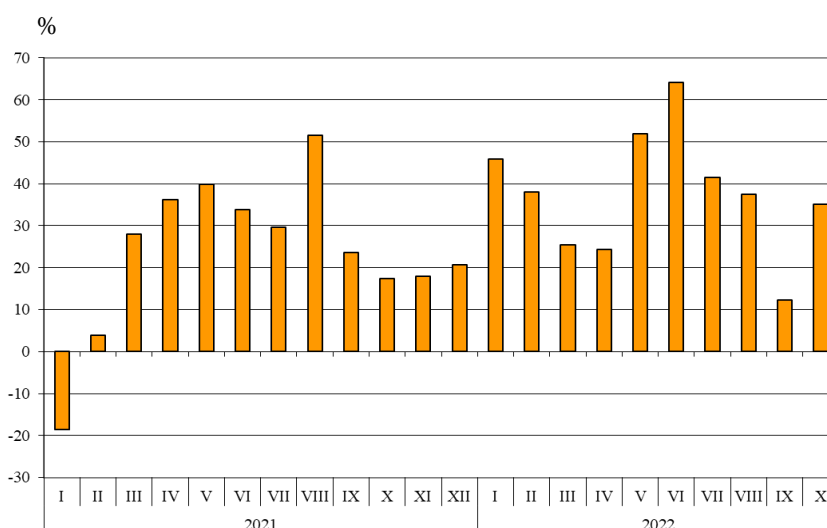


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - October 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 37.0% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 26 203.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, Serbia, Ukraine, the United States, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and China, which accounted for 51.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In October 2022, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 35.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 620.2 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 - October 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’ (228.2%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (138.8%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section ‘Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material’² (5.4%).

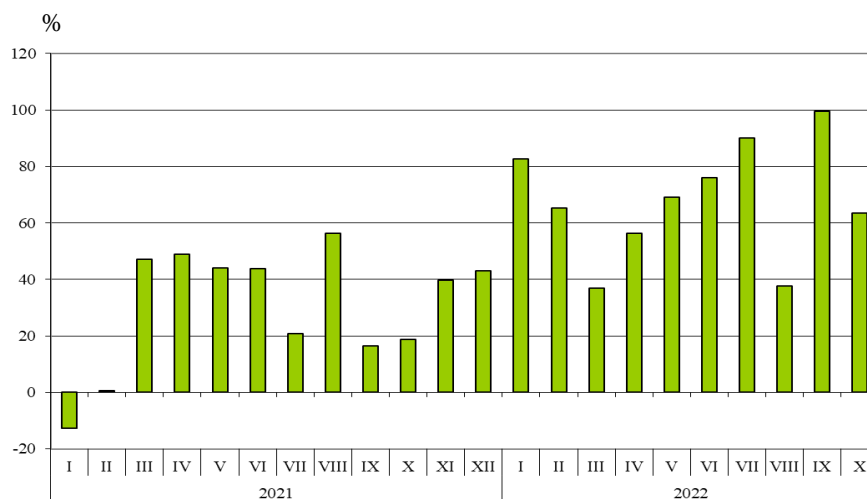
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - October 2022 increased by 66.6% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 40 825.6 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 **October 2022**, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 63.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 497.3 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 - October 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’ (478.9%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (146.7%) (Annex, Table 4).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period **January - October 2022** was negative and added up to 14 622.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **October 2022**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 877.1 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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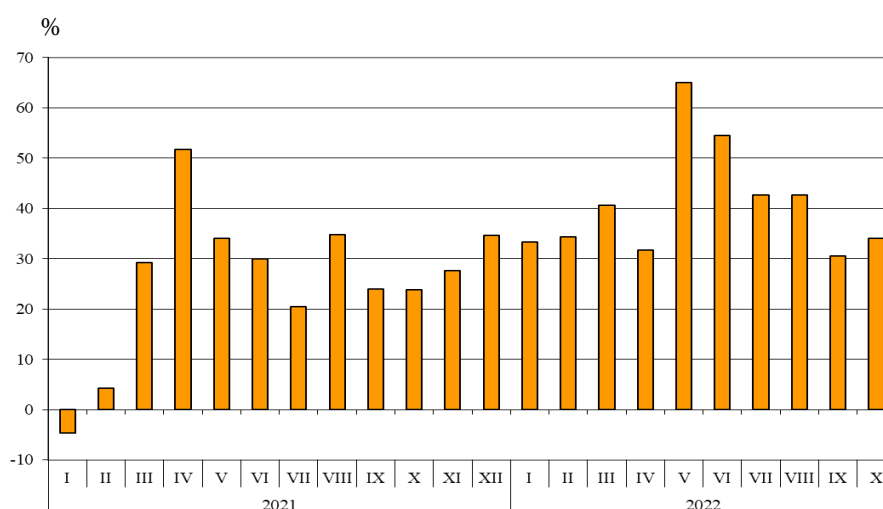
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period January - October 2022, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 79 004.3 million BGN, which is 40.8% more than the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2022**, the **total exports** of goods added up to 8 255.6 million BGN and increased by 34.0% 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)

