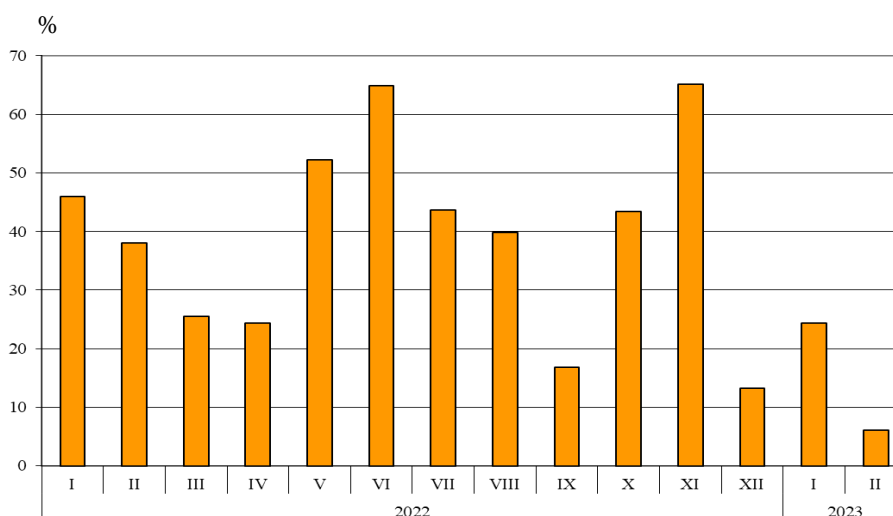


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - February 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.7% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 5 181.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, the United States, China, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 53.4% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2023 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 6.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 547.5 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



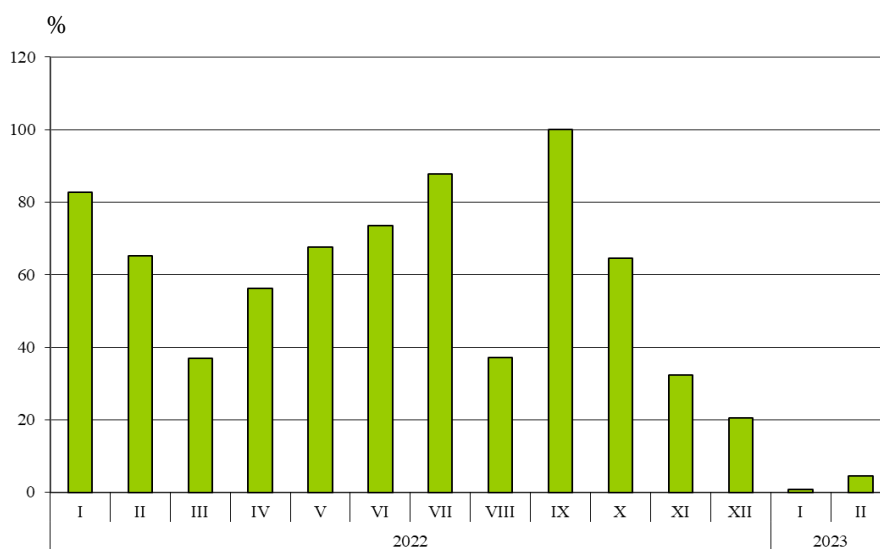
In the period January - February 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (80.8%) and 'Food and live animals' (58.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (23.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2023 increased by 2.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 6 989.6 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, the Russian Federation, China and the United States (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2023 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 4.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 450.7 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period January - February 2023, in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the period January - February 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (104.8%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (53.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (19.1%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - February 2023** was negative and added up to 1 807.8 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In February 2023 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 903.2 million BGN.

