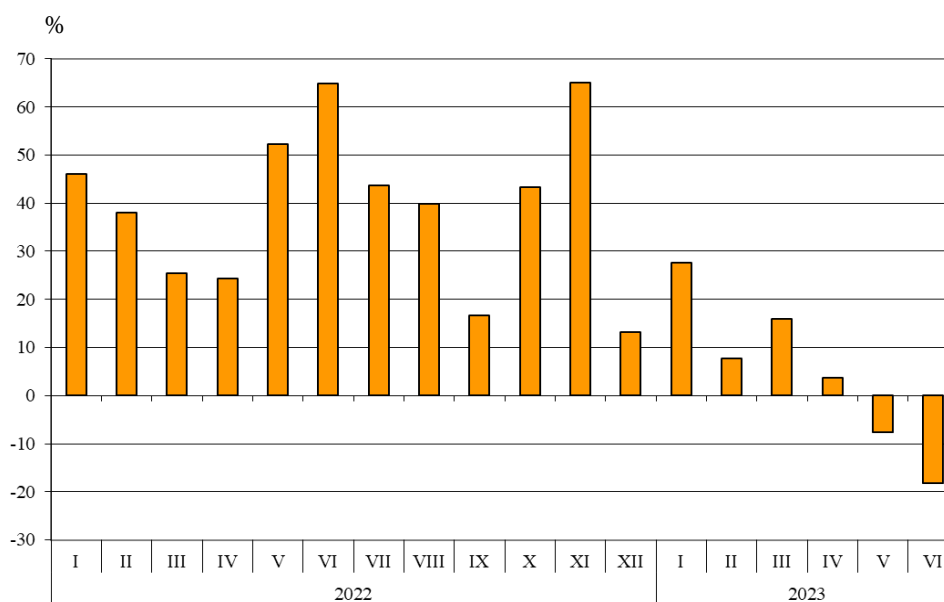


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - June 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 3.1% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 16 001.5 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 54.6% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In June 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 18.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 620.6 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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)**



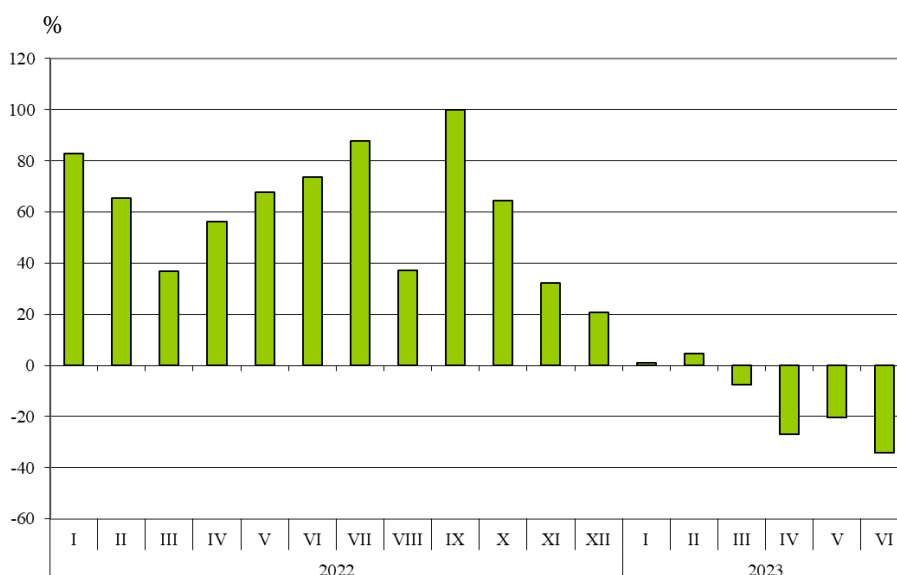
In the period January - June 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (68.7%) and 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (38.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (36.3%).

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - June 2023** decreased by 15.4% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 19 452.2 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 June 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** decreased by 34.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 076.1 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - June 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 - June 2022 was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (21.5%) and ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (19.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (38.6%).**

**The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - June 2023** was negative and added up to 3 450.7 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In June 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries** was also negative and amounted to 455.5 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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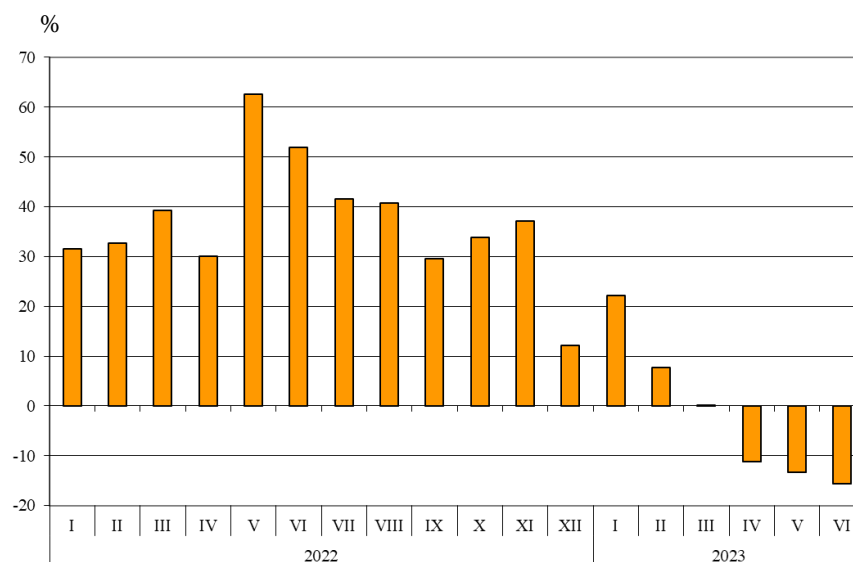
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - June 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 44 433.4 million BGN, which is 3.1% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 350.1 million BGN and decreased by 15.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

