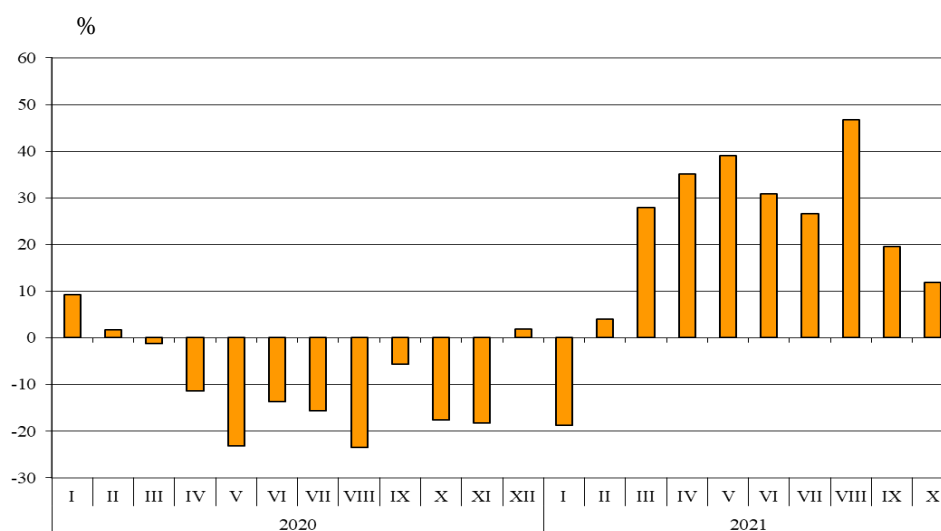


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 20.8% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 18 789.5 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, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, which accounted for 58.4% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** grew by 11.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 849.1 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 - October 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 ‘Food and live animals’ (37.4%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (35.2%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported only in section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (16.3%).

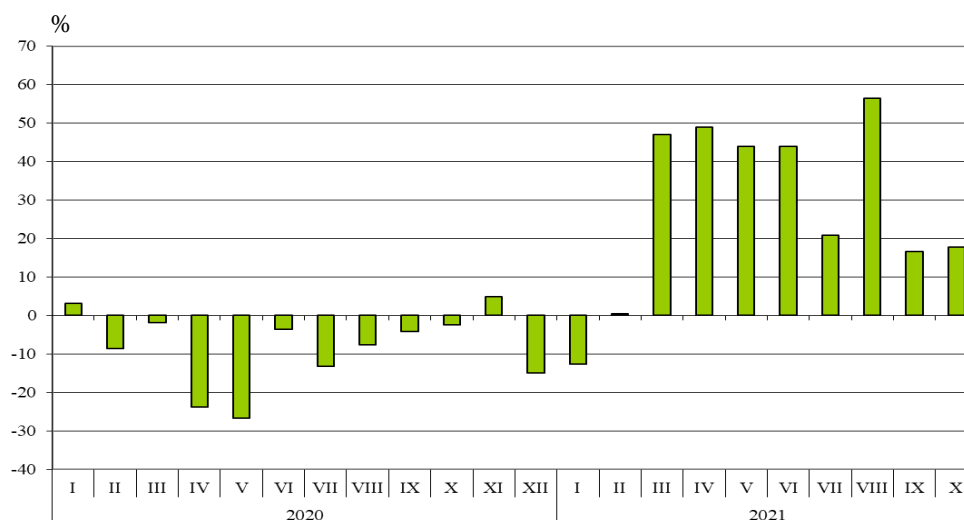
Imports of goods to Bulgaria from **third countries** in the period **January - October 2021** increased by 26.4% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 24 685.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)² (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

In **October 2021** the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries grew by 17.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 733.8 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 - October 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’ (63.3%) and ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (34.3%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was observed only in section ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (1.9%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - October 2021** was negative and added up to 5 697.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **October 2021** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 884.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

