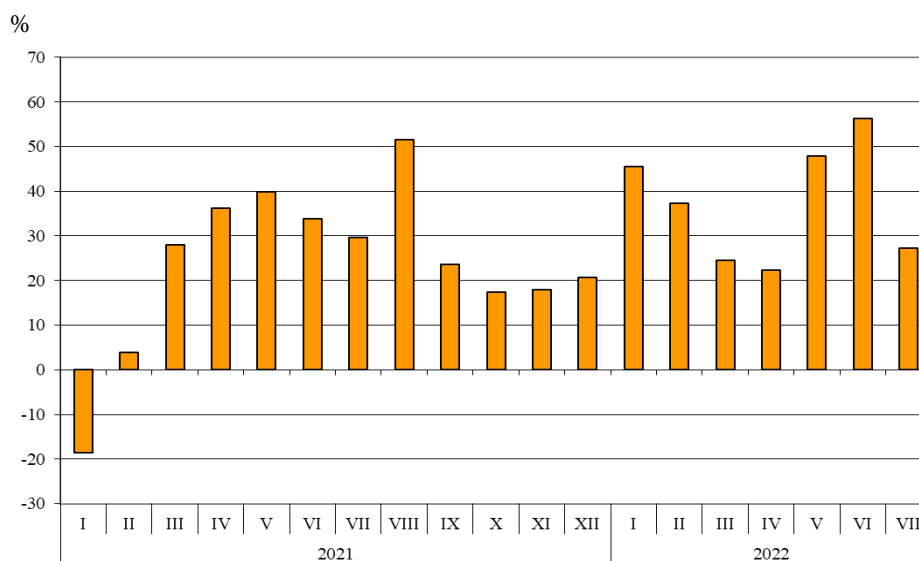


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - July 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 36.6% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 17 772.2 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, the United States, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and China, which accounted for 51.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In July 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 27.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 584.6 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 - July 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’ (228.7%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (69.7%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (12.9%).

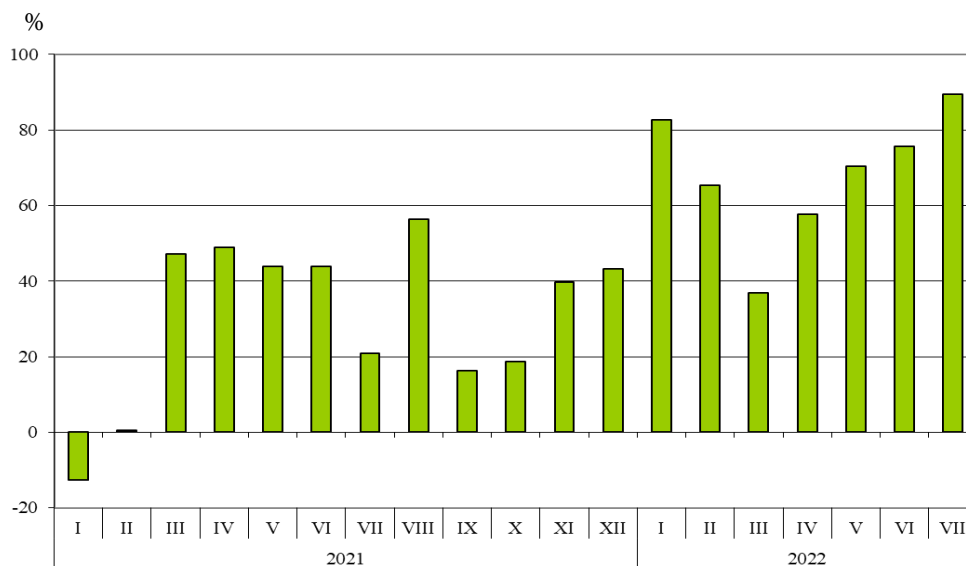
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - July 2022 increased by 67.5% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 27 696.4 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 **July 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 89.