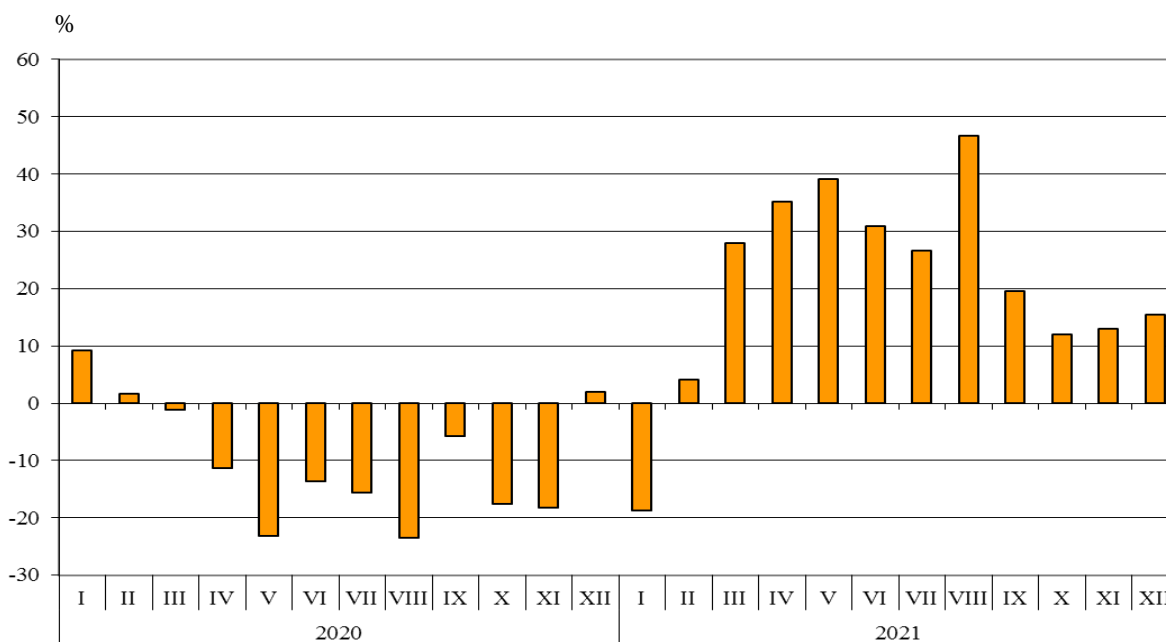


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2021**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** increased by 19.6% in comparison with 2020 and added up to 22 648.3 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, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, which accounted for 59.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2021**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** grew by 15.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 054.4 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 **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 2020 was recorded in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (37.6%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported only in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (8.4%).

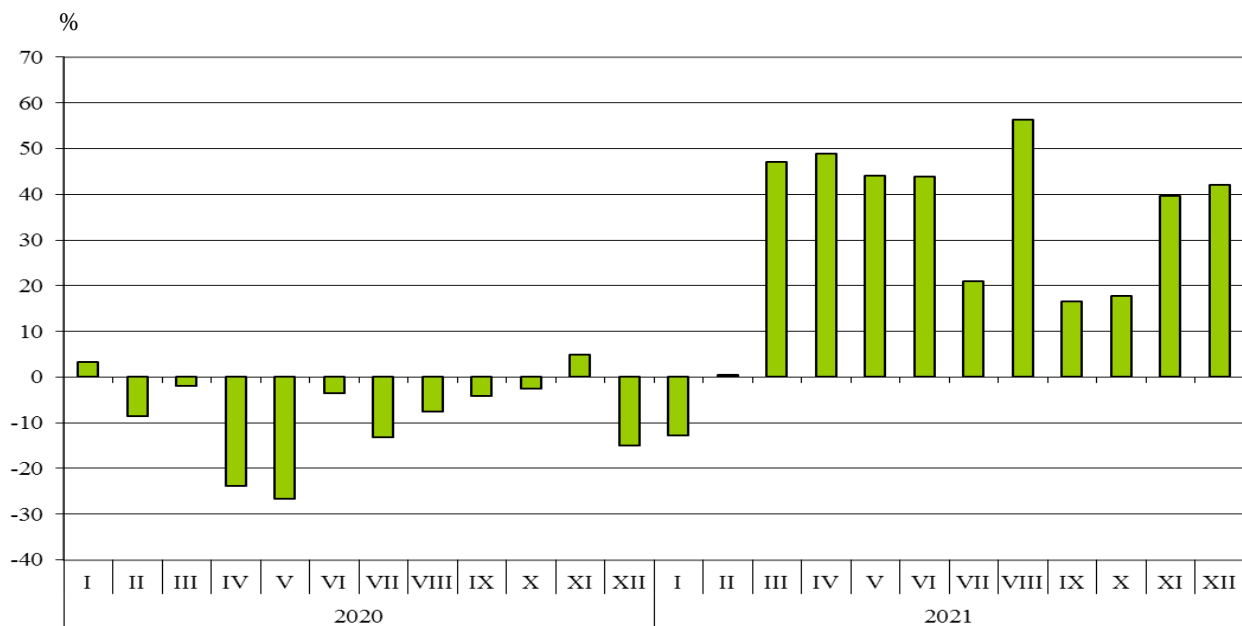
**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria from **third countries** in **2021** increased by 29.0% in comparison with 2020 and added up to 30 369.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>2</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In **December 2021**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries grew by 42.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 847.5 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 **2021**, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to 2020 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (69.7%) and ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’<sup>2</sup> (39.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was observed in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (12.4%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **2021** was negative and added up to 7 721.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2021**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 793.1 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

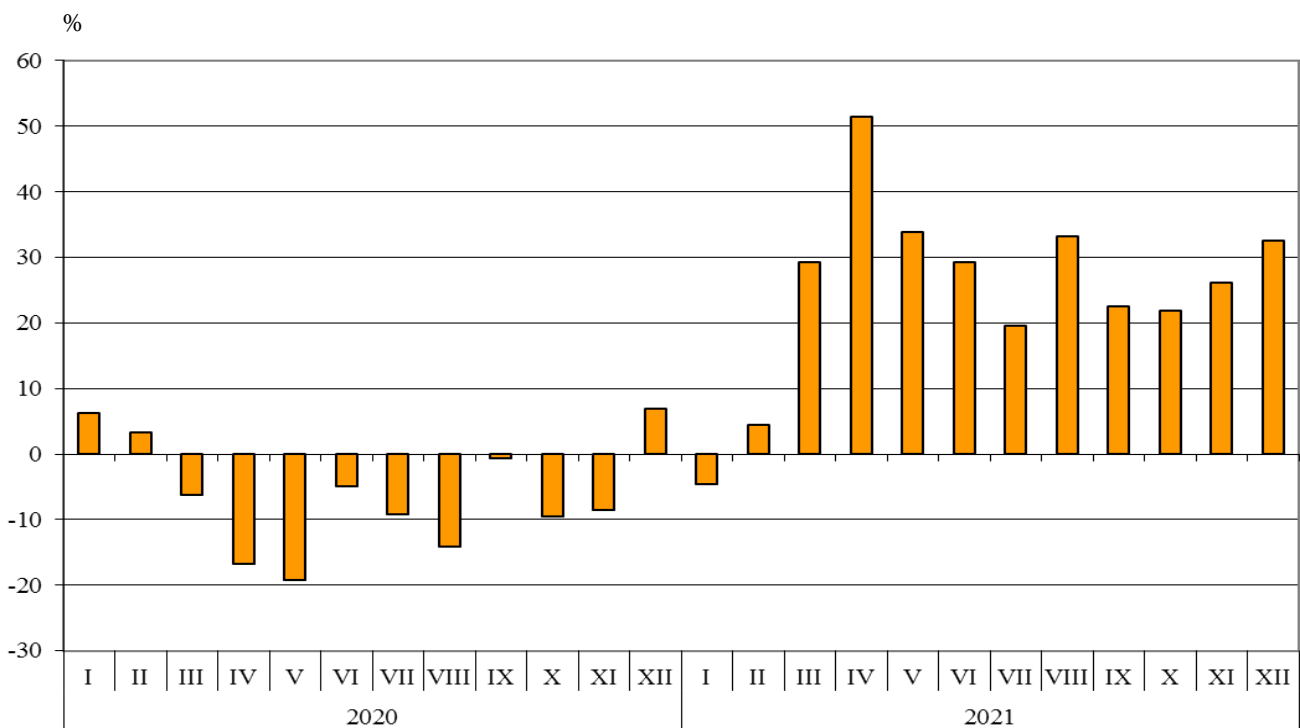