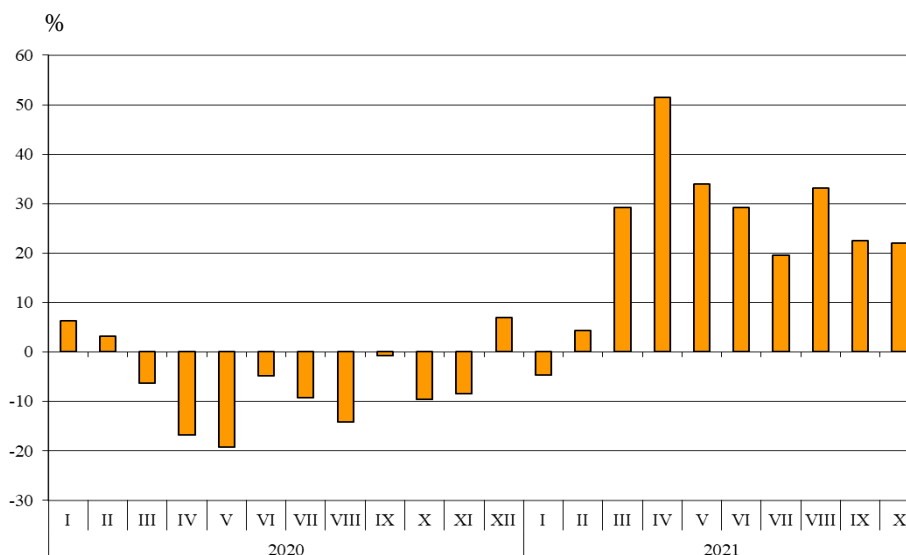
² The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles, n.e.s., and related products; non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.; iron and steel; non-ferrous metals.

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

In the period **January - October 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 55 803.6 million BGN, which is 23.0% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2021** the **total exports** of goods added up to 6 073.2 million BGN and increased by 22.0% 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)