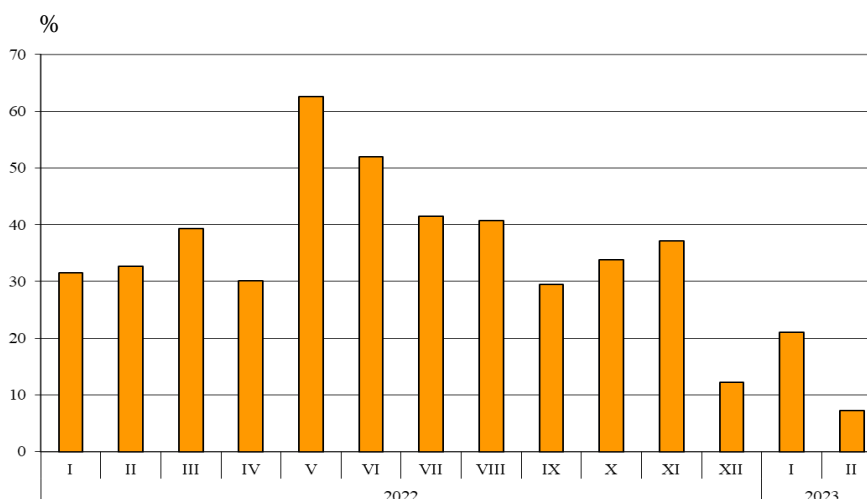
¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB
(http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=_EN).
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - February 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 14 769.3 million BGN, which is 13.9% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2023** the total exports of goods added up to 7 193.2 million BGN and increased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

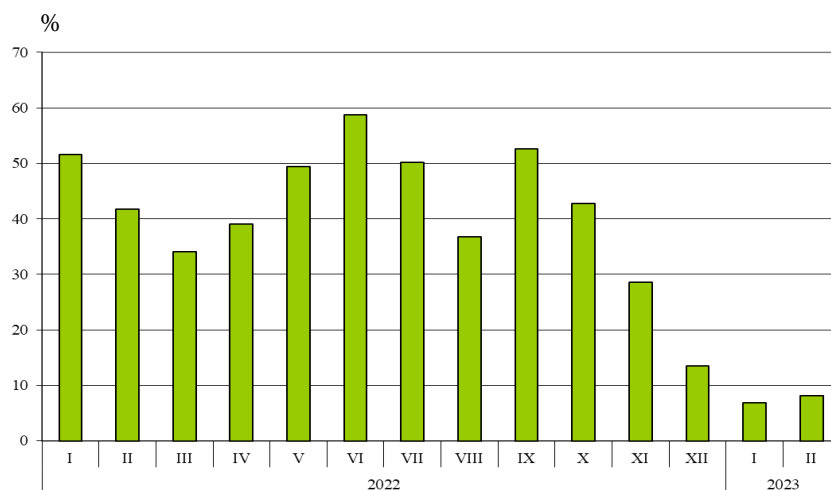


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - February 2023** amounted to 16 458.6 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 7.2% more than in the period January - February 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **February 2023** the total imports of goods increased by 8.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 8 318.8 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - February 2023** and amounted to 1 689.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In February 2023 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 125.6 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - February 2022¹ and 2023¹ 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.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
I - II.2022	12970.5	8451.7	4518.8	15351.4	8537.6	6813.8	-2380.9	-85.9	-2295.0
I.2023	7576.1	4941.8	2634.3	8139.8	4600.9	3538.9	-563.7	340.9	-904.6
II.2023	7193.2	4645.7	2547.5	8318.8	4868.1	3450.7	-1125.6	-222.4	-903.2
I - II.2023	14769.3	9587.5	5181.8	16458.6	9469.0	6989.6	-1689.3	118.5	-1807.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.