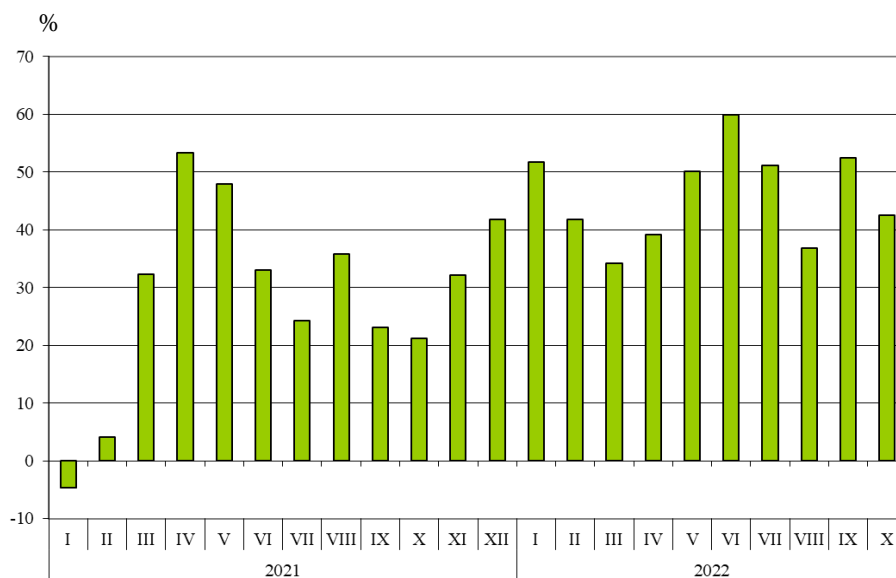


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period January - October 2022 amounted to 90 204.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 45.9% more than in the same period of 2021 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **October 2022**, the **total imports** of goods increased by 42.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 9 810.3 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 - October 2022** and amounted to 11 200.2 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **October 2022**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 554.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - October 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
VIII.2021	5605.9	3536.7	2069.2	6253.2	3475.9	2777.3	-647.3	60.8	-708.1
IX.2021	6057.0	3945.2	2111.8	6601.0	4167.3	2433.7	-544.0	-222.1	-321.9
VII - IX.2021	17524.2	11312.1	6212.1	19207.4	11592.9	7614.5	-1683.2	-280.8	-1402.4
I - IX.2021	49962.1	32772.8	17189.3	54940.3	33192.0	21748.3	-4978.2	-419.2	-4559.0
X.2021	6161.4	4221.7	1939.7	6880.2	4127.9	2752.3	-718.8	93.8	-812.6
I - X.2021	56123.5	36994.5	19129.0	61820.5	37319.9	24500.6	-5697.0	-325.4	-5371.6
I.2022	6348.2	4231.2	2117.0	7661.7	4151.1	3510.6	-1313.5	80.1	-1393.6
II.2022	6795.2	4396.0	2399.2	7703.7	4400.4	3303.3	-908.5	-4.4	-904.1
III.2022	8192.9	5587.0	2605.9	8976.0	5292.3	3683.7	-783.1	294.7	-1077.8
I - III.2022	21336.3	14214.2	7122.1	24341.4	13843.8	10497.6	-3005.1	370.4	-3375.5
IV.2022	7775.5	5329.6	2445.9	8455.1	4581.1	3874.0	-679.6	748.5	-1428.1
V.2022	8506.9	5777.0	2729.9	9070.4	5084.4	3986.0	-563.5	692.6	-1256.1
VI.2022	8862.4	5672.0	3190.4	10298.7	5568.5	4730.2	-1436.3	103.5	-1539.8
IV - VI.2022	25144.8	16778.6	8366.2	27824.2	15234.0	12590.2	-2679.4	1544.6	-4224.0
I - VI.2022	46481.1	30992.8	15488.3	52165.6	29077.8	23087.8	-5684.5	1915.0	-7599.5
VII.2022	8361.7	5485.9	2875.8	9603.9	5038.6	4565.3	-1242.2	447.3	-1689.5
VIII.2022	8001.1	5155.2	2845.9	8559.8	4739.5	3820.3	-558.7	415.7	-974.4
IX.2022	7904.8	5531.7	2373.1	10064.9	5210.0	4854.9	-2160.1	321.7	-2481.8
VII - IX.2022	24267.6	16172.8	8094.8	28228.6	14988.1	13240.5	-3961.0	1184.7	-5145.7
I - IX.2022	70748.7	47165.6	23583.1	80394.2	44065.9	36328.3	-9645.5	3099.7	-12745.2
