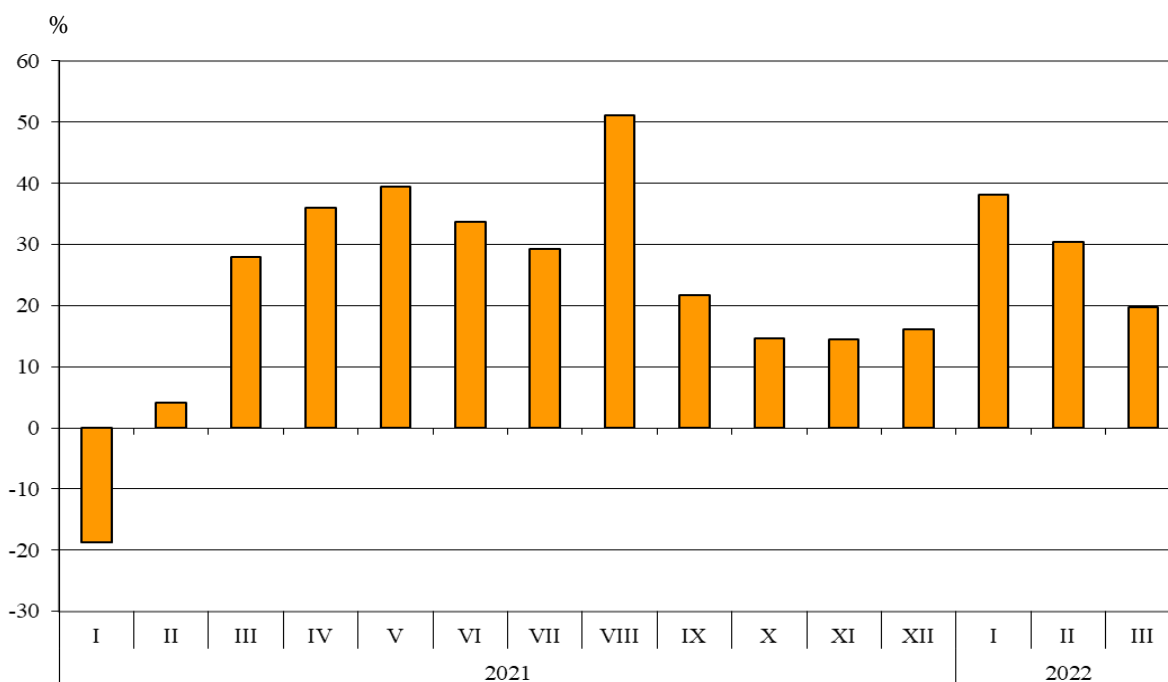


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - March 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 28.3% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 6 761.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, China, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and Egypt, which accounted for 54.5% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 19.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 484.5 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period January - March 2022, 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 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (221.8%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (196.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (6.0%).

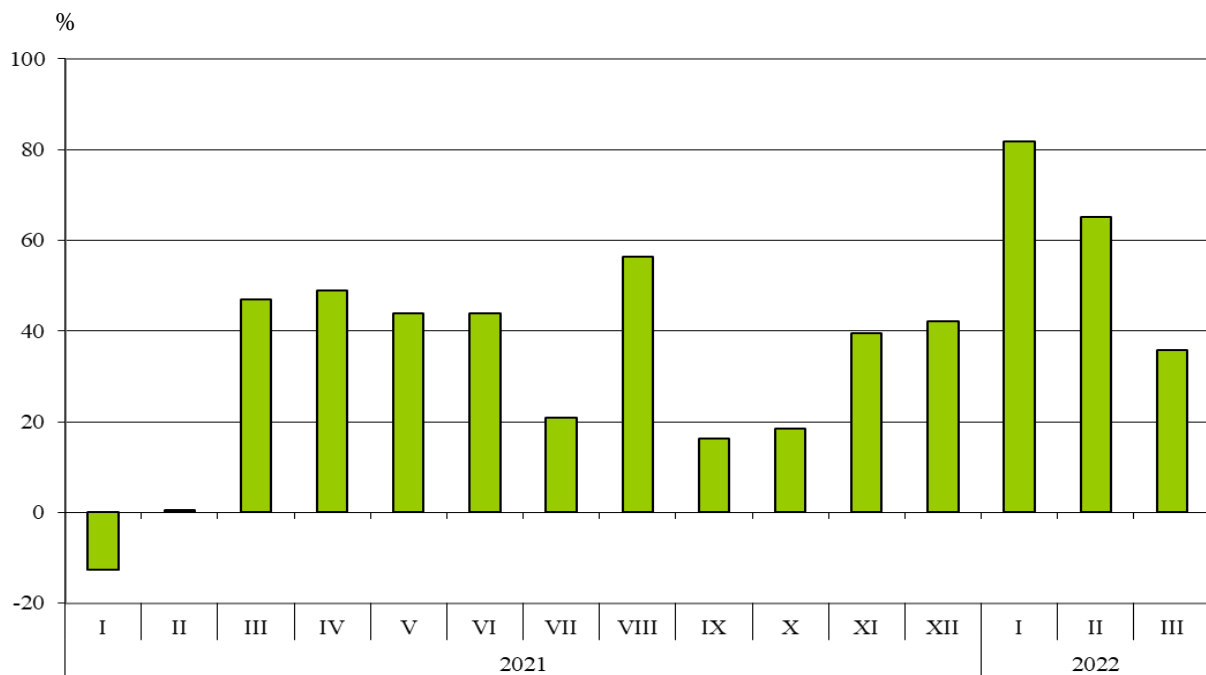
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - March 2022 increased by 58.0% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 10 447.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from the Russian Federation, Turkey, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In March 2022, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 35.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 654.3 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period January - March 2022, 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 2021 was recorded in the sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (154.2%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (141.8%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - March 2022** was negative and added up to 3 685.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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.