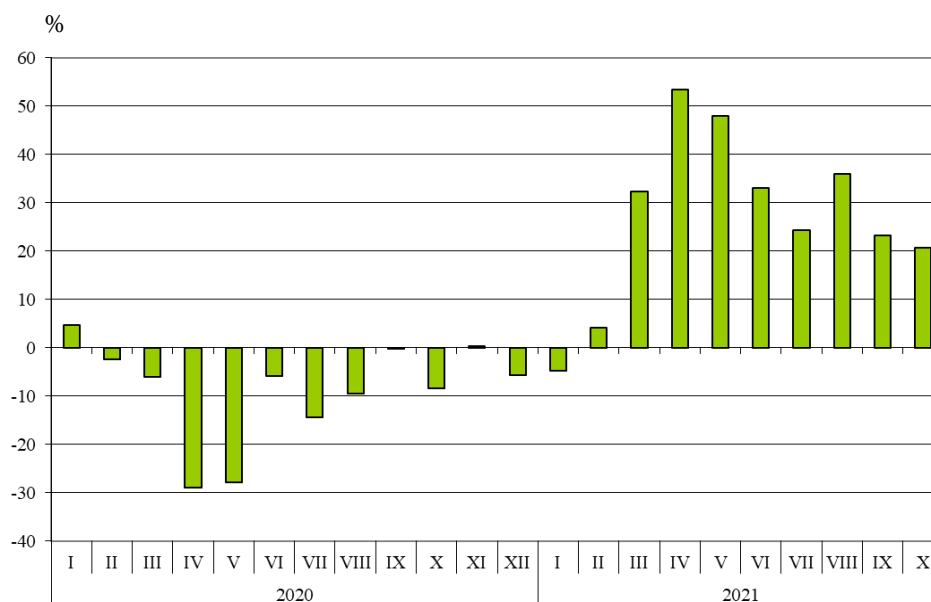


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - October 2021** amounted to 61 802.0 million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 25.6% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2021** the **total imports** of goods increased by 20.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 849.5 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 - October 2021** and amounted to 5 998.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **October 2021** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 776.3 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 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
X.2020	4977.1	3324.9	1652.2	5674.6	3355.0	2319.6	-697.5	-30.1	-667.4
I - X.2020	45383.7	29826.1	15557.6	49213.1	29847.9	19365.2	-3829.4	-21.8	-3807.6
I.2021	4761.0	3310.9	1450.1	5051.1	3130.4	1920.7	-290.1	180.5	-470.6
II.2021	5061.9	3319.2	1742.7	5434.6	3435.8	1998.8	-372.7	-116.6	-256.1
III.2021	5821.7	3747.0	2074.7	6689.8	3998.6	2691.2	-868.1	-251.6	-616.5
I - III.2021	15644.6	10377.1	5267.5	17175.5	10564.8	6610.7	-1530.9	-187.7	-1343.2
IV.2021	5891.6	3937.9	1953.7	6080.7	3602.0	2478.7	-189.1	335.9	-525.0
V.2021	5148.6	3359.7	1788.9	6043.0	3686.3	2356.7	-894.4	-326.6	-567.8
VI.2021	5701.3	3799.1	1902.2	6440.6	3752.4	2688.2	-739.3	46.7	-786.0
IV - VI.2021	16741.5	11096.7	5644.8	18564.3	11040.7	7523.6	-1822.8	56.0	-1878.8
I - VI.2021	32386.1	21473.8	10912.3	35739.8	21605.5	14134.3	-3353.7	-131.7	-3222.0
VII.2021	5814.3	3831.5	1982.8	6354.8	3951.4	2403.4	-540.5	-119.9	-420.6
VIII.2021	5541.1	3537.6	2003.5	6254.3	3476.5	2777.8	-713.2	61.1	-774.3
IX.2021	5988.9	3947.1	2041.8	6603.6	4166.4	2437.2	-614.7	-219.3	-395.4
VII - IX.2021	17344.3	11316.2	6028.1	19212.7	11594.3	7618.4	-1868.4	-278.1	-1590.3
I - IX.2021	49730.4	32790.0	16940.4	54952.5	33199.8	21752.7	-5222.1	-409.8	-4812.3
X.2021	6073.2	4224.1	1849.1	6849.5	4115.7	2733.8	-776.3	108.4	-884.7
I - X.2021	55803.6	37014.1	18789.5	61802.0	37315.5	24486.5	-5998.4	-301.4	-5697.0

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

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 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	-4.6	3.2	-18.7	-4.7	1.0	-12.7
II	4.4	4.6	4.0	4.2	6.5	0.5
III	29.2	29.9	27.9	32.4	24.0	47.1
I - III	9.0	12.0	3.7	10.3	10.6	9.8
IV	51.4	61.1	35.1	53.4	56.6	48.9
V	33.9	31.3	39.1	47.9	50.6	44.0
VI	29.2	28.4	30.9	33.0	26.2	43.8
IV - VI	37.8	39.4	34.9	44.0	43.0	45.5
I - VI	22.2	24.6	17.8	25.6	25.1	26.3
VII	19.5	16.1	26.6	24.3	26.4	20.9
VIII	33.2	26.6	46.7	35.9	23.0	56.4
IX	22.6	24.2	19.5	23.2	27.4	16.5
VII - IX	24.7	22.0	29.9	27.4	25.7	30.1
I - IX	23.1	23.7	21.8	26.2	25.3	27.6
X	22.0	27.0	11.9	20.7	22.7	17.9
I - X	23.0	24.1	20.8	25.6	25.0	26.4

