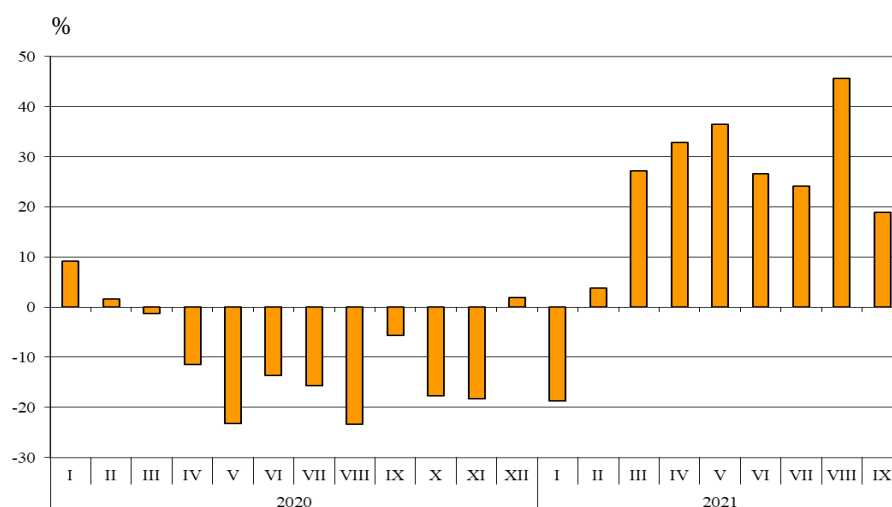


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 20.3% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 16 727.4 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, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 57.9% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries grew by 18.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 029.8 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 - September 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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (37.3%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)'² (34.7%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported only in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (17.5%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - September 2021 increased by 27.2% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 21 685.0 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).

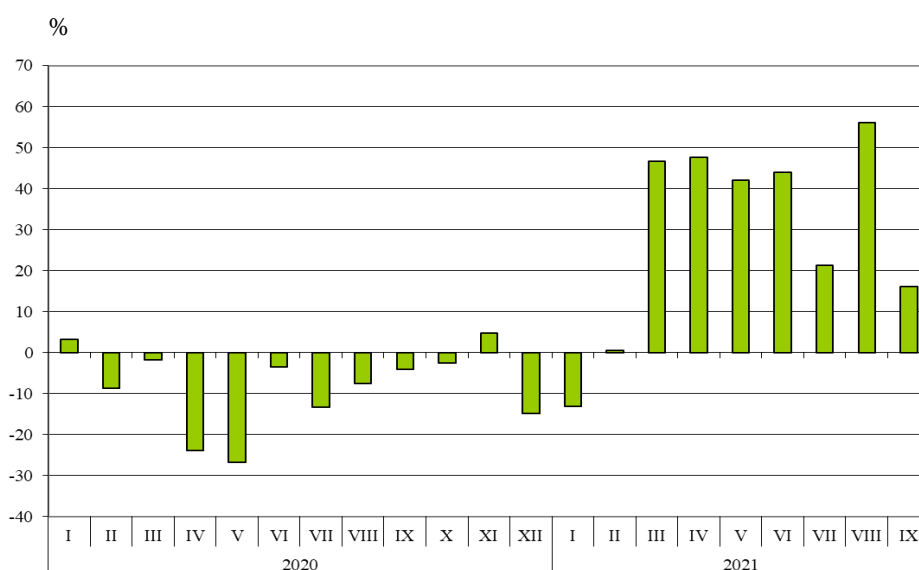
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 **September 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries grew by 16.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 429.8 million 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 - September 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’ (63.4%) and ‘Miscellaneous manufactured articles’² (31.6%) (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 - September 2021** was negative and added up to 4 957.6 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **September 2021** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 400.0 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

