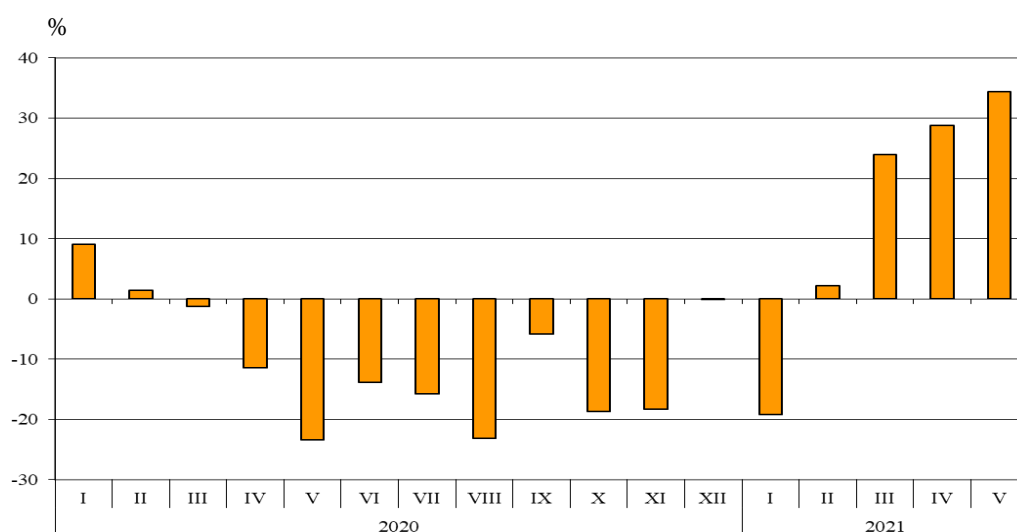


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - May 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 12.1% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 8 742.1 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 56.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In May 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries grew by 34.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 725.2 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 - May 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 ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (30.5%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’³ (29.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (30.8%) and ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (26.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

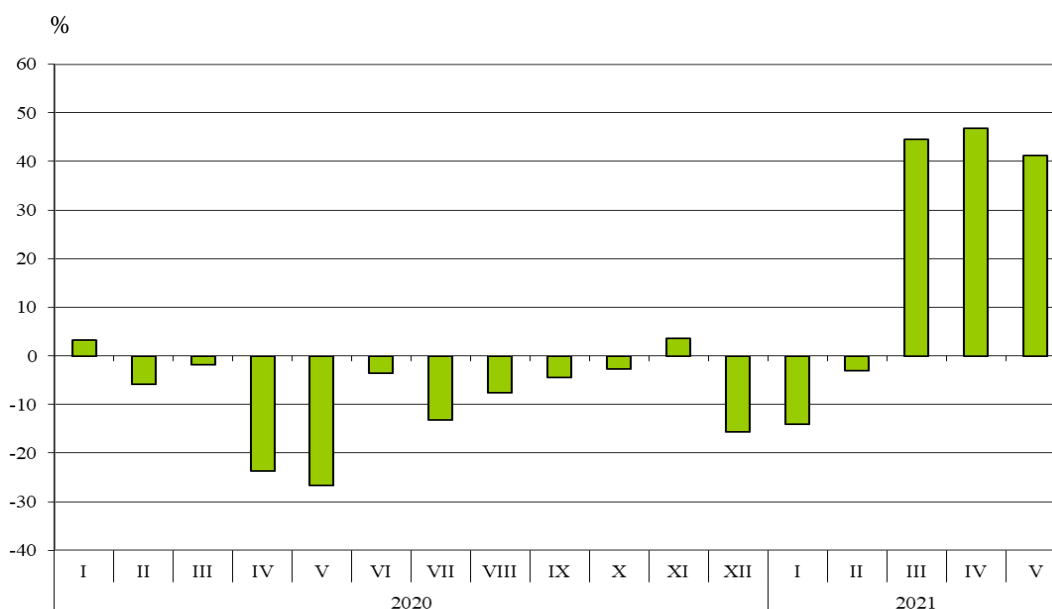
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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.

³ 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.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - May 2021 increased by 20.2% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 11 280.7 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 and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries grew by 41.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 310.8 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 - May 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 ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (29.1%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’³ (23.9%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - May 2021** was negative and added up to 2 538.6 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **May 2021** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 585.6 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.

