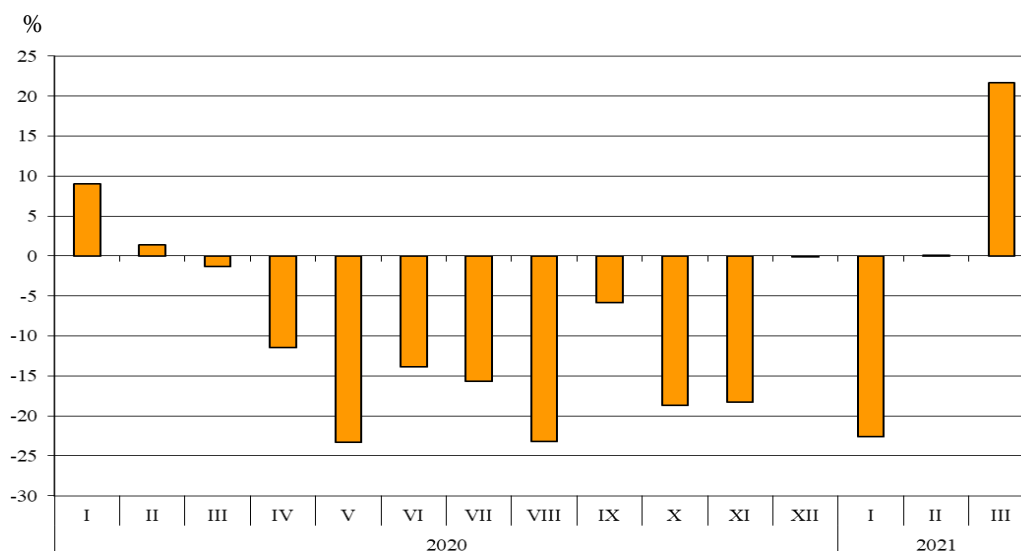


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - March 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 1.0% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 5 025.3 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 55.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 21.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 973.9 Million BGN.

**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 the period January - March 2021 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (23.6%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'² (14.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

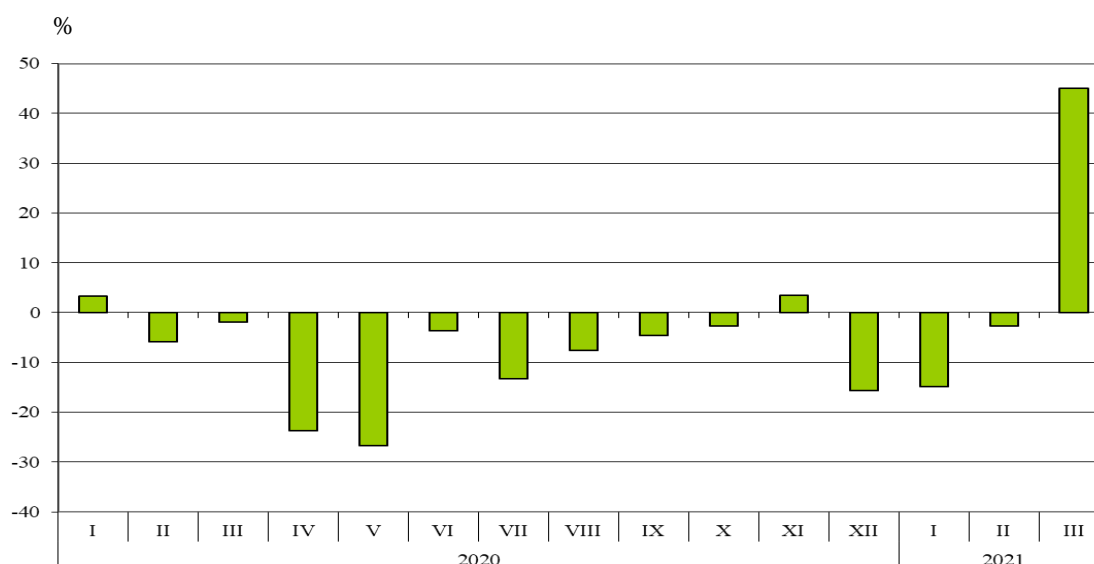
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notable fall was reported in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (36.9%) and ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (34.6%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - March 2021 increased by 7.2% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 6 519.3 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China, Serbia and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 45.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 651.9 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² 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 the period **January - March 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in the sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (42.6%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (21.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in sector ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (12.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - March 2021** was negative and added up to 1 494.0 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In March 2021 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 678.0 Million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