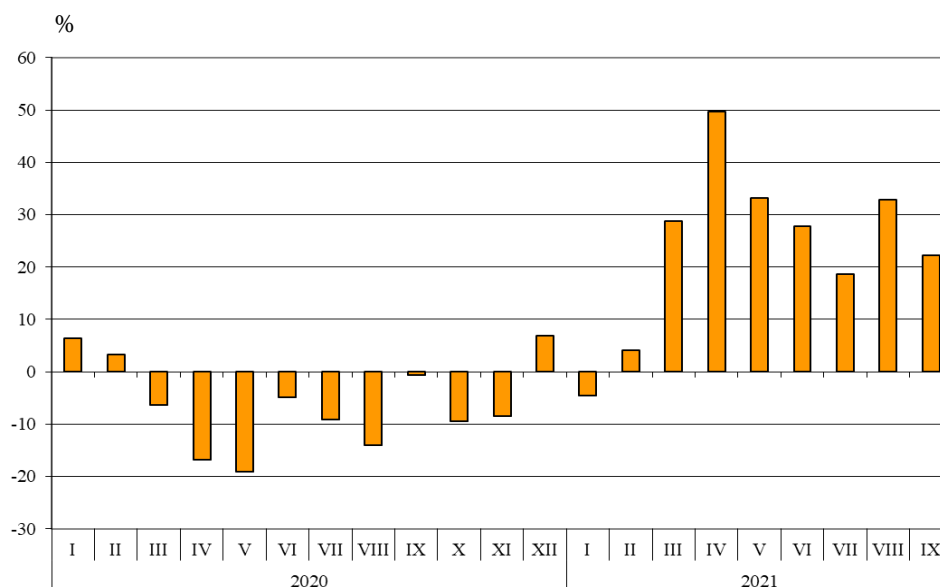
² The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles 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 - September 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 49 468.9 million BGN, which is 22.4% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2021** the **total exports** of goods added up to 5 975.6 million BGN and increased by 22.3% 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)

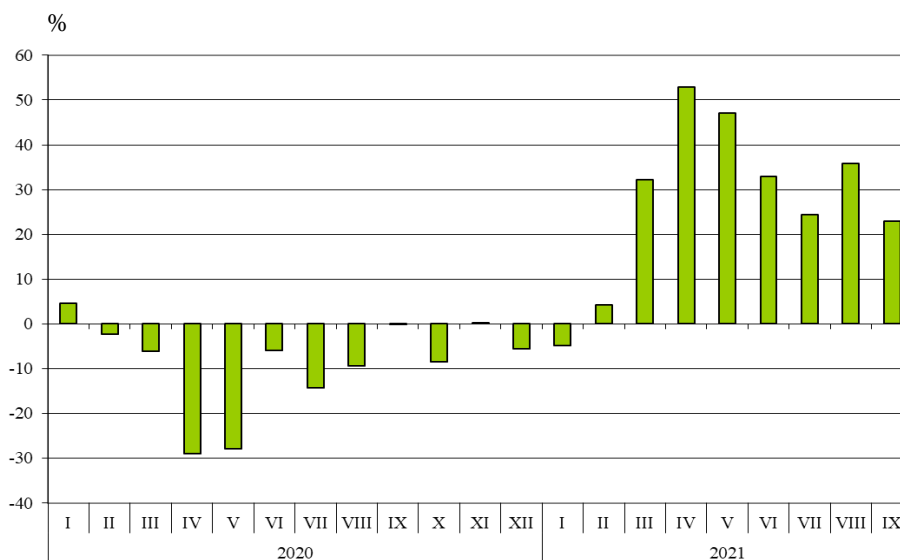


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - September 2021** amounted to 54 871.9 million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 26.0% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2021** the **total imports** of goods increased by 22.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 590.0 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 - September 2021** and amounted to 5 403.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **September 2021** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 614.4 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - September 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
IX.2020	4885.8	3177.8	1708.0	5361.9	3270.5	2091.4	-476.1	-92.7	-383.4
VII - IX.2020	13912.4	9272.3	4640.1	15077.7	9222.2	5855.5	-1165.3	50.1	-1215.4
I - IX.2020	40406.6	26501.2	13905.4	43538.5	26492.9	17045.6	-3131.9	8.3	-3140.2
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	5526.8	3537.5	1989.3	6248.5	3475.0	2773.5	-721.7	62.5	-784.2
IX.2021	5975.6	3945.8	2029.8	6590.0	4160.2	2429.8	-614.4	-214.4	-400.0
VII - IX.2021	17278.9	11315.3	5963.6	19198.9	11585.4	7613.5	-1920.0	-270.1	-1649.9
I - IX.2021	49468.9	32741.5	16727.4	54871.9	33186.9	21685.0	-5403.0	-445.4	-4957.6

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

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - September 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	26.6	45.7	35.8	23.0	56.2
IX	22.3	24.2	18.8	22.9	27.2	16.2
VII - IX	24.2	22.0	28.5	27.3	25.6	30.0
I - IX	22.4	23.5	20.3	26.0	25.3	27.2