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 - February 2023¹ 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	21.0	19.3	24.4	6.4	11.1	0.8
II	7.2	7.8	6.1	8.1	10.8	4.5
I - II	13.9	13.4	14.7	7.2	10.9	2.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - February 2022² and 2023²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	4518.8	5181.8	14.7	6813.8	6989.6	2.6	-2295.0	-1807.8
of which:								
Albania	34.5	44.4	28.7	10.0	13.1	31.0	24.5	31.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	38.0	28.2	-25.8	9.0	12.6	40.0	29.0	15.6
Brazil	87.1	9.5	-89.1	73.5	130.1	77.0	13.6	-120.6
Canada	28.8	24.2	-16.0	70.4	22.7	-67.8	-41.6	1.5
Chile	4.4	4.6	4.5	119.5	112.2	-6.1	-115.1	-107.6
China	249.8	273.8	9.6	903.6	900.6	-0.3	-653.8	-626.8
Egypt	276.6	143.5	-48.1	44.7	82.2	83.9	231.9	61.3
Georgia	117.9	51.2	-56.6	191.4	101.0	-47.2	-73.5	-49.8
Gibraltar	71.6	201.1	180.9	0.0	0.0	x	71.6	201.1
India	68.0	110.4	62.4	73.5	102.4	39.3	-5.5	8.0
Indonesia	7.2	6.5	-9.7	10.1	176.4	1646.5	-2.9	-169.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	42.0	35.5	-15.5	19.7	16.1	-18.3	22.3	19.4
Israel	41.5	134.3	223.6	13.7	28.9	110.9	27.8	105.4
Japan	20.0	19.3	-3.5	74.7	74.0	-0.9	-54.7	-54.7
Kazakhstan	6.6	28.2	327.3	0.8	5.3	562.5	5.8	22.9
Korea, Republic of	47.9	25.7	-46.3	54.8	70.1	27.9	-6.9	-44.4
Libya	25.0	8.5	-66.0	0.0	0.2	x	25.0	8.3
Morocco	24.0	35.6	48.3	8.0	10.4	30.0	16.0	25.2
Namibia	0.2	0.2	0.0	-	4.1	x	0.2	-3.9
Norway	18.3	18.3	0.0	11.6	6.8	-41.4	6.7	11.5
Peru	2.2	6.5	195.5	74.5	205.9	176.4	-72.3	-199.4
Republic of North Macedonia	251.7	234.0	-7.0	117.2	140.2	19.6	134.5	93.8
Russian Federation	133.8	161.8	20.9	1909.5	1132.2	-40.7	-1775.7	-970.4
Serbia	331.9	266.4	-19.7	248.7	338.0	35.9	83.2	-71.6
Singapore	6.3	8.6	36.5	16.8	13.8	-17.9	-10.5	-5.2
South Africa	131.4	18.3	-86.1	20.6	39.0	89.3	110.8	-20.7
Switzerland	78.8	209.1	165.4	86.2	144.3	67.4	-7.4	64.8
Syrian Arab Republic	1.8	1.6	-11.1	3.8	0.2	-94.7	-2.0	1.4
Taiwan	14.2	21.7	52.8	66.1	60.7	-8.2	-51.9	-39.0
Tunisia	48.3	42.6	-11.8	42.9	11.1	-74.1	5.4	31.5
Türkiye	838.6	837.8	-0.1	1253.9	1304.2	4.0	-415.3	-466.4
Ukraine	162.9	366.0	124.7	399.1	331.8	-16.9	-236.2	34.2
United Arab Emirates	45.8	129.9	183.6	12.9	9.0	-30.2	32.9	120.9
United Kingdom ³	214.2	471.1	119.9	98.9	249.1	151.9	115.3	222.0
United States	297.2	317.8	6.9	109.8	358.2	226.2	187.4	-40.4
Viet Nam	17.3	9.3	-46.2	34.1	39.5	15.8	-16.8	-30.2

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 April 11, 2023.

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 - February 2022¹ and 2023¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	4518.8	5181.8	14.7	6813.8	6989.6	2.6	-2295.0	-1807.8
Food and live animals	435.1	690.3	58.7	245.4	352.3	43.6	189.7	338.0
Beverages and tobacco	46.3	54.6	17.9	33.5	51.3	53.1	12.8	3.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	381.8	293.8	-23.0	996.5	1201.0	20.5	-614.7	-907.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	839.8	895.7	6.7	1969.2	1593.2	-19.1	-1129.4	-697.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	144.2	157.1	8.9	56.1	114.9	104.8	88.1	42.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	634.3	549.5	-13.4	631.6	583.0	-7.7	2.7	-33.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	795.4	710.5	-10.7	1339.6	1189.7	-11.2	-544.2	-479.2
Machinery and transport equipment	729.7	1319.4	80.8	1154.9	1495.7	29.5	-425.2	-176.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	509.4	437.9	-14.0	385.7	405.7	5.2	123.7	32.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	2.8	73.0	2507.1	1.3	2.8	115.4	1.5	70.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2023.