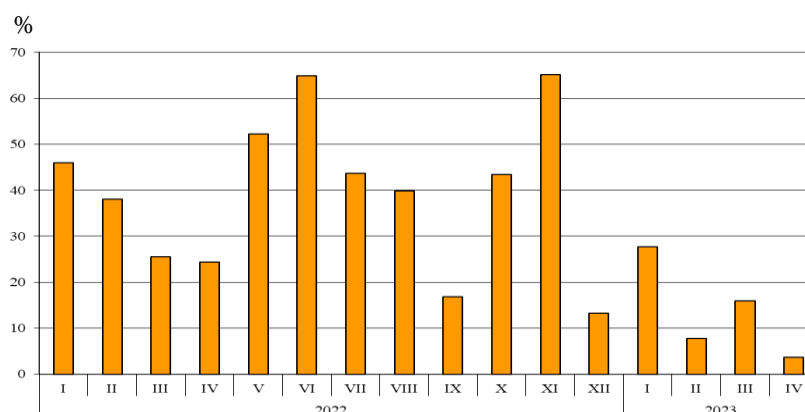


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - April 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 13.3% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 10 851.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United Kingdom, China, the United States, Ukraine, Serbia and the Republic of North Macedonia, which accounted for 55.8% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2023 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 3.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 537.2 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)**



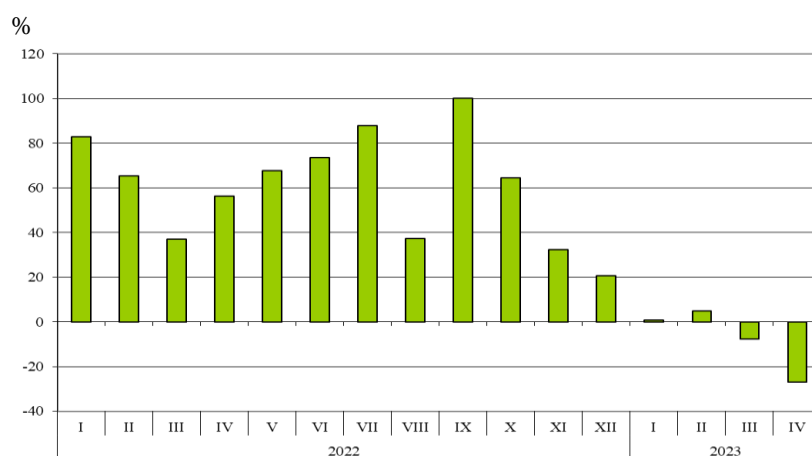
In the period January - April 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (78.6%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (38.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (12.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - April 2023 decreased by 7.9% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 13 230.3 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 Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

In April 2023 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 27.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 824.5 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 - April 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 - April 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (44.0%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (27.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (30.1%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - April 2023 was negative and added up to 2 378.7 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In April 2023 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 287.3 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang=EN>).

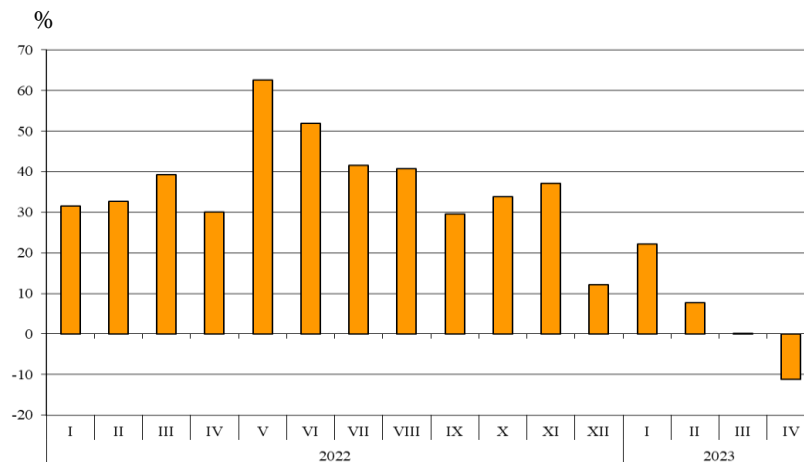
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - April 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 29 811.1 million BGN, which is 3.6% more than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2023** the total exports of goods added up to 6 823.4 million BGN and decreased by 11.2% 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)**

