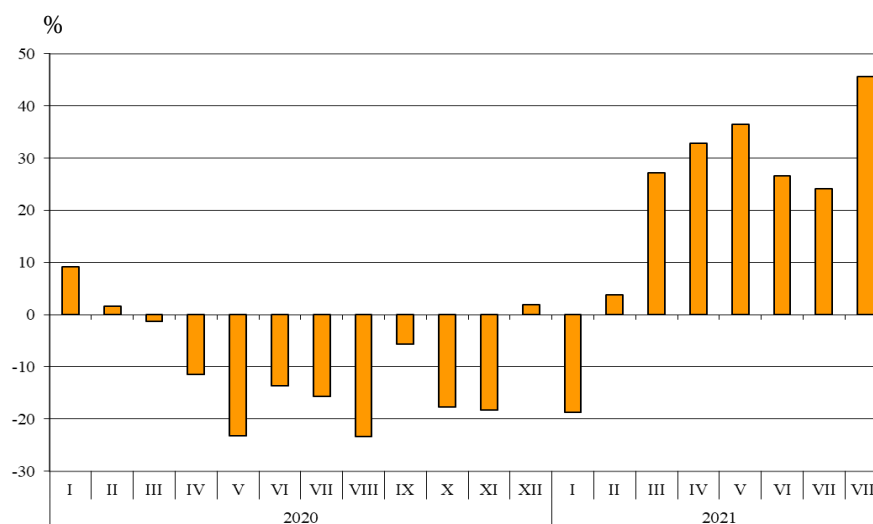


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 20.5% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 14 697.6 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 54.8% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries grew by 45.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 989.3 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 - August 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)² (32.3%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (29.0%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported only in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (20.7%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2021 increased by 28.8% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 19 255.2 million BGN (at CIF prices)³ (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).

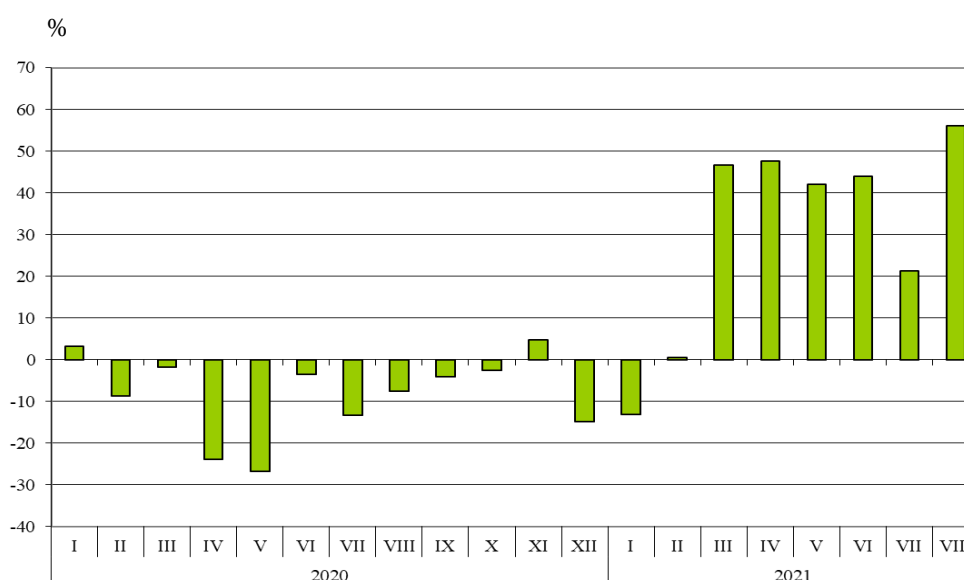
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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.

³ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

In **August 2021** the **imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** grew by 56.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 773.5million BGN.