X.2022	8255.6	5635.4	2620.2	9810.3	5313.0	4497.3	-1554.7	322.4	-1877.1
I - X.2022	79004.3	52801.0	26203.3	90204.5	49378.9	40825.6	-11200.2	3422.1	-14622.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.

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 - October 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	33.3	27.8	45.9	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.4	32.5	37.9	41.8	28.2	65.3
III	40.7	49.1	25.4	34.2	32.4	36.9
I - III	36.4	37.0	35.2	41.8	31.1	58.8
IV	31.7	35.4	24.3	39.1	27.3	56.3
V	65.0	72.1	51.9	50.1	37.9	69.1
VI	54.5	49.6	64.1	59.9	48.4	76.0
IV - VI	49.7	51.4	46.5	49.9	38.0	67.4
I - VI	43.3	44.4	41.1	46.0	34.6	63.4
VII	42.7	43.2	41.6	51.2	27.6	89.9
VIII	42.7	45.8	37.5	36.9	36.4	37.6
IX	30.5	40.2	12.4	52.5	25.0	99.5
VII - IX	38.5	43.0	30.3	47.0	29.3	73.9
I - IX	41.6	43.9	37.2	46.3	32.8	67.0
X	34.0	33.5	35.1	42.6	28.7	63.4
I - X	40.8	42.7	37.0	45.9	32.3	66.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - October 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	19129.0	26203.3	37.0	24500.6	40825.6	66.6	-5371.6	-14622.3
of which:								
Albania	182.3	214.1	17.4	60.3	81.5	35.2	122.0	132.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	149.1	161.9	8.6	47.0	40.5	-13.8	102.1	121.4
Brazil	77.0	174.3	126.4	349.1	566.9	62.4	-272.1	-392.6
Canada	112.1	165.1	47.3	229.9	204.8	-10.9	-117.8	-39.7
Chile	27.0	25.6	-5.2	441.1	284.8	-35.4	-414.1	-259.2
China	1831.0	1203.9	-34.2	3399.7	5248.8	54.4	-1568.7	-4044.9
Egypt	403.1	961.0	138.4	459.2	417.8	-9.0	-56.1	543.2
Georgia	316.6	422.9	33.6	558.6	867.7	55.3	-242.0	-444.8
Gibraltar	229.3	919.0	300.8	0.0	0.3	x	229.3	918.7
India	206.9	406.8	96.6	342.9	428.1	24.8	-136.0	-21.3
Indonesia	122.4	156.6	27.9	50.6	387.9	666.6	71.8	-231.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	137.3	208.2	51.6	90.2	144.3	60.0	47.1	63.9
Israel	341.0	514.4	50.9	315.6	96.3	-69.5	25.4	418.1
Japan	88.8	122.0	37.4	316.8	369.1	16.5	-228.0	-247.1
Kazakhstan	56.6	74.1	30.9	3.6	23.2	544.4	53.0	50.9
Korea, Republic of	397.1	202.1	-49.1	227.6	318.2	39.8	169.5	-116.1
Libya	200.6	349.1	74.0	13.6	34.0	150.0	187.0	315.1
Morocco	172.8	147.9	-14.4	138.8	126.3	-9.0	34.0	21.6
Namibia	140.3	200.3	42.8	0.0	6.7	x	140.3	193.6