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 555.5 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 - July 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 ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (335.1%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (151.7%) (Annex, Table 4).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - July 2022** was negative and added up to 9 924.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **July 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 970.9 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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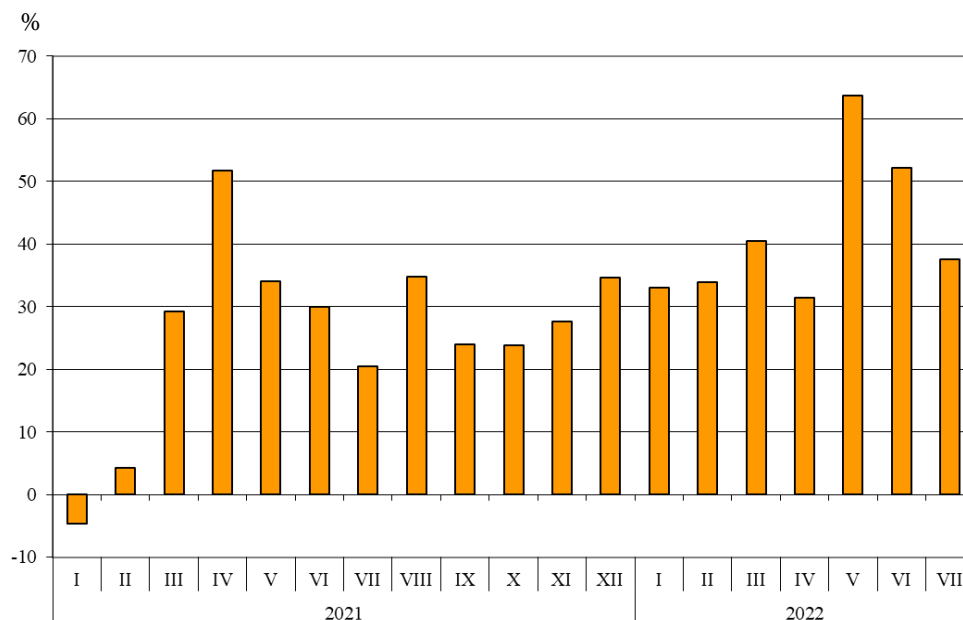
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - July 2022**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 54 288.1 million BGN, which is 41.7% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 8 065.9 million BGN and increased by 37.6% 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)**