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 the period **January - August 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 ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (61.3%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’² (30.9%) (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 - August 2021** was negative and added up to 4 557.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **August 2021** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 784.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

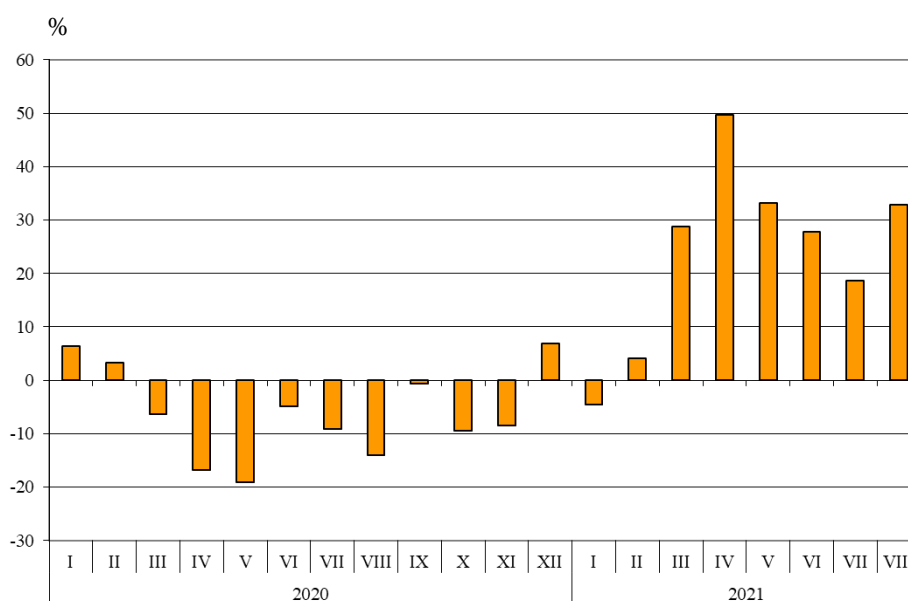
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles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

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

In the period **January - August 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 43 941.4 million BGN, which is 22.4% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2021** the **total exports** of goods added up to 5 524.9 million BGN and increased by 32.8% 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)

