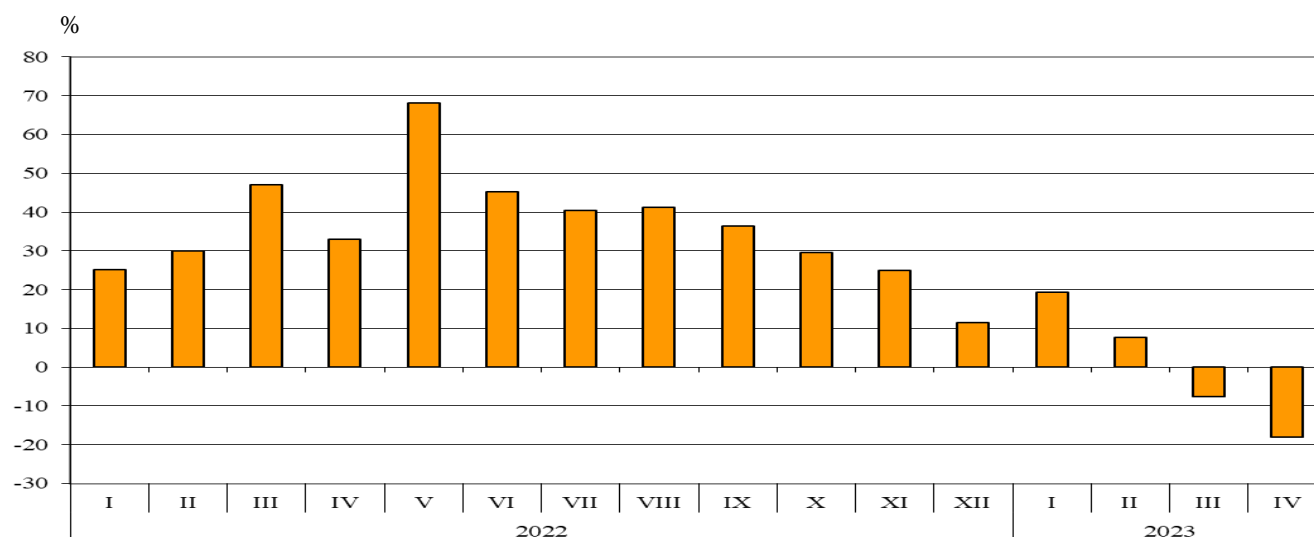


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 1.2% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 18 960.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 18.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 287.2 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



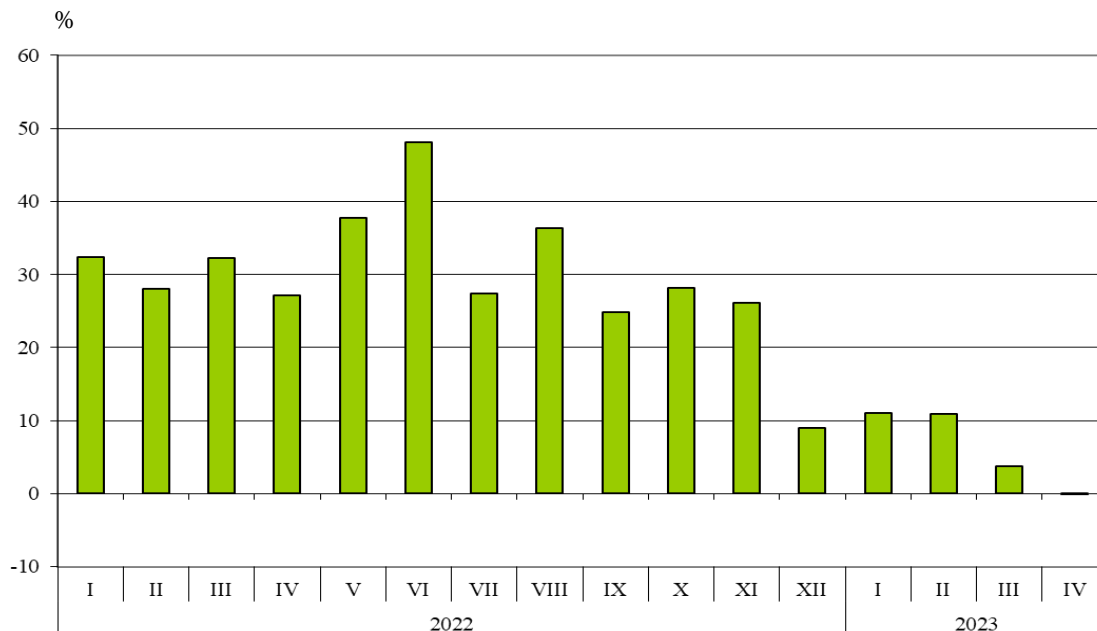
In the period **January - April 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’ (26.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (57.3%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - April 2023** increased by 6.1% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 19 533.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (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 **April 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 573.1 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 - April 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 ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (27.4%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (55.4%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU** in the period **January - April 2023** was negative and added up to 572.5 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 - April 2022¹ and 2023¹ 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.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
I - IV.2022	28766.1	19191.8	9574.3	32774.4	18403.2	14371.2	-4008.3	788.6	-4796.9
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
I - III.2023	22987.7	14673.3	8314.4	25365.7	14959.9	10405.8	-2378.0	-286.6	-2091.4
IV.2023	6824.6	4287.2	2537.4	7397.6	4573.1	2824.5	-573.0	-285.9	-287.1
I - IV.2023	29812.3	18960.5	10851.8	32763.3	19533.0	13230.3	-2951.0	-572.5	-2378.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2023¹ 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	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	9.0	5.1	16.7	4.3	8.2	-0.9
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.5	-0.1	-27.1
I - IV	3.6	-1.2	13.3	0.0	6.1	-7.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2022² and 2023²**