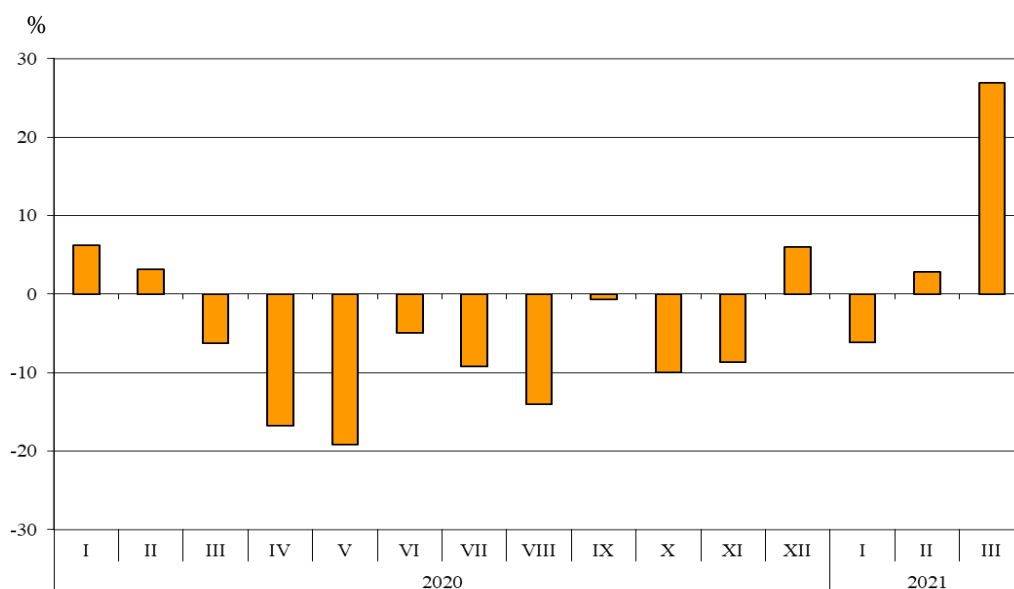
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - March 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 15 388.5 Million BGN which is 7.3% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2021** the total exports of goods added up to 5 720.6 Million BGN and increased by 27.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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)

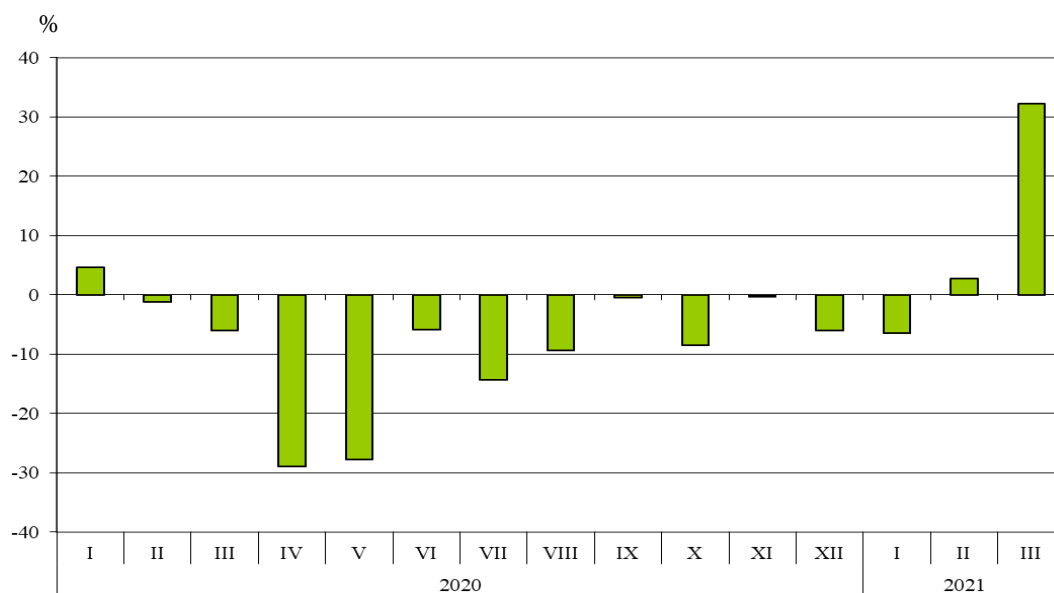


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - March 2021** amounted to 17 063.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 9.2% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2021** the total imports of goods increased by 32.3% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 684.1 Million BGN.

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 **the period January - March 2021** and amounted to 1 675.3 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1).

In March 2021 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 963.5 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 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
II.2020	4847.8	3176.1	1671.7	5276.4	3228.3	2048.1	-428.6	-52.2	-376.4
III.2020	4505.9	2884.1	1621.8	5053.6	3225.3	1828.3	-547.7	-341.2	-206.5
I - III.2020	14343.1	9269.5	5073.6	15632.3	9553.6	6078.7	-1289.2	-284.1	-1005.1
I.2021	4684.9	3306.9	1378.0	4957.2	3083.9	1873.3	-272.3	223.0	-495.3
II.2021	4983.0	3309.6	1673.4	5422.5	3428.4	1994.1	-439.5	-118.8	-320.7
III.2021	5720.6	3746.7	1973.9	6684.1	4032.2	2651.9	-963.5	-285.5	-678.0
I - III.2021	15388.5	10363.2	5025.3	17063.8	10544.5	6519.3	-1675.3	-181.3	-1494.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.