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

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹
in the period January - September 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	13905.4	16727.4	20.3	17045.6	21685.0	27.2	-3140.2	-4957.6
of which:								
Albania	128.0	162.9	27.3	43.6	54.0	23.9	84.4	108.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	120.1	135.8	13.1	32.5	41.6	28.0	87.6	94.2
Brazil	70.6	49.3	-30.2	110.4	228.5	107.0	-39.8	-179.2
Canada	187.2	90.0	-51.9	234.0	219.0	-6.4	-46.8	-129.0
China	1349.1	1637.4	21.4	2258.7	3000.0	32.8	-909.6	-1362.6
Egypt	251.2	364.8	45.2	562.2	430.3	-23.5	-311.0	-65.5
Georgia	191.5	285.9	49.3	706.8	465.3	-34.2	-515.3	-179.4
Gibraltar	193.3	229.3	18.6	0.1	0.0	-100.0	193.2	229.3
India	167.1	173.4	3.8	213.0	286.4	34.5	-45.9	-113.0
Indonesia	59.9	112.9	88.5	174.8	45.3	-74.1	-114.9	67.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	159.7	128.4	-19.6	28.4	75.3	165.1	131.3	53.1
Israel	162.5	298.3	83.6	67.9	308.7	354.6	94.6	-10.4
Japan	75.1	77.2	2.8	207.4	284.5	37.2	-132.3	-207.3
Kazakhstan	50.2	40.9	-18.5	19.0	3.5	-81.6	31.2	37.4
Korea, Republic of	110.9	319.3	187.9	190.7	203.5	6.7	-79.8	115.8
Libya	136.2	190.6	39.9	0.0	13.6	x	136.2	177.0
Morocco	142.0	161.5	13.7	81.3	132.8	63.3	60.7	28.7
Namibia	232.3	140.1	-39.7	0.0	0.0	x	232.3	140.1
Norway	69.3	79.4	14.6	36.9	42.9	16.3	32.4	36.5
Peru	12.2	6.7	-45.1	448.9	423.2	-5.7	-436.7	-416.5
Republic of North Macedonia	660.8	772.5	16.9	416.8	534.5	28.2	244.0	238.0
Russian Federation	615.8	596.4	-3.2	2676.4	4085.4	52.6	-2060.6	-3489.0
Serbia	709.9	994.8	40.1	903.2	1056.6	17.0	-193.3	-61.8
Singapore	32.6	38.2	17.2	50.1	62.1	24.0	-17.5	-23.9
South Africa	165.4	122.4	-26.0	41.4	68.7	65.9	124.0	53.7
Switzerland	269.2	341.4	26.8	354.9	405.4	14.2	-85.7	-64.0
Syrian Arab Republic	4.2	7.8	85.7	0.4	3.8	850.0	3.8	4.0
Taiwan	60.5	46.9	-22.5	153.0	239.9	56.8	-92.5	-193.0
Tunisia	181.2	379.3	109.3	22.5	29.7	32.0	158.7	349.6
Turkey	2531.1	3144.0	24.2	2974.8	4093.8	37.6	-443.7	-949.8
Ukraine	322.4	605.5	87.8	748.9	1171.6	56.4	-426.5	-566.1
United Arab Emirates	103.2	112.5	9.0	34.2	52.9	54.7	69.0	59.6
United Kingdom ³	939.1	893.5	-4.9	524.9	434.9	-17.1	414.2	458.6
United States	789.9	1041.8	31.9	566.3	405.5	-28.4	223.6	636.3
Viet-Nam	55.1	148.9	170.2	104.4	150.1	43.8	-49.3	-1.2

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 November 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 - September 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	13905.4	16727.4	20.3	17045.6	21685.0	27.2	-3140.2	-4957.6
Food and live animals	1777.9	2293.4	29.0	843.4	961.9	14.1	934.5	1331.5
Beverages and tobacco	164.8	135.9	-17.5	183.9	226.6	23.2	-19.1	-90.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1160.0	1562.6	34.7	3556.8	3564.8	0.2	-2396.8	-2002.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1236.3	1697.9	37.3	2673.2	4367.1	63.4	-1436.9	-2669.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	306.6	345.0	12.5	105.4	125.2	18.8	201.2	219.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1880.3	1947.4	3.6	1666.6	2097.1	25.8	213.7	-149.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3294.5	3877.2	17.7	3396.4	4467.9	31.5	-101.9	-590.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2339.0	2770.5	18.4	3337.9	4184.4	25.4	-998.9	-1413.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1699.5	2035.6	19.8	1247.2	1640.8	31.6	452.3	394.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	46.5	61.9	33.1	34.8	49.2	41.4	11.7	12.7

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