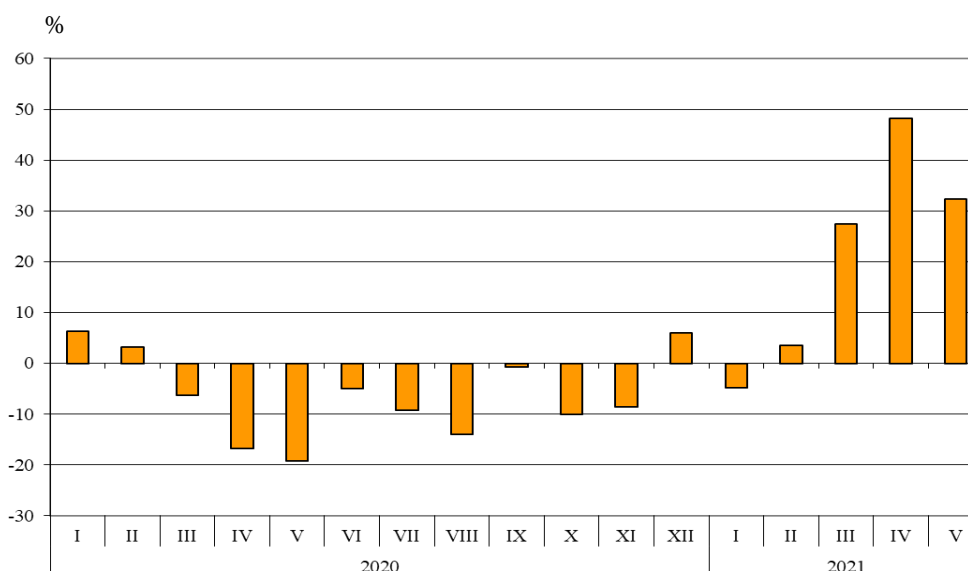
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Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - May 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 26 355.3 Million BGN which is 19.4% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2021** the **total exports** of goods added up to 5 084.7 Million BGN and increased by 32.3% 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)

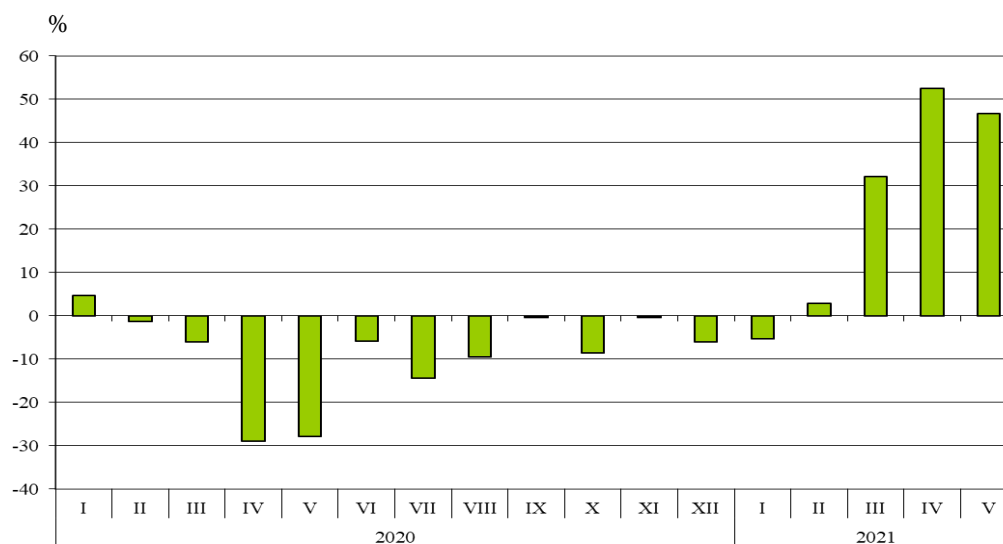


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - May 2021** amounted to 29 158.0 Million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 23.1% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **May 2021** the **total imports** of goods increased by 46.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 5 991.3 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 - May 2021** and amounted to 2 802.7 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **May 2021** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 906.6 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.1	1444.4	3962.1	2295.9	1666.2	-72.6	149.2	-221.8
V.2020	3842.4	2558.8	1283.6	4085.3	2448.8	1636.5	-242.9	110.0	-352.9
I - V.2020	22075.0	14273.4	7801.6	23679.7	14298.3	9381.4	-1604.7	-24.9	-1579.8
I.2021	4746.0	3306.9	1439.1	5019.4	3125.2	1894.2	-273.4	181.7	-455.1
II.2021	5016.2	3308.8	1707.4	5425.6	3441.2	1984.4	-409.4	-132.4	-277.0
III.2021	5743.7	3733.8	2009.9	6677.6	4033.7	2643.9	-933.9	-299.9	-634.0
I - III.2021	15505.9	10349.5	5156.4	17122.6	10600.1	6522.5	-1616.7	-250.6	-1366.1
IV.2021	5764.7	3904.2	1860.5	6044.1	3596.7	2447.4	-279.4	307.5	-586.9
V.2021	5084.7	3359.5	1725.2	5991.3	3680.5	2310.8	-906.6	-321.0	-585.6
I - V.2021	26355.3	17613.2	8742.1	29158.0	17877.3	11280.7	-2802.7	-264.1	-2538.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 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 - May 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	-4.9	3.0	-19.2	-5.3	0.8	-14.0
II	3.5	4.2	2.1	2.8	6.6	-3.1
III	27.5	29.5	23.9	32.1	25.1	44.6
I - III	8.1	11.7	1.6	9.5	11.0	7.3
IV	48.2	59.7	28.8	52.5	56.7	46.9
V	32.3	31.3	34.4	46.7	50.3	41.2
I - V	19.4	23.4	12.1	23.1	25.0	20.2