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 the period
January - March 2021¹ 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	-6.1	3.0	-22.6	-6.5	-0.5	-14.9
II	2.8	4.2	0.1	2.8	6.2	-2.6
III	27.0	29.9	21.7	32.3	25.0	45.0
I - III	7.3	11.8	-1.0	9.2	10.4	7.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - March 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	5073.6	5025.3	-1.0	6078.7	6519.3	7.2	-1005.1	-1494.0
of which:								
Albania	38.0	44.1	16.1	12.1	16.2	33.9	25.9	27.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42.5	42.0	-1.2	13.8	12.0	-13.0	28.7	30.0
Brazil	13.7	10.8	-21.2	15.3	85.1	456.2	-1.6	-74.3
Canada	79.2	26.0	-67.2	65.1	62.3	-4.3	14.1	-36.3
China	390.3	532.1	36.3	751.3	923.4	22.9	-361.0	-391.3
Egypt	123.6	94.8	-23.3	317.8	59.4	-81.3	-194.2	35.4
Georgia	70.0	60.0	-14.3	202.7	193.3	-4.6	-132.7	-133.3
Gibraltar	89.5	83.2	-7.0	0.1	0.0	x	89.4	83.2
India	54.9	50.1	-8.7	76.0	79.9	5.1	-21.1	-29.8
Indonesia	22.4	7.4	-67.0	18.6	16.2	-12.9	3.8	-8.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	72.4	41.6	-42.5	13.2	14.1	6.8	59.2	27.5
Israel	39.2	62.8	60.2	28.9	143.4	396.2	10.3	-80.6
Japan	26.8	23.4	-12.7	77.0	112.7	46.4	-50.2	-89.3
Kazakhstan	17.1	12.9	-24.6	7.8	2.2	-71.8	9.3	10.7
Korea, Republic of	25.2	27.4	8.7	64.5	60.0	-7.0	-39.3	-32.6
Libya	70.6	148.6	110.5	0.0	0.0	x	70.6	148.6
Morocco	56.7	54.4	-4.1	20.7	20.9	1.0	36.0	33.5
Namibia	52.9	30.7	-42.0	0.0	-	x	52.9	30.7
Norway	30.9	29.4	-4.9	16.5	17.5	6.1	14.4	11.9
Peru	6.0	1.8	-70.0	195.5	168.4	-13.9	-189.5	-166.6
Republic of North Macedonia	198.1	217.0	9.5	141.2	135.1	-4.3	56.9	81.9
Russian Federation	206.4	176.8	-14.3	1276.7	1117.2	-12.5	-1070.3	-940.4
Serbia	247.2	275.4	11.4	309.2	320.8	3.8	-62.0	-45.4
Singapore	21.0	8.2	-61.0	22.1	20.4	-7.7	-1.1	-12.2
South Africa	70.6	15.9	-77.5	15.5	9.7	-37.4	55.1	6.2
Switzerland	86.7	112.0	29.2	123.6	126.2	2.1	-36.9	-14.2
Syrian Arab Republic	2.9	2.6	-10.3	0.1	0.6	500.0	2.8	2.0
Taiwan	19.6	12.1	-38.3	52.9	76.2	44.0	-33.3	-64.1
Tunisia	106.6	120.9	13.4	9.5	7.0	-26.3	97.1	113.9
Turkey	959.9	1042.0	8.6	996.5	1229.9	23.4	-36.6	-187.9
Ukraine	107.1	123.2	15.0	283.3	314.1	10.9	-176.2	-190.9
United Arab Emirates	39.4	36.0	-8.6	14.4	20.0	38.9	25.0	16.0
United Kingdom ³	332.2	271.6	-18.2	193.2	128.8	-33.3	139.0	142.8
United States	293.1	295.4	0.8	167.9	111.4	-33.7	125.2	184.0
Viet-Nam	18.6	19.3	3.8	32.1	37.9	18.1	-13.5	-18.6

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 13-th May 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 the period January - March 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	5073.6	5025.3	-1.0	6078.7	6519.3	7.2	-1005.1	-1494.0
Food and live animals	707.9	682.0	-3.7	291.1	311.4	7.0	416.8	370.6
Beverages and tobacco	70.1	49.1	-30.0	59.6	52.3	-12.2	10.5	-3.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	424.3	524.4	23.6	1098.2	1267.3	15.4	-673.9	-742.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	636.9	401.9	-36.9	1329.6	1170.5	-12.0	-692.7	-768.6
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	128.0	83.7	-34.6	31.2	44.5	42.6	96.8	39.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	632.4	623.2	-1.5	576.8	635.6	10.2	55.6	-12.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	999.1	1147.6	14.9	1148.1	1233.7	7.5	-149.0	-86.1
Machinery and transport equipment	822.8	888.9	8.0	1075.1	1302.6	21.2	-252.3	-413.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	636.5	605.7	-4.8	458.2	483.1	5.4	178.3	122.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	15.6	18.8	20.5	10.8	18.3	69.4	4.8	0.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th May 2021.