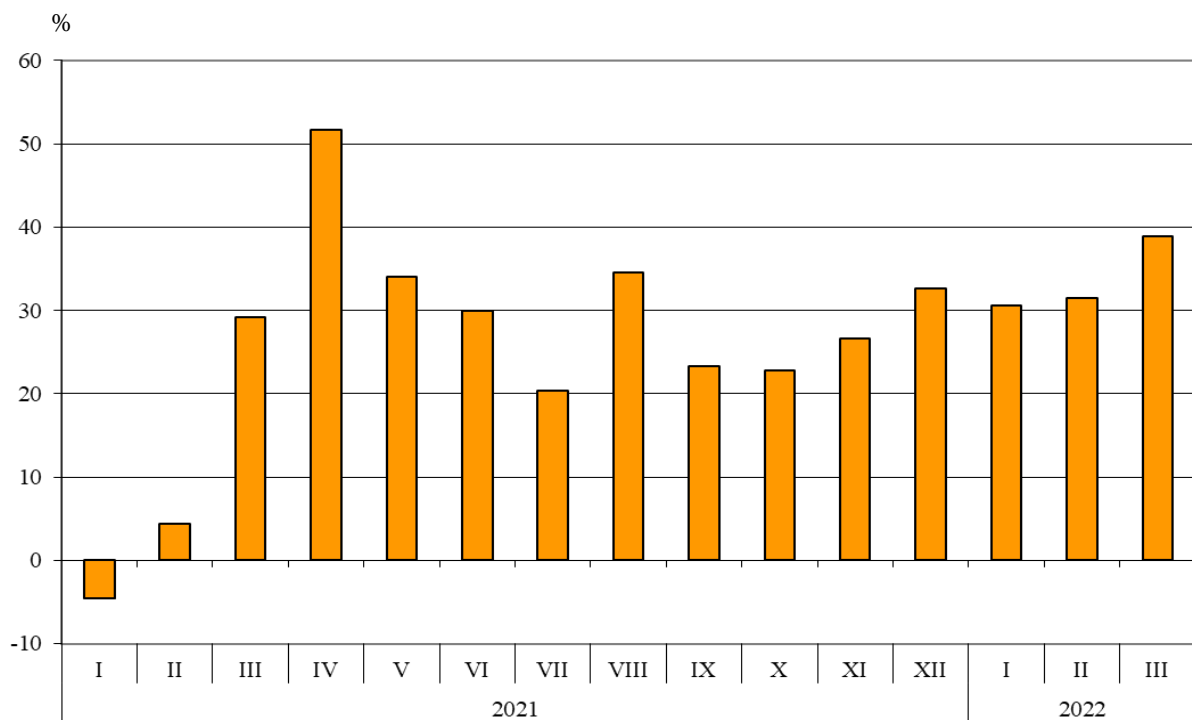
In **March 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 169.8 million BGN.

