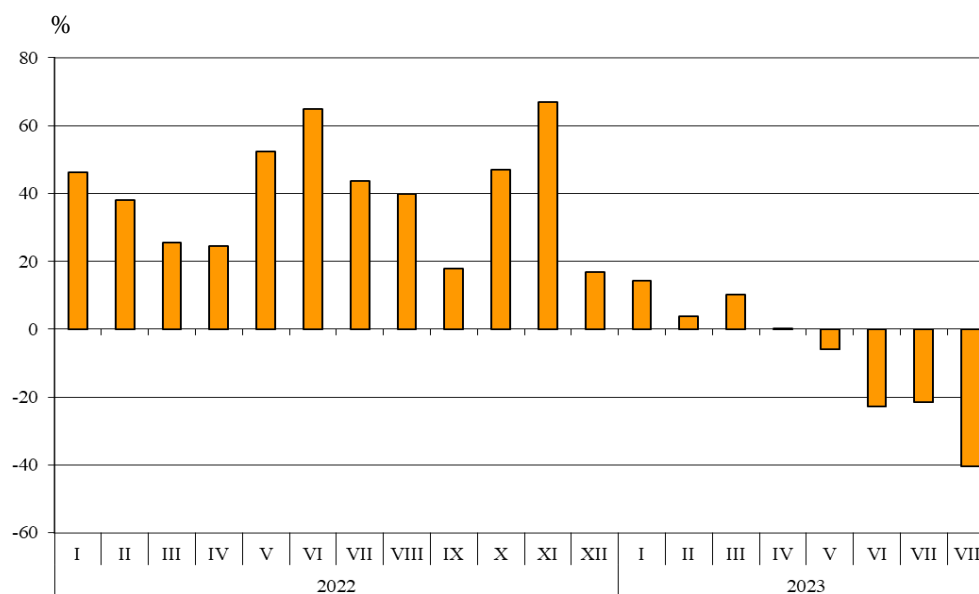


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - August 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 9.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 19 316.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, Ukraine, China, the Republic of North Macedonia and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 51.5% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 40.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 723.8 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)**



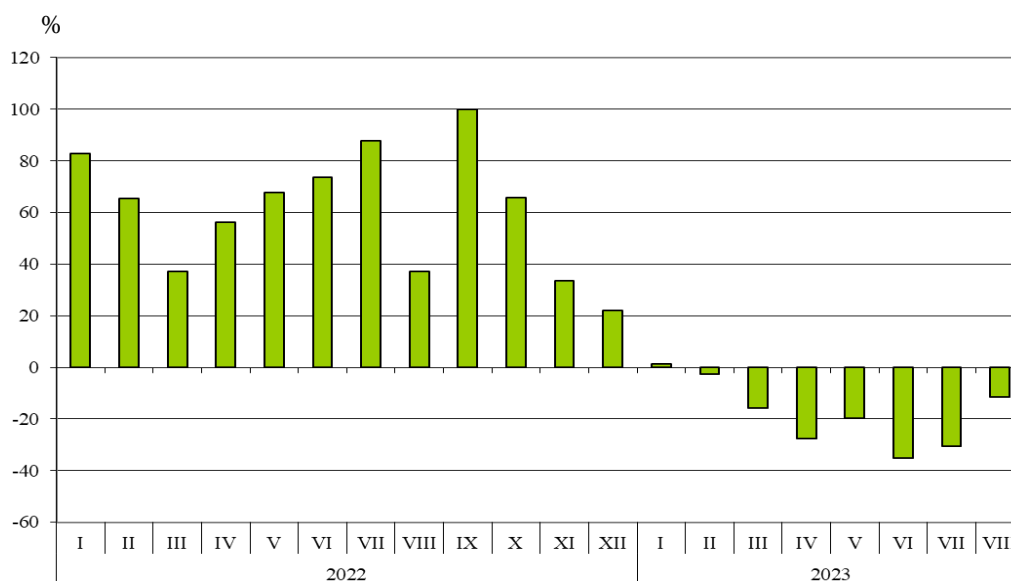
In the period January - August 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Machinery and transport equipment' (15.6%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (12.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (38.5%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - August 2023** decreased by 18.9% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 25 387.9 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 August 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries** decreased by 11.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 376.1 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 - August 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 - August 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Food and live animals' (17.5%) and 'Beverages and tobacco' (16.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (38.1%).**

**The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in the period January - August 2023** was negative and added up to 6 071.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In August 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries** was also negative and amounted to 1 652.3 million BGN.