<sup>2</sup> The section includes the following divisions: leather, leather manufactures, n.e.s., and dressed furskins; rubber manufactures, n.e.s.; cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture); paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard; textile yarn, fabrics, made-up 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 the EU - total

In **2021**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 67 933.5 million BGN, which is 24.0% more than in 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2021**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 5 948.5 million BGN and increased by 32.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

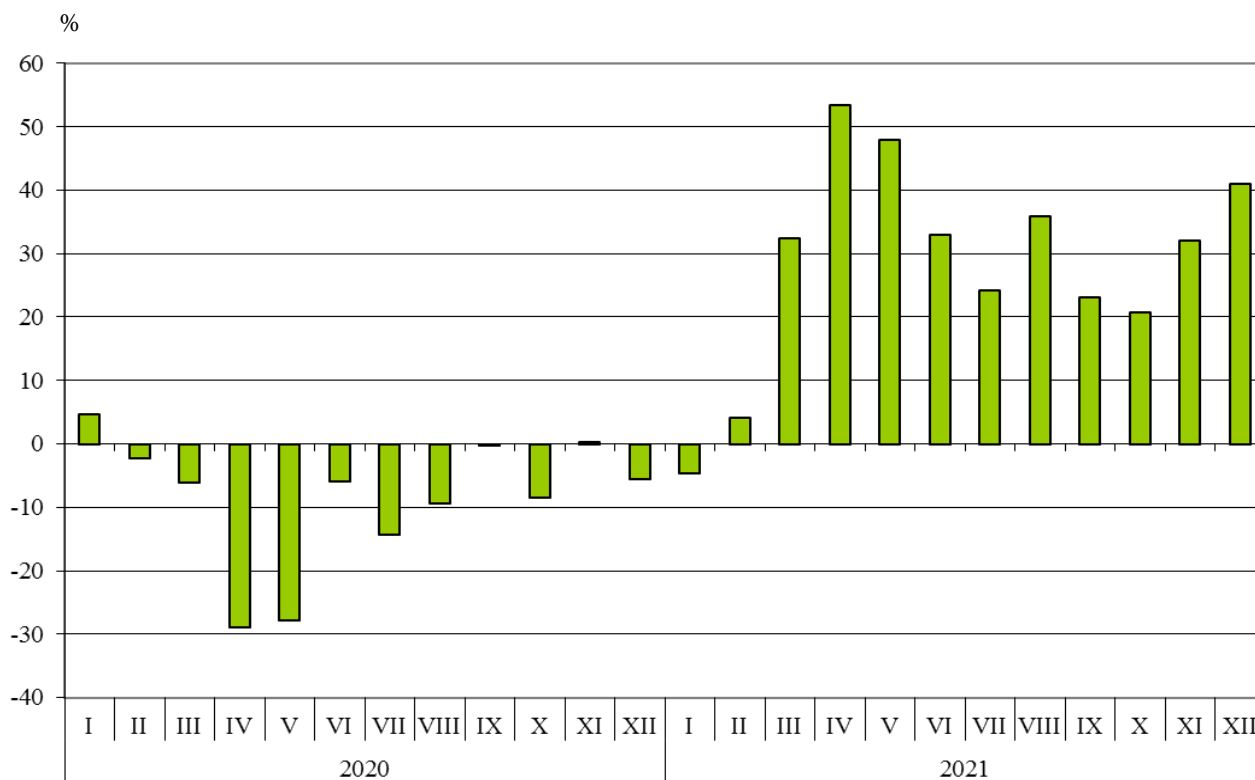


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **2021** amounted to 76 684.4 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 27.5% more than in 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2021**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 41.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 324.8 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - imports CIF) was negative in **2021** and amounted to 8 750.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2021**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 376.3 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2020 and 2021<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14346.5</b>	<b>9266.0</b>	<b>5080.5</b>	<b>15569.4</b>	<b>9549.8</b>	<b>6019.6</b>	<b>-1222.9</b>	<b>-283.8</b>	<b>-939.1</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>12147.7</b>	<b>7962.9</b>	<b>4184.8</b>	<b>12891.4</b>	<b>7720.9</b>	<b>5170.5</b>	<b>-743.7</b>	<b>242.0</b>	<b>-985.