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

In the period **January - March 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 20 962.2 million BGN, which is 34.0% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2022**, the total exports of goods added up to 8 086.5 million BGN and increased by 38.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

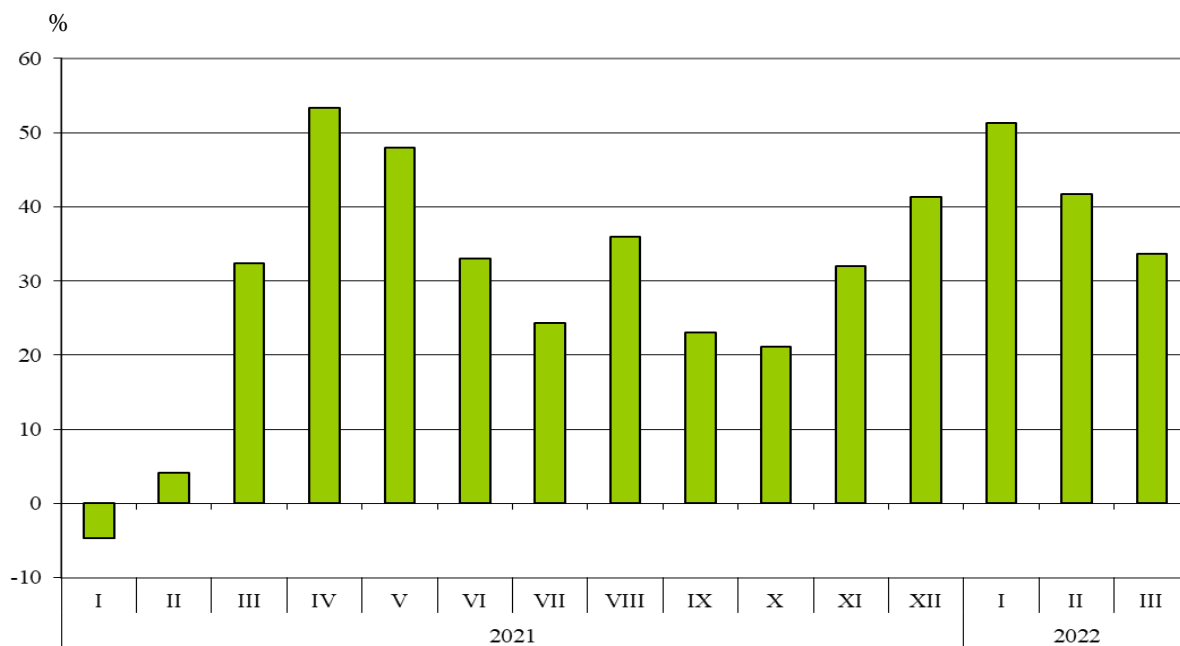


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - March 2022** amounted to 24 281.7 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 41.4% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **March 2022**, the total imports of goods increased by 33.7% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 924.6 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - March 2022** and amounted to 3 319.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In March 2022, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 856.1 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2021¹ and 2022¹ 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.2021	4761.1	3310.9	1450.2	5050.6	3129.9	1920.7	-289.5	181.0	-470.5
II.2021	5062.8	3318.9	1743.9	5434.8	3436.0	1998.8	-372.0	-117.1	-254.9
III.2021	5823.2	3746.7	2076.5	6689.9	3999.0	2690.9	-866.7	-252.3	-614.4
I - III.2021	15647.1	10376.5	5270.6	17175.3	10564.9	6610.4	-1528.2	-188.4	-1339.8
I.2022	6219.7	4217.0	2002.7	7640.2	4149.1	3491.1	-1420.5	67.9	-1488.4
II.2022	6656.0	4381.5	2274.5	7698.9	4397.3	3301.6	-1042.9	-15.8	-1027.1
III.2022	8086.5	5602.0	2484.5	8942.6	5288.3	3654.3	-856.1	313.7	-1169.8
I - III.2022	20962.2	14200.5	6761.7	24281.7	13834.7	10447.0	-3319.5	365.8	-3685.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.