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

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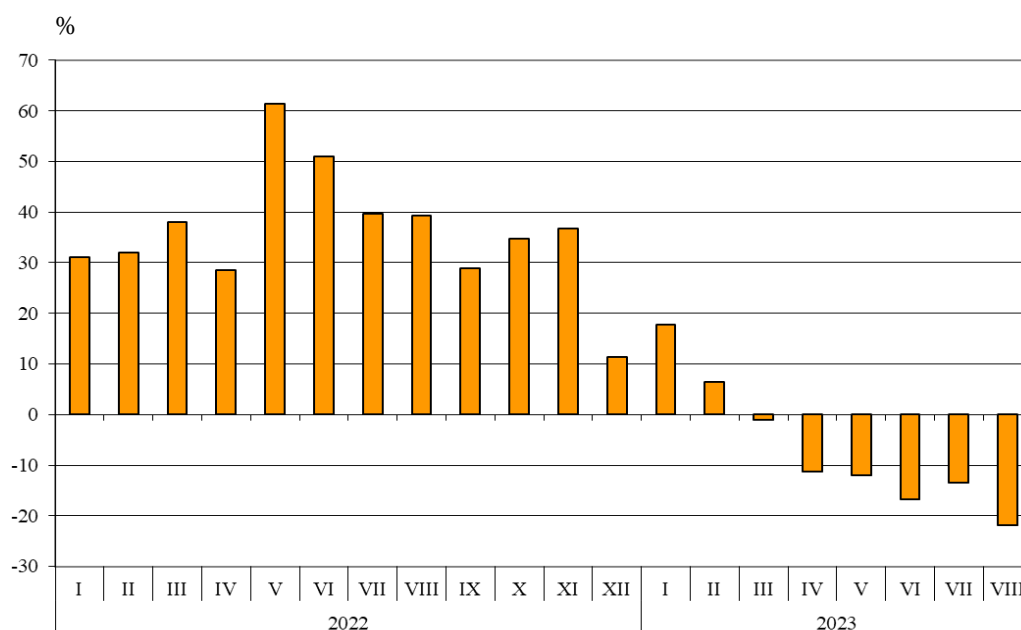
<sup>2</sup> Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - August 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 56 841.6 million BGN, which is 7.6% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 094.7 million BGN and decreased by 22.0% 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)**

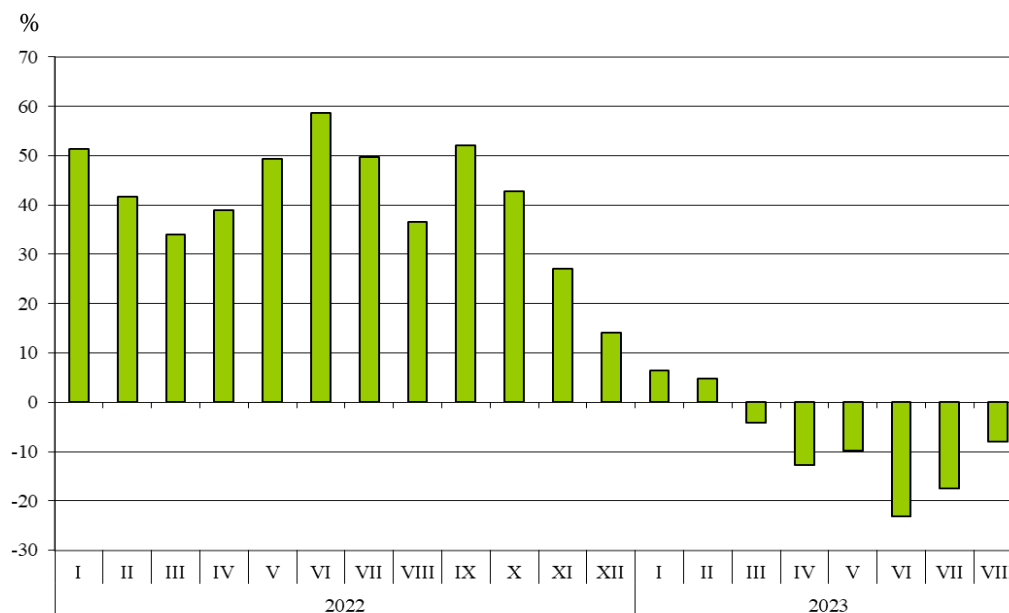


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - August 2023** amounted to 63 877.1 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 8.8% less than in the period January - August 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **August 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 8.0% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 856.7 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 - August 2023** and amounted to 7 035.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In August 2023**, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 762.0 million BGN.

