3	106.3	-4945.5	-11220.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	76.0	109.7	44.3	3.8	57.5	1413.2	72.2	52.2
Russian Federation	853.8	953.0	11.6	5827.8	11698.6	100.7	-4974.0	-10745.6
OECD ⁴	9110.8	11240.0	23.4	9944.4	13957.1	40.4	-833.6	-2717.1
of which:								
Canada	140.6	205.9	46.4	242.9	222.7	-8.3	-102.3	-16.8
Chile	32.5	41.2	26.8	539.4	288.6	-46.5	-506.9	-247.4
Israel	379.4	585.5	54.3	336.3	116.2	-65.4	43.1	469.3
Japan	106.2	148.9	40.2	400.8	458.0	14.3	-294.6	-309.1
Korea, Republic of	423.1	251.2	-40.6	277.2	388.8	40.3	145.9	-137.6
Turkey	4206.9	5522.8	31.3	6011.8	9088.4	51.2	-1804.9	-3565.6
United Kingdom ⁵	1257.0	1447.7	15.2	611.7	861.1	40.8	645.3	586.6
United States	1699.0	2032.6	19.6	558.4	1585.8	184.0	1140.6	446.8
EFTA ⁶	566.8	732.6	29.3	623.1	700.1	12.4	-56.3	32.5
of which:								
Norway	104.3	112.6	8.0	57.4	70.9	23.5	46.9	41.7
Switzerland	458.1	607.8	32.7	561.0	623.2	11.1	-102.9	-15.4

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.

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 2021 and 2022²**

(Continued and end)

(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	222.6	256.1	15.0	79.1	107.9	36.4	143.5	148.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	180.7	192.0	6.3	58.0	53.0	-8.6	122.7	139.0
Brazil	91.5	190.3	108.0	356.6	600.0	68.3	-265.1	-409.7
China	2198.7	1535.1	-30.2	4148.2	6250.4	50.7	-1949.5	-4715.3
Egypt	465.9	1265.5	171.6	513.8	482.9	-6.0	-47.9	782.6
Georgia	380.0	487.9	28.4	724.1	1000.9	38.2	-344.1	-513.0
India	277.6	739.1	166.2	392.5	477.8	21.7	-114.9	261.3
Indonesia	129.2	170.6	32.0	59.7	503.4	743.2	69.5	-332.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	166.9	249.4	49.4	116.6	167.0	43.2	50.3	82.4
Peru	9.0	31.9	254.4	617.2	396.7	-35.7	-608.2	-364.8
Republic of North Macedonia	1124.6	1518.4	35.0	728.0	870.9	19.6	396.6	647.5
Serbia	1453.8	2212.7	52.2	1498.4	1852.7	23.6	-44.6	360.0
Singapore	56.3	49.3	-12.4	80.1	111.6	39.3	-23.8	-62.3
South Africa	165.7	471.5	184.6	78.2	230.1	194.2	87.5	241.4
Syrian Arab Republic	8.5	8.9	4.7	3.9	10.5	169.2	4.6	-1.6
Taiwan	74.9	112.2	49.8	332.6	485.9	46.1	-257.7	-373.7
Tunisia	427.3	439.7	2.9	38.8	78.8	103.1	388.5	360.9
Ukraine	793.7	2250.2	183.5	1634.5	3411.8	108.7	-840.8	-1161.6
United Arab Emirates	157.9	272.5	72.6	71.6	95.4	33.2	86.3	177.1
Viet Nam	190.2	98.9	-48.0	190.9	335.0	75.5	-0.7	-236.1

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 2021 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	68431.2	93497.0	36.6	76742.6	108085.1	40.8	-8311.4	-14588.1
of which: EU	45270.6	61380.4	35.6	46332.9	59899.6	29.3	-1062.3	1480.8
Food and live animals	8049.0	10033.4	24.7	5802.1	7528.7	29.8	2246.9	2504.7
of which: EU	4788.4	5612.4	17.2	4467.0	5648.6	26.5	321.4	-36.2
Beverages and tobacco	634.8	636.1	0.2	1256.3	1468.2	16.9	-621.5	-832.1
of which: EU	431.8	389.6	-9.8	957.8	1154.0	20.5	-526.0	-764.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	5218.5	5267.4	0.9	6811.9	9508.3	39.6	-1593.4	-4240.9
of which: EU	3097.9	3256.5	5.1	1863.4	2201.6	18.1	1234.5	1054.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4114.2	11418.3	177.5	8792.4	18242.1	107.5	-4678.2	-6823.8
of which: EU	1973.7	4280.9	116.9	2625.5	4299.1	63.7	-651.8	-18.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1363.1	3369.5	147.2	507.9	1635.7	222.1	855.2	1733.8
of which: EU	947.0	2140.3	126.0	359.1	652.7	81.8	587.9	1487.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	7989.1	10970.4	37.3	11845.5	15271.3	28.9	-3856.4	-4300.9
of which: EU	5175.9	7148.5	38.1	8844.8	11040.1	24.8	-3668.9	-3891.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	15921.9	19930.0	25.2	13223.4	17377.0	31.4	2698.5	2553.0
of which: EU	10543.4	14809.0	40.5	6892.7	8979.5	30.3	3650.7	5829.5
Machinery and transport equipment	15578.5	19081.6	22.5	21379.2	28555.2	33.6	-5800.7	-9473.6
of which: EU	11701.2	14091.2	20.4	15517.0	20207.9	30.2	-3815.8	-6116.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	9305.3	12662.3	36.1	6546.5	8397.2	28.3	2758.8	4265.1
of which: EU	6444.0	9609.1	49.1	4294.8	5631.2	31.1	2149.2	3977.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	256.8	128.0	-50.2	577.4	101.4	-82.4	-320.6	26.6
of which: EU	167.3	42.9	-74.4	510.8	84.9	-83.4	-343.5	-42.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 13, 2023.