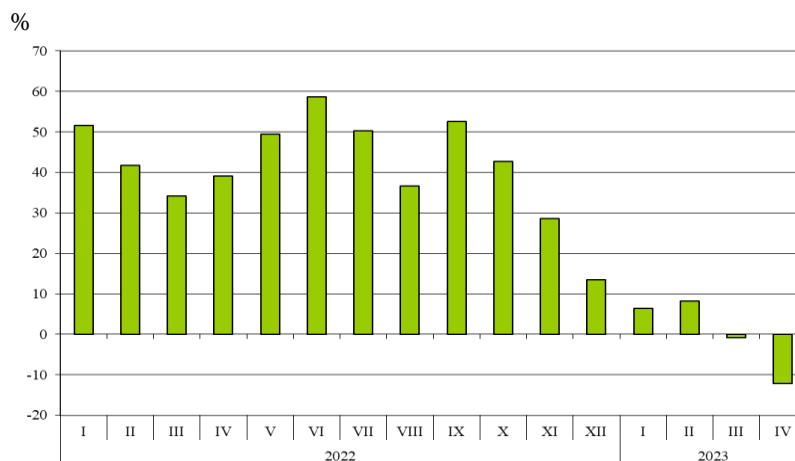


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - April 2023** amounted to 32 790.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 0.05% more than in the period January - April 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **April 2023** the total imports of goods decreased by 12.1% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 424.8 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 - April 2023** and amounted to 2 979.4 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In April 2023 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 601.4 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 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
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
I - III.2022	21083.9	13957.7	7126.2	24322.8	13825.3	10497.5	-3238.9	132.4	-3371.3
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
I - IV.2022	28766.1	19191.8	9574.3	32774.4	18403.2	14371.2	-4008.3	788.6	-4796.9
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
I - III.2023	22987.7	14673.3	8314.4	25365.7	14959.9	10405.8	-2378.0	-286.6	-2091.4
IV.2023	6823.4	4286.2	2537.2	7424.8	4600.3	2824.5	-601.4	-314.1	-287.3
I - IV.2023	29811.1	18959.5	10851.6	32790.5	19560.2	13230.3	-2979.4	-600.7	-2378.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 12, 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 - April 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	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	9.0	5.1	16.7	4.3	8.2	-0.9
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.1	0.5	-27.1
I - IV	3.6	-1.2	13.3	0.0	6.3	-7.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 12, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - April 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	9574.3	10851.6	13.3	14371.2	13230.3	-7.9	-4796.9	-2378.7
of which:								
Albania	81.3	87.0	7.0	31.4	33.6	7.0	49.9	53.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	70.8	59.0	-16.7	17.4	27.5	58.0	53.4	31.5
Brazil	141.1	21.7	-84.6	84.7	261.5	208.7	56.4	-239.8
Canada	64.2	57.9	-9.8	101.1	33.3	-67.1	-36.9	24.6
Chile	12.2	8.4	-31.1	169.5	114.9	-32.2	-157.3	-106.5
China	478.5	707.1	47.8	1870.7	1663.6	-11.1	-1392.2	-956.5
Egypt	333.3	353.9	6.2	125.4	162.0	29.2	207.9	191.9
Georgia	202.0	116.5	-42.3	300.8	275.3	-8.5	-98.8	-158.8
Gibraltar	311.4	201.2	-35.4	0.0	0.0	x	311.4	201.2
India	150.9	156.6	3.8	193.6	181.7	-6.1	-42.7	-25.1
Indonesia	16.2	30.4	87.7	108.9	194.0	78.1	-92.7	-163.6
Iran, Islamic Republic of	103.1	64.3	-37.6	52.9	36.0	-31.9	50.2	28.3
Israel	197.6	173.3	-12.3	35.6	111.7	213.8	162.0	61.6
Japan	47.4	40.7	-14.1	137.3	145.9	6.3	-89.9	-105.2
Kazakhstan	17.3	58.8	239.9	2.1	6.6	214.3	15.2	52.2
