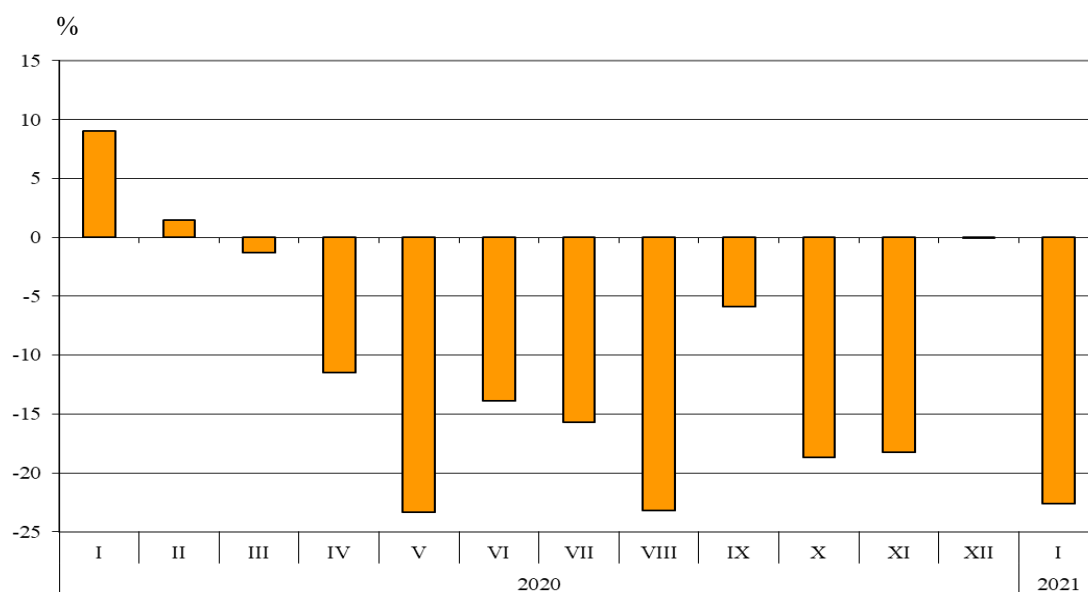


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2021** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 22.6% in comparison with the same month of 2020 and added up to 1 378.0 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, the United Kingdom, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 57.3% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2021** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, a growth compared to January 2020 was recorded only in section 'Food and live animals' (12.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (88.1%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (69.0%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in **January 2021** decreased by 15.0% in comparison with the same month of 2020 and added up to 1 872.1 Million BGN (at CIF prices)²

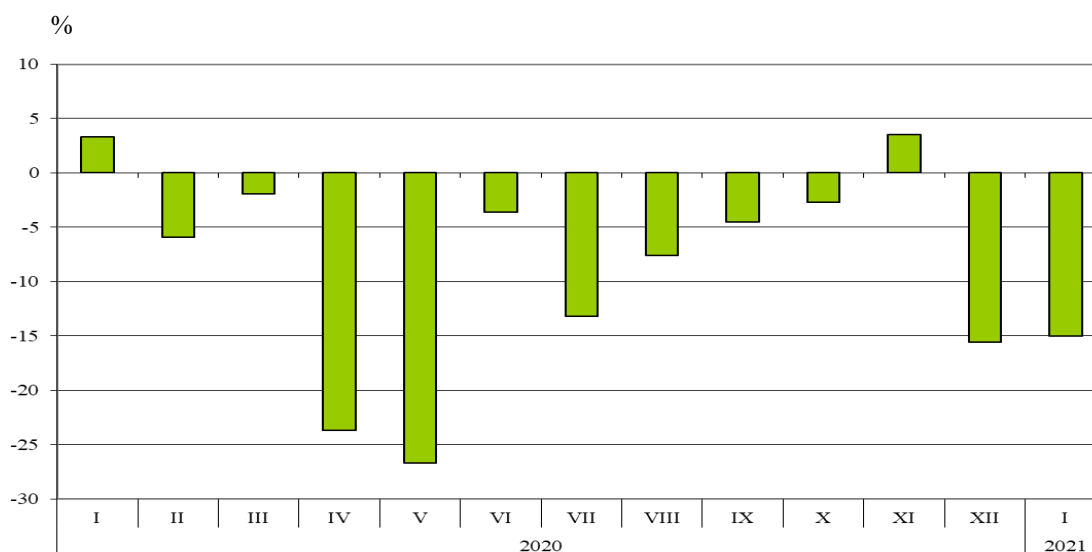
¹ Value changes at current prices.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

(Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, China, the Russian Federation, Peru, Serbia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In **January 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to January 2020 was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (22.1%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (3.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (54.3%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in **January 2021** was negative and added up to 494.1 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