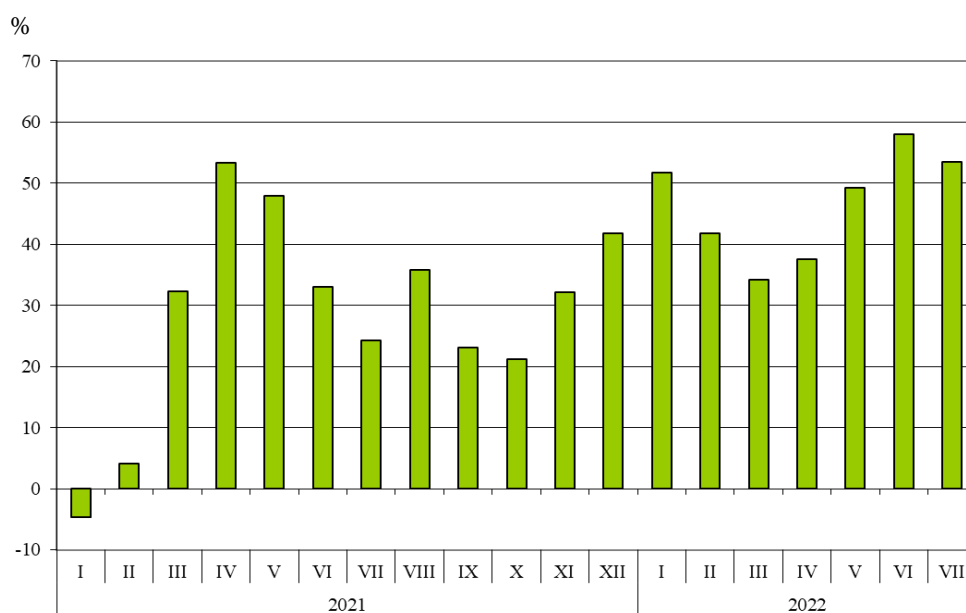


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - July 2022** amounted to 61 649.2 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 46.5% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **July 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 53.5% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 9 750.1 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 - July 2022** and amounted to 7 361.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **July 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 684.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - July 2021 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	4761.6	3310.9	1450.7	5050.2	3129.4	1920.8	-288.6	181.5	-470.1
II.2021	5057.2	3317.9	1739.3	5432.4	3433.6	1998.8	-375.2	-115.7	-259.5
III.2021	5824.0	3746.3	2077.7	6689.0	3998.0	2691.0	-865.0	-251.7	-613.3
I - III.2021	15642.8	10375.1	5267.7	17171.6	10561.0	6610.6	-1528.8	-185.9	-1342.9
IV.2021	5905.3	3937.1	1968.2	6078.1	3599.7	2478.4	-172.8	337.4	-510.2
V.2021	5155.3	3357.6	1797.7	6043.0	3686.5	2356.5	-887.7	-328.9	-558.8
VI.2021	5734.5	3790.9	1943.6	6440.2	3751.9	2688.3	-705.7	39.0	-744.7
IV - VI.2021	16795.1	11085.6	5709.5	18561.3	11038.1	7523.2	-1766.2	47.5	-1813.7
I - VI.2021	32437.9	21460.7	10977.2	35732.9	21599.1	14133.8	-3295.0	-138.4	-3156.6
VII.2021	5861.3	3830.2	2031.1	6353.2	3949.7	2403.5	-491.9	-119.5	-372.4
I - VII.2021	38299.2	25290.9	13008.3	42086.1	25548.8	16537.3	-3786.9	-257.9	-3529.0
I.2022	6334.3	4223.8	2110.5	7661.3	4150.9	3510.4	-1327.0	72.9	-1399.9
II.2022	6774.7	4387.8	2386.9	7702.4	4399.3	3303.1	-927.7	-11.5	-916.2
III.2022	8185.3	5598.5	2586.8	8977.3	5292.8	3684.5	-792.0	305.7	-1097.7
I - III.2022	21294.3	14210.1	7084.2	24341.0	13843.0	10498.0	-3046.7	367.1	-3413.8
IV.2022	7762.7	5355.0	2407.7	8363.3	4454.0	3909.3	-600.6	901.0	-1501.6
V.2022	8438.4	5779.9	2658.5	9017.4	5003.6	4013.8	-579.0	776.3	-1355.3
VI.2022	8726.8	5689.6	3037.2	10177.4	5457.6	4719.8	-1450.6	232.0	-1682.6
IV - VI.2022	24927.9	16824.5	8103.4	27558.1	14915.2	12642.9	-2630.2	1909.3	-4539.5
I - VI.2022	46222.2	31034.6	15187.6	51899.1	28758.2	23140.9	-5676.9	2276.4	-7953.3
VII.2022	8065.9	5481.3	2584.6	9750.1	5194.6	4555.5	-1684.2	286.7	-1970.9
I - VII.2022	54288.1	36515.9	17772.2	61649.2	33952.8	27696.4	-7361.1	2563.1	-9924.2