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

Table 3
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - October 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	15557.6	18789.5	20.8	19365.2	24486.5	26.4	-3807.6	-5697.0
of which:								
Albania	142.9	186.0	30.2	55.4	60.6	9.4	87.5	125.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	132.4	149.1	12.6	35.1	47.0	33.9	97.3	102.1
Brazil	76.0	56.3	-25.9	125.2	345.1	175.6	-49.2	-288.8
Canada	198.0	104.8	-47.1	239.5	229.7	-4.1	-41.5	-124.9
China	1470.8	1818.0	23.6	2529.4	3392.9	34.1	-1058.6	-1574.9
Egypt	269.9	383.3	42.0	617.7	459.2	-25.7	-347.8	-75.9
Georgia	218.0	316.5	45.2	739.7	560.9	-24.2	-521.7	-244.4
Gibraltar	199.0	229.3	15.2	0.1	0.0	x	198.9	229.3
India	184.6	198.8	7.7	238.6	342.3	43.5	-54.0	-143.5
Indonesia	63.0	117.9	87.1	180.6	50.5	-72.0	-117.6	67.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	167.6	137.3	-18.1	32.3	90.1	178.9	135.3	47.2
Israel	173.9	326.8	87.9	75.8	315.7	316.5	98.1	11.1
Japan	84.4	87.3	3.4	234.8	317.0	35.0	-150.4	-229.7
Kazakhstan	53.6	56.4	5.2	19.0	3.6	-81.1	34.6	52.8
Korea, Republic of	121.4	379.9	212.9	213.0	227.7	6.9	-91.6	152.2
Libya	160.5	199.0	24.0	0.0	13.6	x	160.5	185.4
Morocco	149.0	170.7	14.6	90.6	138.8	53.2	58.4	31.9
Namibia	277.6	140.1	-49.5	0.0	0.0	x	277.6	140.1
Norway	78.7	89.6	13.9	38.5	46.5	20.8	40.2	43.1
Peru	12.7	7.0	-44.9	482.4	450.8	-6.6	-469.7	-443.8
Republic of North Macedonia	727.9	878.5	20.7	479.2	601.4	25.5	248.7	277.1
Russian Federation	684.0	687.4	0.5	3004.3	4547.8	51.4	-2320.3	-3860.4
Serbia	796.3	1148.6	44.2	1006.6	1190.9	18.3	-210.3	-42.3
Singapore	34.7	50.1	44.4	56.4	67.1	19.0	-21.7	-17.0
South Africa	196.0	130.4	-33.5	48.2	71.2	47.7	147.8	59.2
Switzerland	298.0	380.4	27.7	396.5	456.6	15.2	-98.5	-76.2
Syrian Arab Republic	4.8	7.8	62.5	0.5	3.8	660.0	4.3	4.0
Taiwan	69.9	54.4	-22.2	173.2	267.8	54.6	-103.3	-213.4
Tunisia	218.7	402.7	84.1	26.0	31.8	22.3	192.7	370.9
Turkey	2849.1	3478.3	22.1	3466.8	4763.2	37.4	-617.7	-1284.9
Ukraine	358.6	668.0	86.3	884.5	1325.7	49.9	-525.9	-657.7
United Arab Emirates	115.2	126.8	10.1	44.4	58.1	30.9	70.8	68.7
United Kingdom ³	1059.6	1029.9	-2.8	601.4	490.4	-18.5	458.2	539.5
United States	893.3	1265.5	41.7	650.0	469.2	-27.8	243.3	796.3
Viet-Nam	61.8	173.7	181.1	114.6	167.9	46.5	-52.8	5.8

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 December 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 - October 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	15557.6	18789.5	20.8	19365.2	24486.5	26.4	-3807.6	-5697.0
Food and live animals	1968.2	2703.5	37.4	950.0	1076.3	13.3	1018.2	1627.2
Beverages and tobacco	183.0	153.2	-16.3	206.4	251.2	21.7	-23.4	-98.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1281.3	1690.7	32.0	4090.8	4013.5	-1.9	-2809.5	-2322.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1346.2	1819.9	35.2	2966.4	4845.2	63.3	-1620.2	-3025.3
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	338.5	353.0	4.3	131.9	134.9	2.3	206.6	218.1
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2087.1	2210.4	5.9	1848.7	2395.5	29.6	238.4	-185.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3652.2	4342.4	18.9	3847.9	5169.6	34.3	-195.7	-827.2
Machinery and transport equipment	2645.2	3131.4	18.4	3861.9	4707.6	21.9	-1216.7	-1576.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2003.5	2314.3	15.5	1421.4	1836.7	29.2	582.1	477.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	52.4	70.7	34.9	39.8	56.0	40.7	12.6	14.7

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