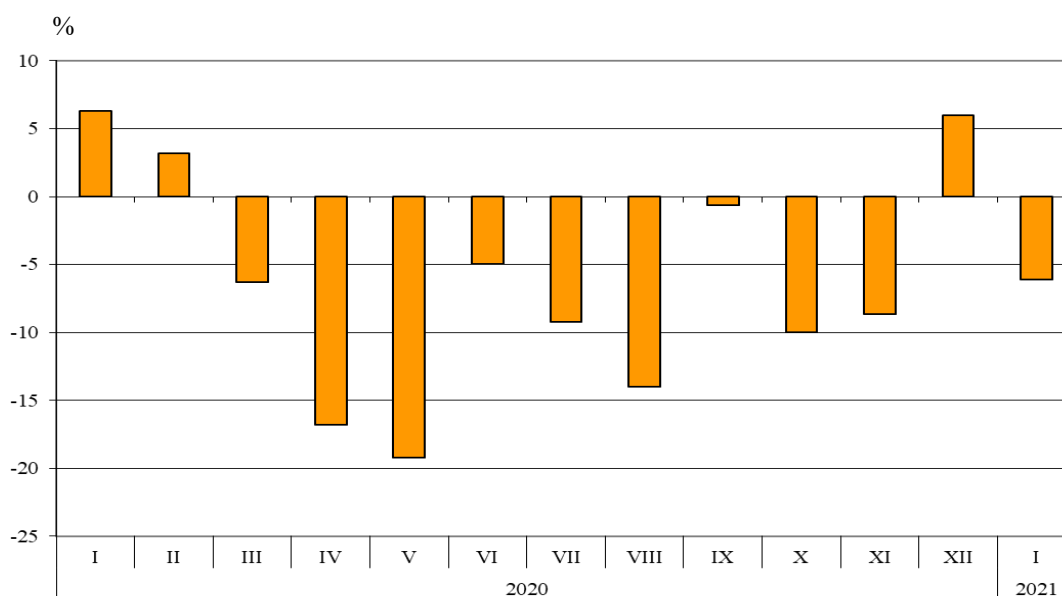
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² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In **January 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 4 685.5 Million BGN which is 6.1% less than the same month of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