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 - March 2022¹ 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	30.6	27.4	38.1	51.3	32.6	81.8
II	31.5	32.0	30.4	41.7	28.0	65.2
III	38.9	49.5	19.6	33.7	32.2	35.8
I - III	34.0	36.9	28.3	41.4	30.9	58.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - March 2021² and 2022²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	5270.6	6761.7	28.3	6610.4	10447.0	58.0	-1339.8	-3685.3
of which:								
Albania	44.1	58.3	32.2	15.7	25.0	59.2	28.4	33.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	42.1	55.0	30.6	12.0	13.3	10.8	30.1	41.7
Brazil	19.6	88.1	349.5	93.6	75.7	-19.1	-74.0	12.4
Canada	30.2	36.4	20.5	73.1	83.0	13.5	-42.9	-46.6
Chile	9.1	7.4	-18.7	239.5	126.2	-47.3	-230.4	-118.8
China	542.1	407.5	-24.8	935.2	1390.6	48.7	-393.1	-983.1
Egypt	107.4	296.3	175.9	59.4	99.6	67.7	48.0	196.7
Georgia	60.5	169.8	180.7	201.1	258.6	28.6	-140.6	-88.8
Gibraltar	83.2	217.6	161.5	0.0	0.0	x	83.2	217.6
India	56.4	100.5	78.2	80.5	108.8	35.2	-24.1	-8.3
Indonesia	9.3	10.9	17.2	16.2	16.3	0.6	-6.9	-5.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	41.8	72.0	72.2	14.1	34.7	146.1	27.7	37.3
Israel	70.8	69.3	-2.1	140.0	26.7	-80.9	-69.2	42.6
Japan	24.7	35.2	42.5	112.5	105.3	-6.4	-87.8	-70.1
Kazakhstan	12.9	12.9	0.0	2.2	0.9	-59.1	10.7	12.0
Korea, Republic of	36.3	50.5	39.1	60.0	84.3	40.5	-23.7	-33.8
Libya	151.6	40.5	-73.3	0.0	13.4	x	151.6	27.1
Morocco	55.5	45.1	-18.7	20.9	13.1	-37.3	34.6	32.0
Namibia	30.7	0.4	-98.7	-	0.0	x	30.7	0.4
Norway	30.0	28.0	-6.7	17.5	18.0	2.9	12.5	10.0
Peru	1.9	3.5	84.2	184.0	161.3	-12.3	-182.1	-157.8
Republic of North Macedonia	217.1	384.6	77.2	135.5	201.8	48.9	81.6	182.8
Russian Federation	182.4	176.3	-3.3	1115.3	3007.1	169.6	-932.9	-2830.8
Serbia	276.0	544.3	97.2	320.5	431.0	34.5	-44.5	113.3
Singapore	8.3	11.3	36.1	20.5	27.3	33.2	-12.2	-16.0
South Africa	18.3	177.5	869.9	9.7	27.4	182.5	8.6	150.1
Switzerland	112.4	128.9	14.7	126.2	143.8	13.9	-13.8	-14.9
Syrian Arab Republic	2.8	2.2	-21.4	0.6	3.8	533.3	2.2	-1.6
Taiwan	18.0	14.7	-18.3	76.3	106.2	39.2	-58.3	-91.5
Tunisia	121.9	92.7	-24.0	7.0	45.2	545.7	114.9	47.5
Turkey	1079.2	1284.5	19.0	1241.0	1891.8	52.4	-161.8	-607.3
Ukraine	123.7	176.5	42.7	314.1	490.1	56.0	-190.4	-313.6
United Arab Emirates	43.8	58.6	33.8	20.0	17.4	-13.0	23.8	41.2
United Kingdom ³	286.7	375.5	31.0	128.8	158.3	22.9	157.9	217.2
United States	345.9	389.5	12.6	111.4	164.9	48.0	234.5	224.6
Viet Nam	26.1	14.3	-45.2	41.0	54.3	32.4	-14.9	-40.0

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 May 12, 2022.

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.

'-' - no case registered.



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - March 2021¹ and 2022¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	5270.6	6761.7	28.3	6610.4	10447.0	58.0	-1339.8	-3685.3
Food and live animals	723.8	696.5	-3.8	311.5	368.5	18.3	412.3	328.0
Beverages and tobacco	51.0	57.0	11.8	52.3	56.6	8.2	-1.3	0.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	534.4	576.0	7.8	1372.6	1552.3	13.1	-838.2	-976.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	402.8	1296.1	221.8	1164.5	2960.1	154.2	-761.7	-1664.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	83.8	248.2	196.2	44.5	107.6	141.8	39.3	140.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	675.8	882.1	30.5	635.9	1038.9	63.4	39.9	-156.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1227.4	1153.3	-6.0	1237.0	1964.1	58.8	-9.6	-810.8
Machinery and transport equipment	925.4	1100.6	18.9	1280.8	1792.7	40.0	-355.4	-692.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	627.2	745.6	18.9	493.1	603.4	22.4	134.1	142.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	19.0	6.3	-66.8	18.2	2.8	-84.6	0.8	3.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.