Korea, Republic of	76.7	58.5	-23.7	112.4	126.5	12.5	-35.7	-68.0
Libya	49.6	79.3	59.9	13.4	0.6	-95.5	36.2	78.7
Morocco	71.9	76.0	5.7	17.5	32.8	87.4	54.4	43.2
Namibia	0.4	0.2	-50.0	0.0	4.1	x	0.4	-3.9
Norway	36.6	38.1	4.1	22.0	18.7	-15.0	14.6	19.4
Peru	9.7	13.6	40.2	163.7	207.3	26.6	-154.0	-193.7
Republic of North Macedonia	526.6	532.9	1.2	270.8	305.8	12.9	255.8	227.1
Russian Federation	249.1	315.1	26.5	3971.9	1882.2	-52.6	-3722.8	-1567.1
Serbia	735.8	618.0	-16.0	555.2	739.2	33.1	180.6	-121.2
Singapore	15.4	18.0	16.9	40.1	26.6	-33.7	-24.7	-8.6
South Africa	190.9	80.1	-58.0	29.4	90.6	208.2	161.5	-10.5
Switzerland	175.3	339.1	93.4	192.2	296.0	54.0	-16.9	43.1
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.7	-22.9	3.8	0.4	-89.5	-0.3	2.3
Taiwan	26.9	72.7	170.3	147.8	116.4	-21.2	-120.9	-43.7
Tunisia	188.1	91.4	-51.4	48.8	17.1	-65.0	139.3	74.3
Türkiye	1782.6	1833.8	2.9	2753.5	2806.0	1.9	-970.9	-972.2
Ukraine	223.2	670.5	200.4	645.3	587.0	-9.0	-422.1	83.5
United Arab Emirates	82.3	170.3	106.9	24.9	29.4	18.1	57.4	140.9
United Kingdom ³	508.5	989.8	94.7	222.4	564.9	154.0	286.1	424.9
United States	666.6	706.4	6.0	304.3	512.3	68.4	362.3	194.1
Viet Nam	29.4	23.7	-19.4	95.2	78.1	-18.0	-65.8	-54.4

¹ Partner country:

- In the case of exports (or dispatches) this is the country (or Member State) of the final destination of the goods.

- In the case of imports (or arrivals) this is the country (or Member State) of the consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of June 12, 2023.

³ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of the 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 - April 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	9574.3	10851.6	13.3	14371.2	13230.3	-7.9	-4796.9	-2378.7
Food and live animals	1218.8	1692.6	38.9	547.3	694.8	27.0	671.5	997.8
Beverages and tobacco	70.5	92.5	31.2	84.1	121.1	44.0	-13.6	-28.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	742.2	660.4	-11.0	2070.4	2045.6	-1.2	-1328.2	-1385.2
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1799.9	1576.1	-12.4	3997.0	2792.6	-30.1	-2197.1	-1216.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	273.0	272.7	-0.1	145.6	147.5	1.3	127.4	125.2
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1320.1	1174.5	-11.0	1360.1	1104.8	-18.8	-40.0	69.7
Manufactured goods, classified chiefly by material	1629.1	1481.0	-9.1	2857.9	2361.3	-17.4	-1228.8	-880.3
Machinery and transport equipment	1511.4	2700.1	78.6	2455.0	3107.1	26.6	-943.6	-407.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	999.3	1013.7	1.4	850.1	850.7	0.1	149.2	163.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	10.0	188.0	1780.0	3.7	4.8	29.7	6.3	183.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 12, 2023.