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - May 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	7801.6	8742.1	12.1	9381.4	11280.7	20.2	-1579.8	-2538.6
of which:								
Albania	61.5	79.2	28.8	17.9	32.6	82.1	43.6	46.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	68.0	73.2	7.6	18.1	21.2	17.1	49.9	52.0
Brazil	22.5	29.9	32.9	22.2	132.9	498.6	0.3	-103.0
Canada	135.1	47.2	-65.1	77.3	177.2	129.2	57.8	-130.0
China	682.6	973.1	42.6	1191.6	1451.2	21.8	-509.0	-478.1
Egypt	156.2	165.0	5.6	389.7	162.7	-58.2	-233.5	2.3
Georgia	95.0	104.8	10.3	379.0	297.3	-21.6	-284.0	-192.5
Gibraltar	132.4	150.6	13.7	0.1	0.0	x	132.3	150.6
India	73.3	105.7	44.2	113.0	149.4	32.2	-39.7	-43.7
Indonesia	31.1	48.3	55.3	112.9	24.4	-78.4	-81.8	23.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	118.9	71.7	-39.7	16.5	29.6	79.4	102.4	42.1
Israel	105.8	118.4	11.9	39.2	212.2	441.3	66.6	-93.8
Japan	44.4	40.9	-7.9	118.3	169.8	43.5	-73.9	-128.9
Kazakhstan	27.0	22.8	-15.6	8.8	2.5	-71.6	18.2	20.3
Korea, Republic of	46.5	50.3	8.2	105.8	103.2	-2.5	-59.3	-52.9
Libya	84.7	156.9	85.2	0.0	0.0	x	84.7	156.9
Morocco	81.1	92.0	13.4	30.9	51.9	68.0	50.2	40.1
Namibia	83.9	65.8	-21.6	0.0	0.0	x	83.9	65.8
Norway	42.1	45.1	7.1	22.5	22.9	1.8	19.6	22.2
Peru	7.2	3.7	-48.6	278.8	339.8	21.9	-271.6	-336.1
Republic of North Macedonia	276.5	368.7	33.3	222.9	254.5	14.2	53.6	114.2
Russian Federation	335.2	304.9	-9.0	1736.3	1926.2	10.9	-1401.1	-1621.3
Serbia	367.0	491.2	33.8	478.6	554.4	15.8	-111.6	-63.2
Singapore	24.3	24.2	-0.4	27.8	35.8	28.8	-3.5	-11.6
South Africa	79.0	27.4	-65.3	23.5	24.9	6.0	55.5	2.5
Switzerland	145.8	183.7	26.0	202.3	221.7	9.6	-56.5	-38.0
Syrian Arab Republic	3.4	3.0	-11.8	0.3	1.4	366.7	3.1	1.6
Taiwan	33.8	23.2	-31.4	82.1	115.8	41.0	-48.3	-92.6
Tunisia	124.3	214.6	72.6	13.1	12.9	-1.5	111.2	201.7
Turkey	1504.9	1746.3	16.0	1550.2	2129.2	37.4	-45.3	-382.9
Ukraine	168.5	264.0	56.7	428.0	571.1	33.4	-259.5	-307.1
United Arab Emirates	59.5	61.5	3.4	20.1	31.6	57.2	39.4	29.9
United Kingdom ³	507.9	479.1	-5.7	272.1	235.9	-13.3	235.8	243.2
United States	453.9	528.4	16.4	288.6	195.8	-32.2	165.3	332.6
Viet-Nam	34.3	40.1	16.9	56.5	70.4	24.6	-22.2	-30.3

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 July 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.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - May 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	7801.6	8742.1	12.1	9381.4	11280.7	20.2	-1579.8	-2538.6
Food and live animals	1132.7	1070.3	-5.5	490.8	526.0	7.2	641.9	544.3
Beverages and tobacco	98.2	71.8	-26.9	101.6	108.7	7.0	-3.4	-36.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	664.1	862.1	29.8	1766.6	2280.6	29.1	-1102.5	-1418.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	841.3	790.4	-6.1	1679.2	2022.4	20.4	-837.9	-1232.0
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	179.4	124.2	-30.8	60.5	73.4	21.3	118.9	50.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1041.1	1040.5	-0.1	916.7	1065.5	16.2	124.4	-25.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1635.6	2133.9	30.5	1850.3	2208.4	19.4	-214.7	-74.5
Machinery and transport equipment	1240.0	1473.3	18.8	1846.5	2160.3	17.0	-606.5	-687.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	947.4	1142.8	20.6	651.2	806.6	23.9	296.2	336.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	21.8	32.8	50.5	18.0	28.8	60.0	3.8	4.0

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