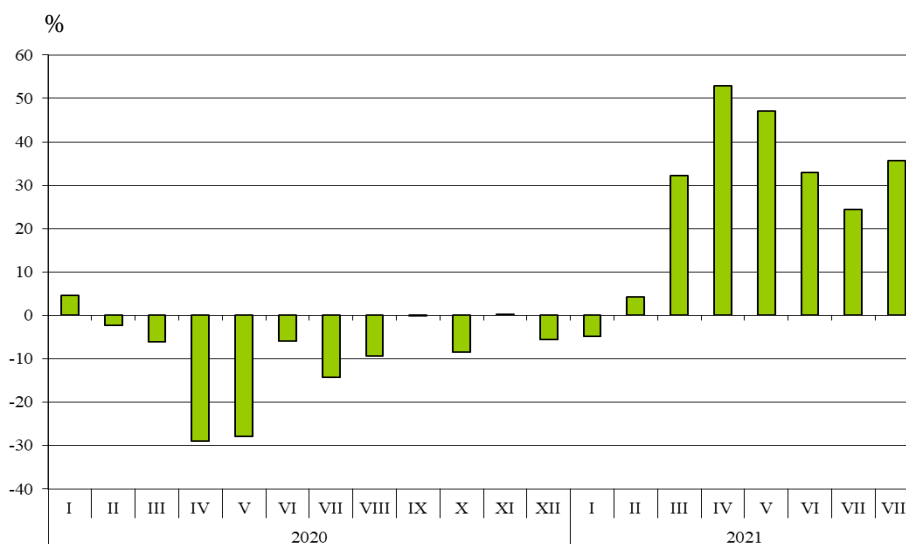


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - August 2021** amounted to 48 273.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 26.4% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2021** the **total imports** of goods increased by 35.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 240.1 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 - August 2021** and amounted to 4 782.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **August 2021** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 715.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - August 2020 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	4990.9	3207.9	1783.0	5299.0	3098.6	2200.4	-308.1	109.3	-417.4
II.2020	4849.6	3174.6	1675.0	5216.8	3227.4	1989.4	-367.2	-52.8	-314.4
III.2020	4506.0	2883.5	1622.5	5053.6	3223.8	1829.8	-547.6	-340.3	-207.3
I - III.2020	14346.5	9266.0	5080.5	15569.4	9549.8	6019.6	-1222.9	-283.8	-939.1
IV.2020	3890.5	2444.9	1445.6	3964.4	2299.7	1664.7	-73.9	145.2	-219.1
V.2020	3844.5	2558.3	1286.2	4084.8	2447.9	1636.9	-240.3	110.4	-350.7
VI.2020	4412.7	2959.7	1453.0	4842.2	2973.3	1868.9	-429.5	-13.6	-415.9
IV - VI.2020	12147.7	7962.9	4184.8	12891.4	7720.9	5170.5	-743.7	242.0	-985.7
I - VI.2020	26494.2	17228.9	9265.3	28460.8	17270.7	11190.1	-1966.6	-41.8	-1924.8
VII.2020	4865.8	3299.3	1566.5	5113.5	3125.4	1988.1	-247.7	173.9	-421.6
VIII.2020	4160.8	2795.2	1365.6	4602.3	2826.3	1776.0	-441.5	-31.1	-410.4
I - VIII.2020	35520.8	23323.4	12197.4	38176.6	23222.4	14954.2	-2655.8	101.0	-2756.8
I.2021	4758.8	3311.0	1447.8	5044.2	3130.2	1914.0	-285.4	180.8	-466.2
II.2021	5047.6	3310.3	1737.3	5435.8	3437.0	1998.8	-388.2	-126.7	-261.5
III.2021	5800.3	3735.7	2064.6	6682.4	3997.2	2685.2	-882.1	-261.5	-620.6
I - III.2021	15606.7	10357.0	5249.7	17162.4	10564.4	6598.0	-1555.7	-207.4	-1348.3
IV.2021	5824.5	3903.7	1920.8	6060.0	3601.0	2459.0	-235.5	302.7	-538.2
V.2021	5119.5	3364.7	1754.8	6010.5	3685.8	2324.7	-891.0	-321.1	-569.9
VI.2021	5639.3	3800.8	1838.5	6440.1	3750.3	2689.8	-800.8	50.5	-851.3
IV - VI.2021	16583.3	11069.2	5514.1	18510.6	11037.1	7473.5	-1927.3	32.1	-1959.4
I - VI.2021	32190.0	21426.2	10763.8	35673.0	21601.5	14071.5	-3483.0	-175.3	-3307.7
VII.2021	5776.5	3832.0	1944.5	6360.4	3950.2	2410.2	-583.9	-118.2	-465.7
VIII.2021	5524.9	3535.6	1989.3	6240.1	3466.6	2773.5	-715.2	69.0	-784.2
I - VIII.2021	43491.4	28793.8	14697.6	48273.5	29018.3	19255.2	-4782.1	-224.5	-4557.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 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 the period
January - August 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	-4.7	3.2	-18.8	-4.8	1.0	-13.0
II	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.2	6.5	0.5
III	28.7	29.6	27.2	32.2	24.0	46.7
I - III	8.8	11.8	3.3	10.2	10.6	9.6
IV	49.7	59.7	32.9	52.9	56.6	47.7
V	33.2	31.5	36.4	47.1	50.6	42.0
VI	27.8	28.4	26.5	33.0	26.1	43.9
IV - VI	36.5	39.0	31.8	43.6	43.0	44.5
I - VI	21.5	24.4	16.2	25.3	25.1	25.7
VII	18.7	16.1	24.1	24.4	26.4	21.2
VIII	32.8	26.5	45.7	35.6	22.7	56.2
I - VIII	22.4	23.5	20.5	26.4	25.0	28.8