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	
Total	28766.1	29812.3	3.6	32774.4	32763.3	0.0	-4008.3	-2951.0
EU	19191.8	18960.5	-1.2	18403.2	19533.0	6.1	788.6	-572.5
Austria	535.7	651.1	21.5	725.0	864.1	19.2	-189.3	-213.0
Belgium	497.5	810.5	62.9	572.9	771.0	34.6	-75.4	39.5
Croatia	351.4	241.5	-31.3	79.8	83.9	5.1	271.6	157.6
Cyprus	130.2	137.4	5.5	28.1	77.3	175.1	102.1	60.1
Czechia	498.9	568.9	14.0	691.5	922.8	33.4	-192.6	-353.9
Denmark	177.7	139.1	-21.7	132.1	286.0	116.5	45.6	-146.9
Estonia	35.0	54.8	56.6	28.3	91.5	223.3	6.7	-36.7
Finland	70.0	65.9	-5.9	63.6	87.0	36.8	6.4	-21.1
France	1015.8	1014.4	-0.1	775.9	888.0	14.4	239.9	126.4
Germany	4400.2	4100.0	-6.8	3494.9	4007.8	14.7	905.3	92.2
Greece	1888.2	1591.8	-15.7	1916.7	1532.0	-20.1	-28.5	59.8
Hungary	558.0	410.9	-26.4	1092.2	1091.7	0.0	-534.2	-680.8
Ireland	56.6	86.8	53.4	164.0	130.1	-20.7	-107.4	-43.3
Italy	2419.9	2351.1	-2.8	1922.1	2171.1	13.0	497.8	180.0
Latvia	22.9	38.5	68.1	42.7	24.3	-43.1	-19.8	14.2
Lithuania	65.2	86.7	33.0	68.8	77.5	12.6	-3.6	9.2
Luxembourg	56.5	8.1	-85.7	43.2	33.6	-22.2	13.3	-25.5
Malta	11.1	14.4	29.7	12.1	9.9	-18.2	-1.0	4.5
Netherlands	812.6	583.1	-28.2	1293.0	1362.7	5.4	-480.4	-779.6
Poland	701.7	743.8	6.0	1087.3	1316.6	21.1	-385.6	-572.8
Portugal	97.0	67.2	-30.7	62.2	63.5	2.1	34.8	3.7
Romania	2886.8	2666.7	-7.6	2597.5	2091.8	-19.5	289.3	574.9
Slovakia	260.2	354.1	36.1	373.5	373.8	0.1	-113.3	-19.7
Slovenia	284.7	201.4	-29.3	249.5	292.2	17.1	35.2	-90.8
Spain	811.5	734.0	-9.6	642.1	559.1	-12.9	169.4	174.9
Sweden	206.8	273.9	32.4	204.2	255.1	24.9	2.6	18.8
Not specified	339.7	964.4	183.9	40.0	68.6	71.5	299.7	895.8

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2022² and 2023²**

(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	
Non-EU countries	9574.3	10851.8	13.3	14371.2	13230.3	-7.9	-4796.9	-2378.5
CIS³	416.5	600.1	44.1	4199.9	2197.3	-47.7	-3783.4	-1597.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	17.3	58.8	239.9	2.1	6.6	214.3	15.2	52.2
Russian Federation	249.1	315.1	26.5	3971.9	1882.2	-52.6	-3722.8	-1567.1
OECD⁴	3659.4	4344.8	18.7	4124.7	4801.8	16.4	-465.3	-457.0
of which:								
Canada	64.2	57.9	-9.8	101.1	33.3	-67.1	-36.9	24.6
Chile	12.2	8.4	-31.1	169.5	114.9	-32.2	-157.3	-106.5
Israel	197.6	173.3	-12.3	35.6	111.7	213.8	162.0	61.6
Japan	47.4	40.7	-14.1	137.3	145.9	6.3	-89.9	-105.2
Korea, Republic of	76.7	58.5	-23.7	112.4	126.5	12.5	-35.7	-68.0
Türkiye	1782.6	1833.8	2.9	2753.5	2806.0	1.9	-970.9	-972.2
United Kingdom ⁵	508.5	990.0	94.7	222.4	564.9	154.0	286.1	425.1
United States	666.6	706.4	6.0	304.3	512.3	68.4	362.3	194.1
EFTA⁶	214.0	379.2	77.2	217.1	316.8	45.9	-3.1	62.4
of which:								
Norway	36.6	38.1	4.1	22.0	18.7	-15.0	14.6	19.4
Switzerland	175.3	339.1	93.4	192.2	296.0	54.0	-16.9	43.1