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

## Annex

Table 1

### Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2022 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	6244.6	4124.4	2120.2	7643.0	4132.2	3510.8	-1398.4	-7.8	-1390.6
II.2022	6673.8	4272.2	2401.6	7694.6	4390.7	3303.9	-1020.8	-118.5	-902.3
III.2022	8035.5	5425.9	2609.6	8966.6	5278.8	3687.8	-931.1	147.1	-1078.2
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>20953.9</b>	<b>13822.5</b>	<b>7131.4</b>	<b>24304.2</b>	<b>13801.7</b>	<b>10502.5</b>	<b>-3350.3</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>-3371.1</b>
IV.2022	7590.2	5141.0	2449.2	8445.5	4571.6	3873.9	-855.3	569.4	-1424.7
V.2022	8322.2	5584.1	2738.1	9020.1	5071.1	3949.0	-697.9	513.0	-1210.9
VI.2022	8659.8	5453.8	3206.0	10219.3	5554.4	4664.9	-1559.5	-100.6	-1458.9
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>24572.2</b>	<b>16178.9</b>	<b>8393.3</b>	<b>27684.9</b>	<b>15197.1</b>	<b>12487.8</b>	<b>-3112.7</b>	<b>981.8</b>	<b>-4094.5</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>45526.1</b>	<b>30001.4</b>	<b>15524.7</b>	<b>51989.1</b>	<b>28998.8</b>	<b>22990.3</b>	<b>-6463.0</b>	<b>1002.6</b>	<b>-7465.6</b>
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
VIII.2022	7809.0	4915.0	2894.0	8535.3	4724.1	3811.2	-726.3	190.9	-917.2
<b>I - VIII.2022</b>	<b>61522.1</b>	<b>40183.1</b>	<b>21339.0</b>	<b>70038.0</b>	<b>38724.3</b>	<b>31313.7</b>	<b>-8515.9</b>	<b>1458.8</b>	<b>-9974.7</b>
I.2023	7356.3	4932.0	2424.3	8137.3	4578.7	3558.6	-781.0	353.3	-1134.3
II.2023	7100.5	4609.8	2490.7	8070.1	4847.5	3222.6	-969.6	-237.7	-731.9
III.2023	7945.3	5067.1	2878.2	8599.4	5488.2	3111.2	-654.1	-421.1	-233.0
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22402.1</b>	<b>14608.9</b>	<b>7793.2</b>	<b>24806.8</b>	<b>14914.4</b>	<b>9892.4</b>	<b>-2404.7</b>	<b>-305.5</b>	<b>-2099.2</b>
IV.2023	6739.1	4286.6	2452.5	7369.8	4568.6	2801.2	-630.7	-282.0	-348.7
V.2023	7316.6	4741.9	2574.7	8137.3	4963.8	3173.5	-820.7	-221.9	-598.8
VI.2023	7207.8	4729.6	2478.2	7851.5	4834.4	3017.1	-643.7	-104.8	-538.9
<b>IV - VI.2023</b>	<b>21263.5</b>	<b>13758.1</b>	<b>7505.4</b>	<b>23358.6</b>	<b>14366.8</b>	<b>8991.8</b>	<b>-2095.1</b>	<b>-608.7</b>	<b>-1486.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2023</b>	<b>43665.6</b>	<b>28367.0</b>	<b>15298.6</b>	<b>48165.4</b>	<b>29281.2</b>	<b>18884.2</b>	<b>-4499.8</b>	<b>-914.2</b>	<b>-3585.6</b>
VII.2023	7081.3	4787.1	2294.2	7855.0	4727.4	3127.6	-773.7	59.7	-833.4
VIII.2023	6094.7	4370.9	1723.8	7856.7	4480.6	3376.1	-1762.0	-109.7	-1652.3
<b>I - VIII.2023</b>	<b>56841.6</b>	<b>37525.0</b>	<b>19316.6</b>	<b>63877.1</b>	<b>38489.2</b>	<b>25387.9</b>	<b>-7035.5</b>	<b>-964.2</b>	<b>-6071.3</b>