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26494.2</b>	<b>17228.9</b>	<b>9265.3</b>	<b>28460.8</b>	<b>17270.7</b>	<b>11190.1</b>	<b>-1966.6</b>	<b>-41.8</b>	<b>-1924.8</b>
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
<b>VII - IX.2020</b>	<b>13912.4</b>	<b>9272.3</b>	<b>4640.1</b>	<b>15077.7</b>	<b>9222.2</b>	<b>5855.5</b>	<b>-1165.3</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>-1215.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2020</b>	<b>40406.6</b>	<b>26501.2</b>	<b>13905.4</b>	<b>43538.5</b>	<b>26492.9</b>	<b>17045.6</b>	<b>-3131.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-3140.2</b>
X.2020	4977.1	3324.9	1652.2	5674.6	3355.0	2319.6	-697.5	-30.1	-667.4
XI.2020	4907.5	3309.6	1597.9	5721.9	3546.8	2175.1	-814.4	-237.2	-577.2
XII.2020	4488.1	2709.6	1778.5	5192.1	3187.3	2004.8	-704.0	-477.7	-226.3
<b>X - XII.2020</b>	<b>14372.7</b>	<b>9344.1</b>	<b>5028.6</b>	<b>16588.6</b>	<b>10089.1</b>	<b>6499.5</b>	<b>-2215.9</b>	<b>-745.0</b>	<b>-1470.9</b>
<b>I - XII.2020</b>	<b>54779.3</b>	<b>35845.3</b>	<b>18934.0</b>	<b>60127.1</b>	<b>36582.0</b>	<b>23545.1</b>	<b>-5347.8</b>	<b>-736.7</b>	<b>-4611.1</b>
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
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15644.6</b>	<b>10377.1</b>	<b>5267.5</b>	<b>17175.5</b>	<b>10564.8</b>	<b>6610.7</b>	<b>-1530.9</b>	<b>-187.7</b>	<b>-1343.2</b>
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
