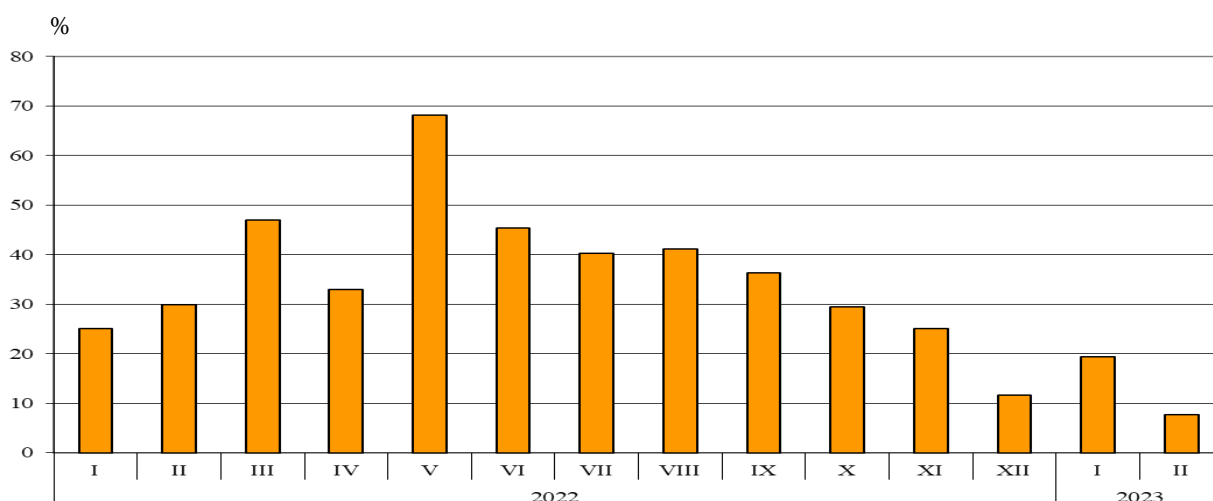


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - February 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 13.4% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 9 585.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France, which accounted for 66.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2023**, the exports to the EU increased by 7.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 643.2 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU in the period 2022 - 2023  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



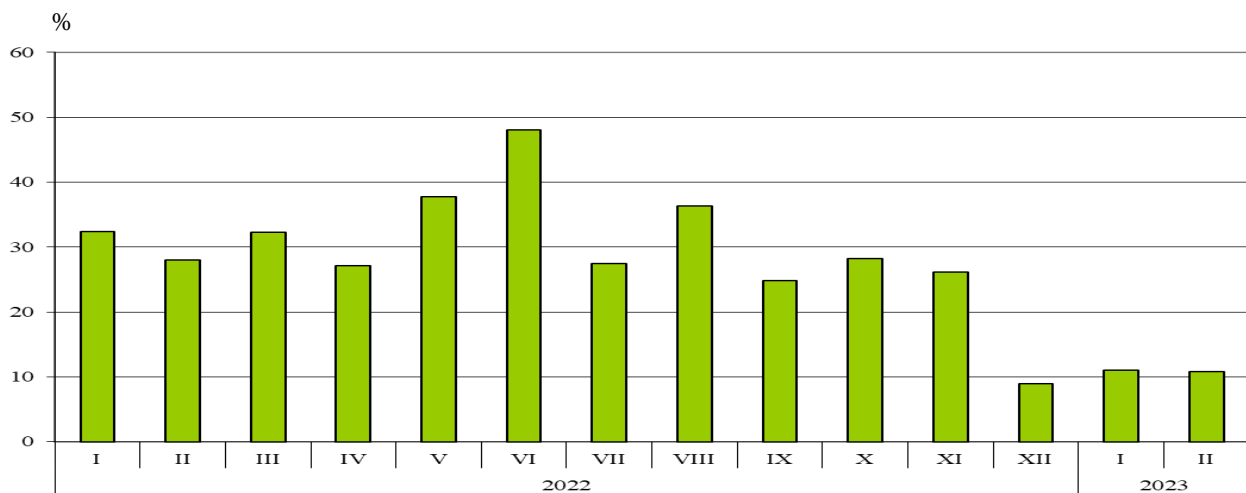
In the period **January - February 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in sections ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (46.0%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (28.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (9.2%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - February 2023** increased by 11.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 9 472.6 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2023**, the imports from the EU increased by 10.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 871.7 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2022 - 2023 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - February 2023**, 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 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (51.9%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - February 2023** was positive and added up to 112.4 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 - February 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<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.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
<b>I - II.2022</b>	<b>12970.5</b>	<b>8451.7</b>	<b>4518.8</b>	<b>15351.4</b>	<b>8537.6</b>	<b>6813.8</b>	<b>-2380.9</b>	<b>-85.9</b>	<b>-2295.0</b>
I.2023	7576.1	4941.8	2634.3	8139.8	4600.9	3538.9	-563.7	340.9	-904.6
II.2023	7190.7	4643.2	2547.5	8322.4	4871.7	3450.7	-1131.7	-228.5	-903.2
<b>I - II.2023</b>	<b>14766.8</b>	<b>9585.0</b>	<b>5181.8</b>	<b>16462.2</b>	<b>9472.6</b>	<b>6989.6</b>	<b>-1695.4</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>-1807.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.