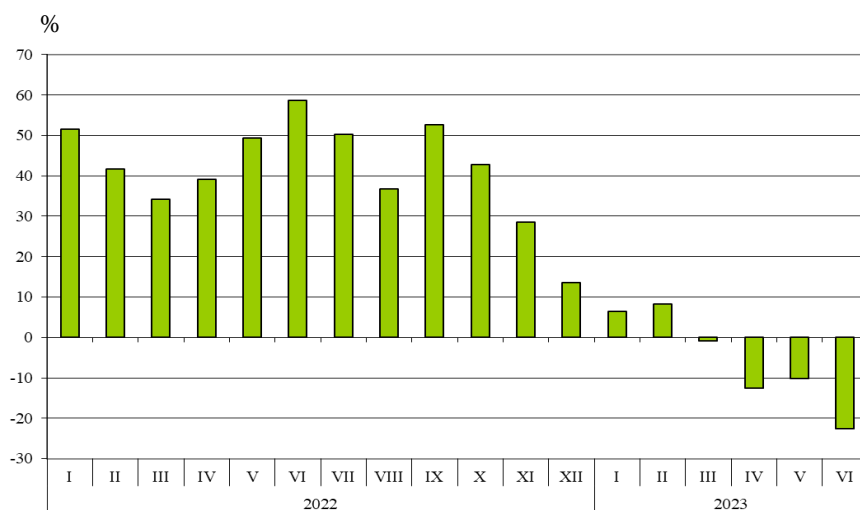


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - June 2023** amounted to 48 783.4 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 6.2% less than in the period January - June 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 22.6% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 910.5 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - June 2023** and amounted to 4 350.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In June 2023**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 560.4 million BGN.

<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - June 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<sup>1</sup> by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			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
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21083.9</b>	<b>13957.7</b>	<b>7126.2</b>	<b>24322.8</b>	<b>13825.3</b>	<b>10497.5</b>	<b>-3238.9</b>	<b>132.4</b>	<b>-3371.3</b>
IV.2022	7682.2	5234.1	2448.1	8451.6	4577.9	3873.7	-769.4	656.2	-1425.6
V.2022	8382.3	5645.2	2737.1	9027.9	5079.0	3948.9	-645.6	566.2	-1211.8
VI.2022	8713.6	5508.5	3205.1	10221.1	5556.5	4664.6	-1507.5	-48.0	-1459.5
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>24778.1</b>	<b>16387.8</b>	<b>8390.3</b>	<b>27700.6</b>	<b>15213.4</b>	<b>12487.2</b>	<b>-2922.5</b>	<b>1174.4</b>	<b>-4096.9</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>45862.0</b>	<b>30345.5</b>	<b>15516.5</b>	<b>52023.4</b>	<b>29038.7</b>	<b>22984.7</b>	<b>-6161.4</b>	<b>1306.8</b>	<b>-7468.2</b>
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
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22987.7</b>	<b>14673.3</b>	<b>8314.4</b>	<b>25365.7</b>	<b>14959.9</b>	<b>10405.8</b>	<b>-2378.0</b>	<b>-286.6</b>	<b>-2091.4</b>
IV.2023	6824.6	4287.2	2537.4	7397.6	4573.1	2824.5	-573.0	-285.9	-287.1
V.2023	7271.0	4741.9	2529.1	8109.6	4963.8	3145.8	-838.6	-221.9	-616.7
VI.2023	7350.1	4729.5	2620.6	7910.5	4834.4	3076.1	-560.4	-104.9	-455.5
<b>IV - VI.2023</b>	<b>21445.7</b>	<b>13758.6</b>	<b>7687.1</b>	<b>23417.7</b>	<b>14371.3</b>	<b>9046.4</b>	<b>-1972.0</b>	<b>-612.7</b>	<b>-1359.3</b>
<b>I - VI.2023</b>	<b>44433.4</b>	<b>28431.9</b>	<b>16001.5</b>	<b>48783.4</b>	<b>29331.2</b>	<b>19452.2</b>	<b>-4350.0</b>	<b>-899.3</b>	<b>-3450.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - June 2023<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>I - III</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
IV	-11.2	-18.1	3.6	-12.5	-0.1	-27.1
V	-13.3	-16.0	-7.6	-10.2	-2.3	-20.3
VI	-15.6	-14.1	-18.2	-22.6	-13.0	-34.1
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-27.6</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-15.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period  
January - June 2022<sup>2</sup> and 2023<sup>2</sup>