Norway	89.6	95.1	6.1	46.5	61.2	31.6	43.1	33.9
Peru	7.2	22.8	216.7	452.2	420.9	-6.9	-445.0	-398.1
Republic of North Macedonia	876.6	1231.0	40.4	603.2	705.8	17.0	273.4	525.2
Russian Federation	692.8	768.3	10.9	4548.4	10042.6	120.8	-3855.6	-9274.3
Serbia	1152.4	1882.3	63.3	1190.7	1503.6	26.3	-38.3	378.7
Singapore	50.1	39.4	-21.4	67.1	91.8	36.8	-17.0	-52.4
South Africa	137.3	435.3	217.0	71.2	200.4	181.5	66.1	234.9
Switzerland	381.0	496.7	30.4	456.6	515.7	12.9	-75.6	-19.0
Syrian Arab Republic	7.8	6.3	-19.2	3.8	10.3	171.1	4.0	-4.0
Taiwan	62.2	68.3	9.8	267.9	404.6	51.0	-205.7	-336.3
Tunisia	403.5	389.0	-3.6	31.8	74.5	134.3	371.7	314.5
Turkey	3492.4	4678.1	34.0	4767.3	7739.5	62.3	-1274.9	-3061.4
Ukraine	668.5	1660.4	148.4	1325.9	2729.2	105.8	-657.4	-1068.8
United Arab Emirates	131.2	191.8	46.2	58.1	70.4	21.2	73.1	121.4
United Kingdom ³	1040.3	1208.8	16.2	490.1	644.8	31.6	550.2	564.0
United States	1363.8	1627.4	19.3	469.4	1466.7	212.5	894.4	160.7
Viet Nam	178.0	81.7	-54.1	168.5	282.2	67.5	9.5	-200.5

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 December 13, 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 - October 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	19129.0	26203.3	37.0	24500.6	40825.6	66.6	-5371.6	-14622.3
Food and live animals	2770.6	3692.5	33.3	1081.4	1488.0	37.6	1689.2	2204.5
Beverages and tobacco	155.8	200.7	28.8	251.1	259.2	3.2	-95.3	-58.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1705.9	1695.4	-0.6	4016.0	6374.4	58.7	-2310.1	-4679.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1825.4	5991.5	228.2	4845.6	11955.4	146.7	-3020.2	-5963.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	353.0	843.1	138.8	129.6	750.3	478.9	223.4	92.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2287.9	3090.2	35.1	2395.8	3670.0	53.2	-107.9	-579.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4440.6	4199.2	-5.4	5175.8	7199.2	39.1	-735.2	-3000.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3160.0	3965.8	25.5	4707.2	6857.6	45.7	-1547.2	-2891.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2358.9	2469.5	4.7	1843.4	2258.8	22.5	515.5	210.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	70.9	55.4	-21.9	54.7	12.7	-76.8	16.2	42.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of December 13, 2022.