<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 - February 2023<sup>1</sup> 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	21.0	19.3	24.4	6.4	11.1	0.8
II	7.2	7.7	6.1	8.1	10.8	4.5
<b>I - II</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period  
January - February 2022<sup>2</sup> and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12970.5</b>	<b>14766.8</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>15351.4</b>	<b>16462.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-2380.9</b>	<b>-1695.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>8451.7</b>	<b>9585.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>8537.6</b>	<b>9472.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-85.9</b>	<b>112.4</b>
Austria	248.4	328.2	32.1	335.5	405.8	21.0	-87.1	-77.6
Belgium	281.1	543.2	93.2	247.5	437.0	76.6	33.6	106.2
Croatia	219.5	142.4	-35.1	41.1	43.8	6.6	178.4	98.6
Cyprus	55.3	80.2	45.0	12.7	64.7	409.4	42.6	15.5
Czechia	236.6	280.1	18.4	317.7	440.3	38.6	-81.1	-160.2
Denmark	75.4	67.5	-10.5	60.2	68.9	14.5	15.2	-1.4
Estonia	13.9	23.1	66.2	11.7	72.3	517.9	2.2	-49.2
Finland	33.2	33.6	1.2	31.7	48.9	54.3	1.5	-15.3
France	434.8	514.6	18.4	362.9	428.0	17.9	71.9	86.6
Germany	1999.7	2065.3	3.3	1581.8	1939.9	22.6	417.9	125.4
Greece	784.3	792.6	1.1	835.6	718.1	-14.1	-51.3	74.5
Hungary	236.9	212.2	-10.4	536.4	539.5	0.6	-299.5	-327.3
Ireland	25.7	50.5	96.5	93.6	57.8	-38.2	-67.9	-7.3
Italy	1059.8	1127.5	6.4	851.1	1025.8	20.5	208.7	101.7
Latvia	9.3	20.7	122.6	11.3	12.8	13.3	-2.0	7.9
Lithuania	32.4	41.6	28.4	29.5	37.0	25.4	2.9	4.6
Luxembourg	17.3	4.2	-75.7	18.5	17.0	-8.1	-1.2	-12.8
Malta	4.6	6.8	47.8	4.5	6.0	33.3	0.1	0.8
Netherlands	369.4	281.7	-23.7	658.6	641.3	-2.6	-289.2	-359.6
Poland	319.9	370.6	15.8	501.7	640.5	27.7	-181.8	-269.9
Portugal	27.6	32.9	19.2	27.9	31.8	14.0	-0.3	1.1
Romania	1312.0	1298.7	-1.0	1281.5	1016.0	-20.7	30.5	282.7
Slovakia	124.6	175.8	41.1	168.8	175.3	3.9	-44.2	0.5
Slovenia	94.3	120.2	27.5	116.5	148.3	27.3	-22.2	-28.1
Spain	291.9	363.6	24.6	299.5	303.1	1.2	-7.6	60.5
Sweden	97.2	136.4	40.3	80.7	123.7	53.3	16.5	12.7
Not specified	46.6	470.8	910.3	19.1	29.0	51.8	27.5	441.8

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period  
January - February 2022<sup>2</sup> and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Non-EU countries</b>	<b>4518.8</b>	<b>5181.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>6813.8</b>	<b>6989.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-2295.0</b>	<b>-1807.8</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>302.2</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>2012.4</b>	<b>1282.2</b>	<b>-36.3</b>	<b>-1809.4</b>	<b>-980.0</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	6.6	28.2	327.3	0.8	5.3	562.5	5.8	22.9
Russian Federation	133.8	161.8	20.9	1909.5	1132.2	-40.7	-1775.7	-970.4
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1635.2</b>	<b>2112.2</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>1936.0</b>	<b>2421.3</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-300.8</b>	<b>-309.1</b>
of which:								
Canada	28.8	24.2	-16.0	70.4	22.7	-67.8	-41.6	1.5
Chile	4.4	4.6	4.5	119.5	112.2	-6.1	-115.1	-107.6
Israel	41.5	134.3	223.6	13.7	28.9	110.9	27.8	105.4
Japan	20.0	19.3	-3.5	74.7	74.0	-0.9	-54.7	-54.7
Korea, Republic of	47.9	25.7	-46.3	54.8	70.1	27.9	-6.9	-44.4
Türkiye	838.6	837.8	-0.1	1253.9	1304.2	4.0	-415.3	-466.4
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	214.2	471.1	119.9	98.9	249.1	151.9	115.3	222.0
United States	297.2	317.8	6.9	109.8	358.2	226.2	187.4	-40.4
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>152.0</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>76.6</b>
of which:								
Norway	18.3	18.3	0.0	11.6	6.8	-41.4	6.7	11.5
Switzerland	78.8	209.1	165.4	86.2	144.3	67.4	-7.4	64.8