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<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 - August 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	17.8	19.6	14.3	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.7	4.9	10.4	-2.5
III	-1.1	-6.6	10.3	-4.1	4.0	-15.6
<b>I - III</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
IV	-11.2	-16.6	0.1	-12.7	-0.1	-27.7
V	-12.1	-15.1	-6.0	-9.8	-2.1	-19.6
VI	-16.8	-13.3	-22.7	-23.2	-13.0	-35.3
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-28.0</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-17.9</b>
VII	-13.5	-9.1	-21.4	-17.4	-5.5	-30.7
VIII	-22.0	-11.1	-40.4	-8.0	-5.2	-11.4
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-18.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period  
January - August 2022 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	21339.0	19316.6	-9.5	31313.7	25387.9	-18.9	-9974.7	-6071.3
of which:								
Albania	170.6	167.9	-1.6	68.6	61.9	-9.8	102.0	106.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	129.8	118.3	-8.9	32.1	50.1	56.1	97.7	68.2
Brazil	169.5	49.4	-70.9	301.9	403.6	33.7	-132.4	-354.2
Canada	133.7	175.3	31.1	137.1	136.3	-0.6	-3.4	39.0
Chile	20.9	18.0	-13.9	196.1	245.8	25.3	-175.2	-227.8
China	829.0	1204.2	45.3	4081.8	3686.6	-9.7	-3252.8	-2482.4
Egypt	751.6	731.1	-2.7	347.9	459.3	32.0	403.7	271.8
Georgia	337.5	253.9	-24.8	682.2	361.2	-47.1	-344.7	-107.3
Gibraltar	875.8	201.4	-77.0	0.3	0.0	x	875.5	201.4
India	358.1	240.5	-32.8	360.2	338.4	-6.1	-2.1	-97.9
Indonesia	146.3	225.6	54.2	189.2	409.1	116.2	-42.9	-183.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	168.2	135.0	-19.7	121.8	68.4	-43.8	46.4	66.6
Israel	475.2	298.6	-37.2	78.0	172.2	120.8	397.2	126.4
Japan	96.7	86.3	-10.8	277.8	269.8	-2.9	-181.1	-183.5
Kazakhstan	51.4	104.0	102.3	21.6	7.8	-63.9	29.8	96.2
Korea, Republic of	188.4	306.4	62.6	256.1	255.5	-0.2	-67.7	50.9
Libya	232.7	103.7	-55.4	13.4	3.6	-73.1	219.3	100.1
Morocco	129.4	212.7	64.4	89.4	105.9	18.5	40.0	106.8
Namibia	151.8	51.4	-66.1	1.0	8.5	750.0	150.8	42.9
Norway	71.7	83.5	16.5	45.4	108.0	137.9	26.3	-24.5
Peru	20.0	27.6	38.0	306.0	226.0	-26.1	-286.0	-198.4
Republic of North Macedonia	1031.5	1089.4	5.6	578.1	625.5	8.2	453.4	463.9
Russian Federation	578.2	651.1	12.6	8083.1	3875.1	-52.1	-7504.9	-3224.0
Serbia	1519.9	1240.9	-18.4	1163.1	1418.4	21.9	356.8	-177.5
Singapore	32.2	38.4	19.3	70.0	57.5	-17.9	-37.8	-19.1
South Africa	343.3	165.7	-51.7	59.8	140.5	134.9	283.5	25.2
Switzerland	384.1	443.1	15.4	407.9	465.3	14.1	-23.8	-22.2
Syrian Arab Republic	5.0	3.2	-36.0	10.1	1.1	-89.1	-5.1	2.1
Taiwan	62.1	169.3	172.6	320.5	224.1	-30.1	-258.4	-54.8
Tunisia	348.8	142.8	-59.1	68.6	29.0	-57.7	280.2	113.8
Türkiye	3769.5	3121.2	-17.2	6003.3	5316.9	-11.4	-2233.8	-2195.7
Ukraine	1204.6	1213.1	0.7	2176.1	1214.7	-44.2	-971.5	-1.6
United Arab Emirates	149.0	168.5	13.1	53.3	66.3	24.4	95.7	102.2
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	984.6	826.6	-16.0	473.6	514.5	8.6	511.0	312.1
United States	1313.6	1261.8	-3.9	792.2	785.9	-0.8	521.4	475.9
Viet Nam	68.6	71.1	3.6	210.2	214.0	1.8	-141.6	-142.9

<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 October 12, 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 - August 2022 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	21339.0	19316.6	-9.5	31313.7	25387.9	-18.9	-9974.7	-6071.3
Food and live animals	3195.6	3339.5	4.5	1128.4	1326.3	17.5	2067.2	2013.2
Beverages and tobacco	156.0	175.2	12.3	213.3	249.4	16.9	-57.3	-74.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1382.4	1272.7	-7.9	4864.1	3316.2	-31.8	-3481.7	-2043.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4903.9	3013.8	-38.5	8716.4	5659.9	-35.1	-3812.5	-2646.1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	642.7	597.4	-7.0	528.1	327.0	-38.1	114.6	270.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2570.0	2233.2	-13.1	2981.0	2253.1	-24.4	-411.0	-19.9
Manufactured goods,classified chiefly by material	3317.7	2779.7	-16.2	5825.0	4859.6	-16.6	-2507.3	-2079.9
Machinery and transport equipment	3119.6	3606.7	15.6	5253.9	5511.6	4.9	-2134.3	-1904.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2030.2	1962.9	-3.3	1793.0	1870.2	4.3	237.2	92.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	20.9	335.5	1505.3	10.5	14.6	39.0	10.4	320.9

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 12, 2023.