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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; Türkiye; 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 - April 2022² and 2023²**

(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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	81.3	87.0	7.0	31.4	33.6	7.0	49.9	53.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	70.8	59.0	-16.7	17.4	27.5	58.0	53.4	31.5
Brazil	141.1	21.7	-84.6	84.7	261.5	208.7	56.4	-239.8
China	478.5	707.1	47.8	1870.7	1663.6	-11.1	-1392.2	-956.5
Egypt	333.3	353.9	6.2	125.4	162.0	29.2	207.9	191.9
Georgia	202.0	116.5	-42.3	300.8	275.3	-8.5	-98.8	-158.8
India	150.9	156.6	3.8	193.6	181.7	-6.1	-42.7	-25.1
Indonesia	16.2	30.4	87.7	108.9	194.0	78.1	-92.7	-163.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	103.1	64.3	-37.6	52.9	36.0	-31.9	50.2	28.3
Peru	9.7	13.6	40.2	163.7	207.3	26.6	-154.0	-193.7
Republic of North Macedonia	526.6	532.9	1.2	270.8	305.8	12.9	255.8	227.1
Serbia	735.8	618.0	-16.0	555.2	739.2	33.1	180.6	-121.2
Singapore	15.4	18.0	16.9	40.1	26.6	-33.7	-24.7	-8.6
South Africa	190.9	80.1	-58.0	29.4	90.6	208.2	161.5	-10.5
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.7	-22.9	3.8	0.4	-89.5	-0.3	2.3
Taiwan	26.9	72.7	170.3	147.8	116.4	-21.2	-120.9	-43.7
Tunisia	188.1	91.4	-51.4	48.8	17.1	-65.0	139.3	74.3
Ukraine	223.2	670.5	200.4	645.3	587.0	-9.0	-422.1	83.5
United Arab Emirates	82.3	170.3	106.9	24.9	29.4	18.1	57.4	140.9
Viet Nam	29.4	23.7	-19.4	95.2	78.1	-18.0	-65.8	-54.4

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² Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - April 2022¹ and 2023¹

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	
Total	28766.1	29812.3	3.6	32774.4	32763.3	0.0	-4008.3	-2951.0
of which: EU	19191.8	18960.5	-1.2	18403.2	19533.0	6.1	788.6	-572.5
Food and live animals	3225.7	3503.4	8.6	2257.7	2684.9	18.9	968.0	818.5
of which: EU	2006.9	1810.8	-9.8	1710.3	1990.1	16.4	296.6	-179.3
Beverages and tobacco	191.3	237.9	24.4	420.1	510.6	21.5	-228.8	-272.7
of which: EU	120.7	145.3	20.4	336.0	389.5	15.9	-215.3	-244.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1742.3	1769.5	1.6	2864.2	2802.4	-2.2	-1121.9	-1032.9
of which: EU	1000.1	1109.1	10.9	793.8	756.7	-4.7	206.3	352.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2747.5	2174.3	-20.9	5369.9	3404.7	-36.6	-2622.4	-1230.4
of which: EU	947.6	598.2	-36.9	1372.9	612.1	-55.4	-425.3	-13.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	940.7	557.8	-40.7	355.2	265.2	-25.3	585.5	292.6
of which: EU	667.7	285.1	-57.3	209.7	117.7	-43.9	458.0	167.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3694.8	3170.5	-14.2	4979.5	4525.1	-9.1	-1284.7	-1354.6
of which: EU	2374.7	1995.9	-16.0	3619.4	3420.3	-5.5	-1244.7	-1424.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6732.8	6012.7	-10.7	5775.4	5308.5	-8.1	957.4	704.2
of which: EU	5103.7	4531.7	-11.2	2917.5	2947.2	1.0	2186.2	1584.5
Machinery and transport equipment	5788.8	7781.8	34.4	8243.1	10478.7	27.1	-2454.3	-2696.9
of which: EU	4277.4	5081.7	18.8	5788.1	7371.6	27.4	-1510.7	-2289.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3670.7	4400.0	19.9	2473.9	2744.6	10.9	1196.8	1655.4
of which: EU	2671.5	3386.3	26.8	1623.8	1894.0	16.6	1047.7	1492.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	31.5	204.4	548.9	35.4	38.6	9.0	-3.9	165.8
of which: EU	21.5	16.4	-23.7	31.7	33.8	6.6	-10.2	-17.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 2023.