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

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - August 2020 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	12197.4	14697.6	20.5	14954.2	19255.2	28.8	-2756.8	-4557.6
of which:								
Albania	113.0	142.6	26.2	35.8	46.9	31.0	77.2	95.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	110.4	121.3	9.9	29.6	35.9	21.3	80.8	85.4
Brazil	63.5	46.2	-27.2	106.2	224.2	111.1	-42.7	-178.0
Canada	176.9	78.4	-55.7	229.4	211.1	-8.0	-52.5	-132.7
China	1155.8	1500.8	29.8	1985.2	2610.2	31.5	-829.4	-1109.4
Egypt	233.0	329.3	41.3	468.5	401.8	-14.2	-235.5	-72.5
Georgia	161.4	250.8	55.4	618.9	435.7	-29.6	-457.5	-184.9
Gibraltar	193.3	217.2	12.4	0.1	0.0	x	193.2	217.2
India	128.7	155.9	21.1	189.2	258.3	36.5	-60.5	-102.4
Indonesia	56.3	82.7	46.9	168.6	40.3	-76.1	-112.3	42.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	153.5	118.8	-22.6	25.9	63.8	146.3	127.6	55.0
Israel	149.6	232.0	55.1	58.1	302.1	420.0	91.5	-70.1
Japan	69.0	68.1	-1.3	181.9	251.5	38.3	-112.9	-183.4
Kazakhstan	40.5	37.1	-8.4	15.4	3.4	-77.9	25.1	33.7
Korea, Republic of	85.6	240.4	180.8	169.3	176.6	4.3	-83.7	63.8
Libya	132.3	173.2	30.9	0.0	2.9	x	132.3	170.3
Morocco	131.0	149.0	13.7	71.0	124.3	75.1	60.0	24.7
Namibia	188.2	108.9	-42.1	0.0	0.0	x	188.2	108.9
Norway	62.3	71.6	14.9	31.3	37.9	21.1	31.0	33.7
Peru	10.6	5.4	-49.1	417.4	422.6	1.2	-406.8	-417.2
Republic of North Macedonia	459.3	670.8	46.0	361.1	462.0	27.9	98.2	208.8
Russian Federation	530.4	520.8	-1.8	2457.2	3567.5	45.2	-1926.8	-3046.7
Serbia	622.1	858.7	38.0	801.1	932.6	16.4	-179.0	-73.9
Singapore	30.7	35.1	14.3	45.5	54.9	20.7	-14.8	-19.8
South Africa	161.4	78.0	-51.7	36.5	66.5	82.2	124.9	11.5
Switzerland	240.7	305.7	27.0	317.5	357.5	12.6	-76.8	-51.8
Syrian Arab Republic	3.9	6.7	71.8	0.4	3.8	850.0	3.5	2.9
Taiwan	56.7	42.1	-25.7	133.0	213.9	60.8	-76.3	-171.8
Tunisia	141.3	314.8	122.8	19.6	27.4	39.8	121.7	287.4
Turkey	2270.8	2795.3	23.1	2630.5	3605.5	37.1	-359.7	-810.2
Ukraine	281.1	514.3	83.0	652.2	1030.9	58.1	-371.1	-516.6
United Arab Emirates	93.9	97.4	3.7	31.7	49.9	57.4	62.2	47.5
United Kingdom ³	826.8	789.6	-4.5	460.1	374.6	-18.6	366.7	415.0
United States	701.3	914.6	30.4	451.4	374.5	-17.0	249.9	540.1
Viet-Nam	49.7	117.5	136.4	92.8	130.9	41.1	-43.1	-13.4

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 October 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 - August 2020 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	12197.4	14697.6	20.5	14954.2	19255.2	28.8	-2756.8	-4557.6
Food and live animals	1599.0	1924.4	20.4	756.7	839.2	10.9	842.3	1085.2
Beverages and tobacco	148.9	118.1	-20.7	160.3	202.0	26.0	-11.4	-83.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1033.9	1368.0	32.3	3038.6	3312.7	9.0	-2004.7	-1944.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1151.4	1485.5	29.0	2384.5	3845.2	61.3	-1233.1	-2359.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	283.5	286.5	1.1	93.8	114.9	22.5	189.7	171.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1663.0	1729.7	4.0	1490.6	1824.1	22.4	172.4	-94.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2759.3	3466.1	25.6	3030.7	3938.9	30.0	-271.4	-472.8
Machinery and transport equipment	2052.9	2459.8	19.8	2879.0	3708.2	28.8	-826.1	-1248.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1464.8	1804.2	23.2	1089.7	1426.8	30.9	375.1	377.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	40.7	55.3	35.9	30.3	43.2	42.6	10.4	12.1

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