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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 - July 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	33.0	27.6	45.5	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.0	32.2	37.2	41.8	28.1	65.3
III	40.5	49.4	24.5	34.2	32.4	36.9
I - III	36.1	37.0	34.5	41.8	31.1	58.8
IV	31.5	36.0	22.3	37.6	23.7	57.7
V	63.7	72.1	47.9	49.2	35.7	70.3
VI	52.2	50.1	56.3	58.0	45.5	75.6
IV - VI	48.4	51.8	41.9	48.5	35.1	68.1
I - VI	42.5	44.6	38.4	45.2	33.1	63.7
VII	37.6	43.1	27.3	53.5	31.5	89.5
I - VII	41.7	44.4	36.6	46.5	32.9	67.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 14, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period January - July 2021 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	13008.3	17772.2	36.6	16537.3	27696.4	67.5	-3529.0	-9924.2
of which:								
Albania	120.1	149.3	24.3	41.9	64.9	54.9	78.2	84.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	106.3	114.7	7.9	30.9	27.9	-9.7	75.4	86.8
Brazil	52.4	156.9	199.4	219.0	336.3	53.6	-166.6	-179.4
Canada	74.9	104.1	39.0	210.4	125.2	-40.5	-135.5	-21.1
Chile	17.6	18.5	5.1	438.2	175.3	-60.0	-420.6	-156.8
China	1298.4	733.7	-43.5	2214.2	3436.6	55.2	-915.8	-2702.9
Egypt	325.5	632.3	94.3	256.6	272.2	6.1	68.9	360.1
Georgia	197.0	286.8	45.6	368.2	609.0	65.4	-171.2	-322.2
Gibraltar	183.0	665.9	263.9	0.0	0.3	x	183.0	665.6
India	145.4	289.0	98.8	224.2	317.6	41.7	-78.8	-28.6
Indonesia	55.6	29.5	-46.9	37.0	210.3	468.4	18.6	-180.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	103.9	147.3	41.8	50.0	105.5	111.0	53.9	41.8
Israel	216.1	435.7	101.6	232.4	69.7	-70.0	-16.3	366.0
Japan	60.3	80.6	33.7	222.5	243.9	9.6	-162.2	-163.3
Kazakhstan	33.9	39.6	16.8	2.9	16.9	482.8	31.0	22.7
Korea, Republic of	179.0	149.6	-16.4	154.9	221.3	42.9	24.1	-71.7
Libya	165.0	226.6	37.3	2.9	13.4	362.1	162.1	213.2
Morocco	145.8	106.4	-27.0	112.4	83.8	-25.4	33.4	22.6
Namibia	108.9	112.5	3.3	0.0	1.0	x	108.9	111.5
Norway	61.3	62.8	2.4	32.5	42.8	31.7	28.8	20.0
Peru	5.0	13.9	178.0	438.3	331.7	-24.3	-433.3	-317.8
Republic of North Macedonia	549.4	891.7	62.3	404.8	524.6	29.6	144.6	367.1
Russian Federation	471.7	485.7	3.0	2972.4	7085.4	138.4	-2500.7	-6599.7
Serbia	743.9	1317.4	77.1	799.8	1030.0	28.8	-55.9	287.4
Singapore	41.5	27.1	-34.7	48.9	61.8	26.4	-7.4	-34.7
South Africa	42.3	254.0	500.5	56.7	45.4	-19.9	-14.4	208.6
Switzerland	268.6	325.5	21.2	315.2	356.4	13.1	-46.6	-30.9
Syrian Arab Republic	3.8	3.5	-7.9	3.7	8.2	121.6	0.1	-4.7
Taiwan	40.9	44.5	8.8	193.3	288.3	49.1	-152.4	-243.8
Tunisia	268.7	309.2	15.1	21.2	59.8	182.1	247.5	249.4
Turkey	2472.6	3259.7	31.8	3076.0	5351.6	74.0	-603.4	-2091.9
Ukraine	430.3	954.8	121.9	855.7	1916.8	124.0	-425.4	-962.0
United Arab Emirates	92.6	126.5	36.6	43.8	46.2	5.5	48.8	80.3
United Kingdom ³	716.5	861.1	20.2	327.6	415.4	26.8	388.9	445.7
United States	910.5	1059.7	16.4	272.0	710.7	161.3	638.5	349.0
Viet Nam	60.8	51.8	-14.8	114.9	182.8	59.1	-54.1	-131.0

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 September 14, 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.



Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - July 2021 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	13008.3	17772.2	36.6	16537.3	27696.4	67.5	-3529.0	-9924.2
Food and live animals	1608.3	2646.6	64.6	748.8	989.6	32.2	859.5	1657.0
Beverages and tobacco	107.9	136.0	26.0	174.3	187.6	7.6	-66.4	-51.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1191.4	1231.4	3.4	3175.5	4629.2	45.8	-1984.1	-3397.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1228.6	4038.5	228.7	3037.0	7642.8	151.7	-1808.4	-3604.3
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	247.9	420.8	69.7	97.0	422.0	335.1	150.9	-1.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1606.3	2141.6	33.3	1563.4	2551.8	63.2	42.9	-410.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3154.7	2746.6	-12.9	3344.4	5177.3	54.8	-189.7	-2430.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2178.3	2657.2	22.0	3139.8	4565.7	45.4	-961.5	-1908.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1636.3	1735.0	6.0	1218.7	1520.6	24.8	417.6	214.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	48.6	18.5	-61.9	38.4	9.8	-74.5	10.2	8.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of September 14, 2022.