<b>IV - VI.2021</b>	<b>16741.5</b>	<b>11096.7</b>	<b>5644.8</b>	<b>18564.3</b>	<b>11040.7</b>	<b>7523.6</b>	<b>-1822.8</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>-1878.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2021</b>	<b>32386.1</b>	<b>21473.8</b>	<b>10912.3</b>	<b>35739.8</b>	<b>21605.5</b>	<b>14134.3</b>	<b>-3353.7</b>	<b>-131.7</b>	<b>-3222.0</b>
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
<b>VII - IX.2021</b>	<b>17344.3</b>	<b>11316.2</b>	<b>6028.1</b>	<b>19212.7</b>	<b>11594.3</b>	<b>7618.4</b>	<b>-1868.4</b>	<b>-278.1</b>	<b>-1590.3</b>
<b>I - IX.2021</b>	<b>49730.4</b>	<b>32790.0</b>	<b>16940.4</b>	<b>54952.5</b>	<b>33199.8</b>	<b>21752.7</b>	<b>-5222.1</b>	<b>-409.8</b>	<b>-4812.3</b>
X.2021	6065.9	4216.8	1849.1	6852.1	4118.4	2733.7	-786.2	98.4	-884.6
XI.2021	6188.7	4384.3	1804.4	7555.0	4519.2	3035.8	-1366.3	-134.9	-1231.4
XII.2021	5948.5	3894.1	2054.4	7324.8	4477.3	2847.5	-1376.3	-583.2	-793.1
<b>X - XII.2021</b>	<b>18203.1</b>	<b>12495.2</b>	<b>5707.9</b>	<b>21731.9</b>	<b>13114.9</b>	<b>8617.0</b>	<b>-3528.8</b>	<b>-619.7</b>	<b>-2909.1</b>
<b>I - XII.2021</b>	<b>67933.5</b>	<b>45285.2</b>	<b>22648.3</b>	<b>76684.4</b>	<b>46314.7</b>	<b>30369.7</b>	<b>-8750.9</b>	<b>-1029.5</b>	<b>-7721.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2021<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>
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
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>45.5</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>26.3</b>
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
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>30.1</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>27.6</b>
X	21.9	26.8	11.9	20.8	22.8	17.9
XI	26.1	32.5	12.9	32.0	27.4	39.6
XII	32.5	43.7	15.5	41.1	40.5	42.0
<b>X - XII</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>32.6</b>
<b>I - XII</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2022.