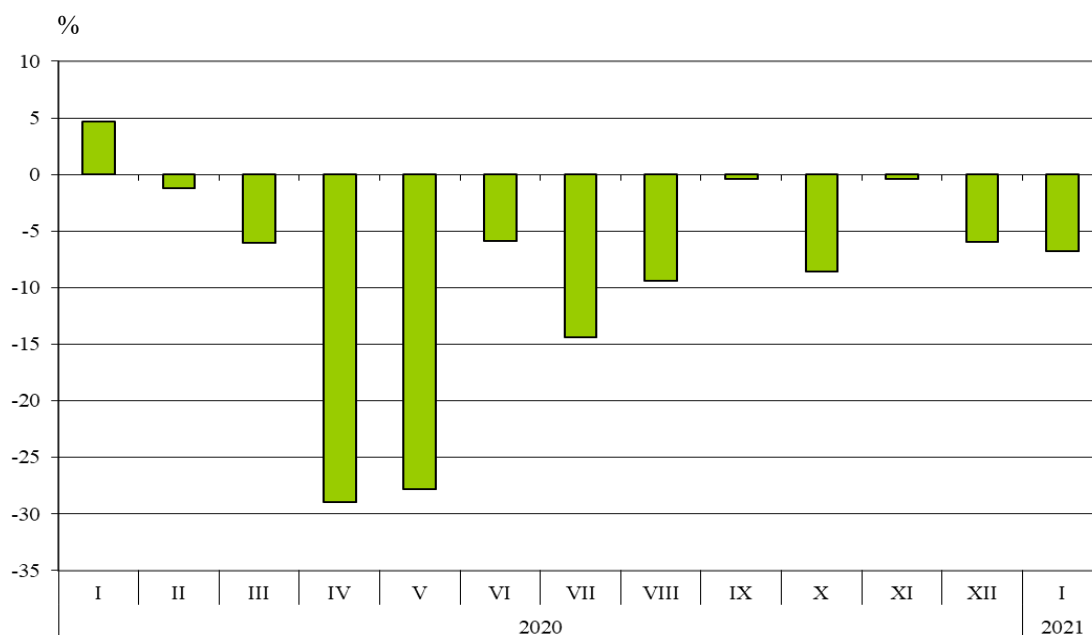
Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in **January 2021** amounted to 4 941.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 6.8% less than January 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The **total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **January 2021** and amounted to 256.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2020¹ and 2021¹ 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.2020	4989.4	3209.3	1780.1	5302.3	3100.0	2202.3	-312.9	109.3	-422.2
I.2021	4685.5	3307.5	1378.0	4941.8	3069.7	1872.1	-256.3	237.8	-494.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2021.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in January 2021¹ 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	-6.1	3.1	-22.6	-6.8	-1.0	-15.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2021.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹
in January 2020² and 2021²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1780.1	1378.0	-22.6	2202.3	1872.1	-15.0	-422.2	-494.1
of which:								
Albania	11.5	11.4	-0.9	6.1	3.7	-39.3	5.4	7.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13.3	9.7	-27.1	8.1	3.0	-63.0	5.2	6.7
Brazil	5.2	3.8	-26.9	5.3	5.6	5.7	-0.1	-1.8
Canada	29.4	8.1	-72.4	7.9	46.8	492.4	21.5	-38.7
China	168.8	138.8	-17.8	307.8	309.4	0.5	-139.0	-170.6
Egypt	41.1	46.1	12.2	145.0	23.0	-84.1	-103.9	23.1
Georgia	26.0	12.8	-50.8	58.8	79.4	35.0	-32.8	-66.6
Gibraltar	30.6	23.7	-22.5	0.1	0.0	x	30.5	23.7
India	17.8	12.4	-30.3	30.5	25.2	-17.4	-12.7	-12.8
Indonesia	3.6	3.0	-16.7	8.6	6.5	-24.4	-5.0	-3.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	27.4	10.9	-60.2	5.9	3.2	-45.8	21.5	7.7
Israel	10.9	15.6	43.1	6.7	5.0	-25.4	4.2	10.6
Japan	9.6	7.3	-24.0	24.5	31.4	28.2	-14.9	-24.1
Kazakhstan	8.0	2.8	-65.0	4.2	0.1	-97.6	3.8	2.7
Korea, Republic of	10.4	8.9	-14.4	23.2	21.6	-6.9	-12.8	-12.7
Libya	32.0	17.8	-44.4	-	-	x	32.0	17.8
Morocco	21.4	10.5	-50.9	3.3	1.1	-66.7	18.1	9.4
Namibia	0.1	0.3	200.0	0.0	-	x	0.1	0.3
Norway	6.5	6.7	3.1	5.1	4.0	-21.6	1.4	2.7
Peru	1.8	0.9	-50.0	73.6	140.8	91.3	-71.8	-139.9
Republic of North Macedonia	62.6	57.3	-8.5	50.2	35.5	-29.3	12.4	21.8
Russian Federation	60.2	54.2	-10.0	450.2	257.6	-42.8	-390.0	-203.4
Serbia	85.3	75.8	-11.1	107.3	95.5	-11.0	-22.0	-19.7
Singapore	16.8	2.4	-85.7	6.3	7.2	14.3	10.5	-4.8
South Africa	31.2	3.6	-88.5	9.5	2.1	-77.9	21.7	1.5
Switzerland	29.7	33.9	14.1	40.4	36.4	-9.9	-10.7	-2.5
Syrian Arab Republic	0.6	1.2	100.0	0.0	0.3	x	0.6	0.9
Taiwan	7.0	3.7	-47.1	21.3	28.6	34.3	-14.3	-24.9
Tunisia	31.3	14.4	-54.0	4.1	3.0	-26.8	27.2	11.4
Turkey	408.1	310.0	-24.0	339.7	318.2	-6.3	68.4	-8.2
Ukraine	32.7	25.8	-21.1	108.7	86.9	-20.1	-76.0	-61.1
United Arab Emirates	11.2	11.0	-1.8	4.4	6.8	54.5	6.8	4.2
United Kingdom ³	115.0	69.7	-39.4	63.1	21.9	-65.3	51.9	47.8
United States	103.6	84.2	-18.7	60.6	32.3	-46.7	43.0	51.9
Viet-Nam	4.1	4.6	12.2	13.2	14.5	9.8	-9.1	-9.9

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 12-th March 2021.

³ The United Kingdom includes Northern Ireland, Great Britain, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

'-' - no case.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 2020¹ and 2021¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	1780.1	1378.0	-22.6	2202.3	1872.1	-15.0	-422.2	-494.1
Food and live animals	171.7	193.6	12.8	105.9	99.3	-6.2	65.8	94.3
Beverages and tobacco	32.3	18.3	-43.3	17.8	11.9	-33.1	14.5	6.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	168.8	151.6	-10.2	413.2	427.9	3.6	-244.4	-276.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	346.6	107.3	-69.0	520.8	238.1	-54.3	-174.2	-130.8
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	51.2	6.1	-88.1	12.2	14.9	22.1	39.0	-8.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	194.7	181.3	-6.9	197.8	190.8	-3.5	-3.1	-9.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	341.1	309.5	-9.3	388.4	361.9	-6.8	-47.3	-52.4
Machinery and transport equipment	259.6	252.1	-2.9	373.6	384.6	2.9	-114.0	-132.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	208.5	153.0	-26.6	168.8	137.6	-18.5	39.7	15.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	5.6	5.2	-7.1	3.8	5.1	34.2	1.8	0.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th March 2021.