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<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; Türkiye; 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 - February 2022<sup>2</sup> and 2023<sup>2</sup>**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	34.5	44.4	28.7	10.0	13.1	31.0	24.5	31.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	38.0	28.2	-25.8	9.0	12.6	40.0	29.0	15.6
Brazil	87.1	9.5	-89.1	73.5	130.1	77.0	13.6	-120.6
China	249.8	273.8	9.6	903.6	900.6	-0.3	-653.8	-626.8
Egypt	276.6	143.5	-48.1	44.7	82.2	83.9	231.9	61.3
Georgia	117.9	51.2	-56.6	191.4	101.0	-47.2	-73.5	-49.8
India	68.0	110.4	62.4	73.5	102.4	39.3	-5.5	8.0
Indonesia	7.2	6.5	-9.7	10.1	176.4	1646.5	-2.9	-169.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	42.0	35.5	-15.5	19.7	16.1	-18.3	22.3	19.4
Peru	2.2	6.5	195.5	74.5	205.9	176.4	-72.3	-199.4
Republic of North Macedonia	251.7	234.0	-7.0	117.2	140.2	19.6	134.5	93.8
Serbia	331.9	266.4	-19.7	248.7	338.0	35.9	83.2	-71.6
Singapore	6.3	8.6	36.5	16.8	13.8	-17.9	-10.5	-5.2
South Africa	131.4	18.3	-86.1	20.6	39.0	89.3	110.8	-20.7
Syrian Arab Republic	1.8	1.6	-11.1	3.8	0.2	-94.7	-2.0	1.4
Taiwan	14.2	21.7	52.8	66.1	60.7	-8.2	-51.9	-39.0
Tunisia	48.3	42.6	-11.8	42.9	11.1	-74.1	5.4	31.5
Ukraine	162.9	366.0	124.7	399.1	331.8	-16.9	-236.2	34.2
United Arab Emirates	45.8	129.9	183.6	12.9	9.0	-30.2	32.9	120.9
Viet Nam	17.3	9.3	-46.2	34.1	39.5	15.8	-16.8	-30.2

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period  
January - February 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<sup>1</sup>

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12970.5</b>	<b>14766.8</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>15351.4</b>	<b>16462.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-2380.9</b>	<b>-1695.4</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>8451.7</b>	<b>9585.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>8537.6</b>	<b>9472.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-85.9</b>	<b>112.4</b>
Food and live animals	1180.9	1582.3	34.0	1054.2	1329.9	26.2	126.7	252.4
of which: EU	745.8	892.1	19.6	808.8	977.7	20.9	-63.0	-85.6
Beverages and tobacco	106.8	121.1	13.4	177.7	270.4	52.2	-70.9	-149.3
of which: EU	60.5	66.5	9.9	144.2	219.0	51.9	-83.7	-152.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	824.8	860.6	4.3	1372.6	1580.8	15.2	-547.8	-720.2
of which: EU	442.9	566.8	28.0	376.1	379.8	1.0	66.8	187.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1316.4	1334.9	1.4	2652.3	1891.1	-28.7	-1335.9	-556.2
of which: EU	476.6	439.2	-7.8	683.1	297.8	-56.4	-206.5	141.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	315.0	312.2	-0.9	143.1	168.2	17.5	171.9	144.0
of which: EU	170.8	155.1	-9.2	86.9	53.3	-38.7	83.9	101.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1711.2	1588.2	-7.2	2362.7	2342.2	-0.9	-651.5	-754.0
of which: EU	1076.9	1038.7	-3.5	1731.2	1759.2	1.6	-654.3	-720.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3104.7	3004.8	-3.2	2686.8	2601.3	-3.2	417.9	403.5
of which: EU	2309.3	2294.3	-0.6	1347.2	1411.6	4.8	962.1	882.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2738.1	3759.2	37.3	3759.0	4953.7	31.8	-1020.9	-1194.5
of which: EU	2008.4	2439.8	21.5	2604.1	3458.0	32.8	-595.7	-1018.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1663.3	2123.1	27.6	1130.2	1309.6	15.9	533.1	813.5
of which: EU	1153.9	1685.1	46.0	744.5	904.0	21.4	409.4	781.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	9.3	80.4	764.5	12.8	15.0	17.2	-3.5	65.4
of which: EU	6.6	7.4	12.1	11.5	12.2	6.1	-4.9	-4.8

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2023.