**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in  
2020 and 2021<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>18934.0</b>	<b>22648.3</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>23545.1</b>	<b>30369.7</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>-4611.1</b>	<b>-7721.4</b>
of which:								
Albania	174.5	226.2	29.6	76.8	79.5	3.5	97.7	146.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	158.3	180.7	14.2	41.2	58.0	40.8	117.1	122.7
Brazil	85.7	62.0	-27.7	203.4	352.6	73.4	-117.7	-290.6
Canada	232.3	128.4	-44.7	295.0	242.7	-17.7	-62.7	-114.3
Chile	23.0	30.9	34.3	267.8	531.1	98.3	-244.8	-500.2
China	1806.3	2182.9	20.8	3057.2	4121.2	34.8	-1250.9	-1938.3
Egypt	328.8	440.6	34.0	659.2	513.8	-22.1	-330.4	-73.2
Georgia	258.9	378.7	46.3	923.2	725.9	-21.4	-664.3	-347.2
Gibraltar	199.0	272.4	36.9	0.1	0.0	x	198.9	272.4
India	222.3	263.7	18.6	283.3	390.8	37.9	-61.0	-127.1
Indonesia	69.5	123.5	77.7	235.8	59.5	-74.8	-166.3	64.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	187.3	165.8	-11.5	40.3	116.6	189.3	147.0	49.2
Israel	204.7	358.0	74.9	127.1	336.4	164.7	77.6	21.6
Japan	99.9	104.3	4.4	297.9	401.0	34.6	-198.0	-296.7
Kazakhstan	64.8	75.9	17.1	27.4	3.8	-86.1	37.4	72.1
Korea, Republic of	185.9	403.8	117.2	262.3	276.7	5.5	-76.4	127.1
Libya	224.8	224.8	0.0	44.1	101.7	130.6	180.7	123.1
Morocco	170.2	186.9	9.8	102.3	169.6	65.8	67.9	17.3
Namibia	277.7	270.1	-2.7	0.0	0.0	x	277.7	270.1
Norway	91.3	104.1	14.0	44.7	57.4	28.4	46.6	46.7
Peru	14.2	8.7	-38.7	539.1	622.9	15.5	-524.9	-614.2
Republic of North Macedonia	851.9	1126.5	32.2	592.6	727.4	22.7	259.3	399.1
Russian Federation	826.6	846.8	2.4	3674.2	5827.9	58.6	-2847.6	-4981.1
Serbia	969.2	1449.4	49.5	1202.6	1497.5	24.5	-233.4	-48.1
Singapore	39.9	56.2	40.9	66.8	80.1	19.9	-26.9	-23.9
South Africa	215.2	155.1	-27.9	56.0	78.2	39.6	159.2	76.9
Switzerland	354.2	456.8	29.0	478.0	561.0	17.4	-123.8	-104.2
Syrian Arab Republic	6.8	8.5	25.0	0.8	3.9	387.5	6.0	4.6
Taiwan	80.1	65.3	-18.5	214.6	332.4	54.9	-134.5	-267.1
Tunisia	256.3	426.2	66.3	30.4	38.9	28.0	225.9	387.3
Turkey	3531.6	4171.5	18.1	4264.5	6007.6	40.9	-732.9	-1836.1
Ukraine	445.6	793.1	78.0	1141.2	1635.1	43.3	-695.6	-842.0
United Arab Emirates	139.2	151.4	8.8	57.6	71.6	24.3	81.6	79.8
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	1303.7	1239.6	-4.9	763.4	611.9	-19.8	540.3	627.7
United States	1105.1	1552.4	40.5	773.3	558.4	-27.8	331.8	994.0
Viet Nam	78.6	182.0	131.6	132.6	188.5	42.2	-54.0	-6.5

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> 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 2020 and 2021<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>18934.0</b>	<b>22648.3</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>23545.1</b>	<b>30369.7</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>-4611.1</b>	<b>-7721.4</b>
Food and live animals	2357.2	3162.2	34.2	1147.4	1330.1	15.9	1209.8	1832.1
Beverages and tobacco	217.7	199.4	-8.4	240.9	298.6	24.0	-23.2	-99.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1550.8	2101.0	35.5	4992.8	4945.7	-0.9	-3442.0	-2844.7
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1551.2	2134.7	37.6	3633.7	6166.5	69.7	-2082.5	-4031.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	373.9	415.9	11.2	176.0	154.1	-12.4	197.9	261.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2552.4	2698.4	5.7	2225.6	2999.6	34.8	326.8	-301.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4452.3	5223.6	17.3	4541.5	6314.8	39.0	-89.2	-1091.2
Machinery and transport equipment	3251.8	3823.9	17.6	4787.2	5863.2	22.5	-1535.4	-2039.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2563.4	2800.2	9.2	1748.7	2225.7	27.3	814.7	574.5
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	63.3	89.0	40.6	51.3	71.4	39.2	12.0	17.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2022.