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	15516.5	16001.5	3.1	22984.7	19452.2	-15.4	-7468.2	-3450.7
of which:								
Albania	128.8	132.7	3.0	47.5	50.1	5.5	81.3	82.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100.4	89.8	-10.6	23.3	39.7	70.4	77.1	50.1
Brazil	155.0	34.8	-77.5	195.1	272.5	39.7	-40.1	-237.7
Canada	97.4	118.4	21.6	115.0	103.8	-9.7	-17.6	14.6
Chile	18.5	13.1	-29.2	173.6	154.4	-11.1	-155.1	-141.3
China	663.6	1094.7	65.0	2932.9	2697.8	-8.0	-2269.3	-1603.1
Egypt	502.1	553.9	10.3	207.0	324.7	56.9	295.1	229.2
Georgia	257.3	180.2	-30.0	479.6	318.5	-33.6	-222.3	-138.3
Gibraltar	603.5	201.3	-66.6	0.3	0.0	x	603.2	201.3
India	215.9	199.1	-7.8	280.8	253.4	-9.8	-64.9	-54.3
Indonesia	25.3	110.6	337.2	171.6	328.0	91.1	-146.3	-217.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	134.9	100.8	-25.3	88.4	54.0	-38.9	46.5	46.8
Israel	401.2	224.2	-44.1	56.0	144.4	157.9	345.2	79.8
Japan	70.6	64.6	-8.5	210.6	210.9	0.1	-140.0	-146.3
Kazakhstan	29.7	81.8	175.4	11.3	7.1	-37.2	18.4	74.7
Korea, Republic of	127.4	106.5	-16.4	194.6	190.3	-2.2	-67.2	-83.8
Libya	220.3	96.2	-56.3	13.4	3.1	-76.9	206.9	93.1
Morocco	92.1	133.5	45.0	29.7	48.0	61.6	62.4	85.5
Namibia	112.5	0.4	-99.6	0.0	8.5	x	112.5	-8.1
Norway	55.2	69.0	25.0	33.5	98.8	194.9	21.7	-29.8
Peru	17.3	19.0	9.8	305.1	217.9	-28.6	-287.8	-198.9
Republic of North Macedonia	773.9	790.5	2.1	431.0	486.5	12.9	342.9	304.0
Russian Federation	400.1	494.7	23.6	6011.4	2699.7	-55.1	-5611.3	-2205.0
Serbia	1106.9	902.0	-18.5	861.6	1073.3	24.6	245.3	-171.3
Singapore	24.3	31.4	29.2	54.4	41.7	-23.3	-30.1	-10.3
South Africa	248.3	92.3	-62.8	43.2	122.0	182.4	205.1	-29.7
Switzerland	274.9	528.3	92.2	294.8	421.1	42.8	-19.9	107.2
Syrian Arab Republic	3.6	2.9	-19.4	3.9	0.7	-82.1	-0.3	2.2
Taiwan	44.5	112.0	151.7	242.2	170.0	-29.8	-197.7	-58.0
Tunisia	259.8	139.4	-46.3	58.6	22.3	-61.9	201.2	117.1
Turkey	2941.6	2642.8	-10.2	4546.9	4073.1	-10.4	-1605.3	-1430.3
Ukraine	643.9	970.4	50.7	1495.9	878.0	-41.3	-852.0	92.4
United Arab Emirates	113.0	228.8	102.5	40.1	47.3	18.0	72.9	181.5
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	758.9	1308.3	72.4	355.4	690.3	94.2	403.5	618.0
United States	1000.9	1024.8	2.4	495.7	703.2	41.9	505.2	321.6
Vjet Nam	48.1	34.5	-28.3	150.1	166.9	11.2	-102.0	-132.4

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> 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 - June 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2023<sup>1</sup>

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	15516.5	16001.5	3.1	22984.7	19452.2	-15.4	-7468.2	-3450.7
Food and live animals	2229.2	2590.5	16.2	848.3	1012.2	19.3	1380.9	1578.3
Beverages and tobacco	109.9	132.3	20.4	153.9	187.0	21.5	-44.0	-54.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1131.6	1034.5	-8.6	3597.8	2568.0	-28.6	-2466.2	-1533.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3436.6	2190.8	-36.3	6382.0	4083.4	-36.0	-2945.4	-1892.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	349.2	485.0	38.9	342.3	210.3	-38.6	6.9	274.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1911.5	1721.9	-9.9	2088.9	1686.5	-19.3	-177.4	35.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2489.4	2185.1	-12.2	4300.6	3634.7	-15.5	-1811.2	-1449.6
Machinery and transport equipment	2304.4	3887.2	68.7	3938.9	4705.6	19.5	-1634.5	-818.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1538.8	1490.5	-3.1	1323.3	1352.7	2.2	215.5	137.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	15.9	283.7	1684.3	8.7	11.8	35.6	7.2	271.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2023.