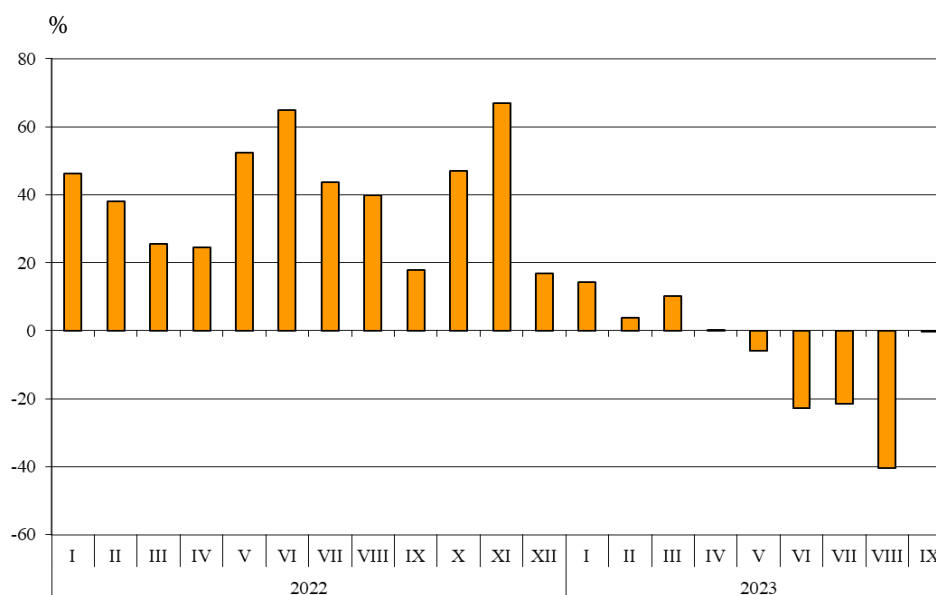


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - September 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 8.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 21 802.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, China, Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia and Egypt, which accounted for 50.9% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 0.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 486.3 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)**



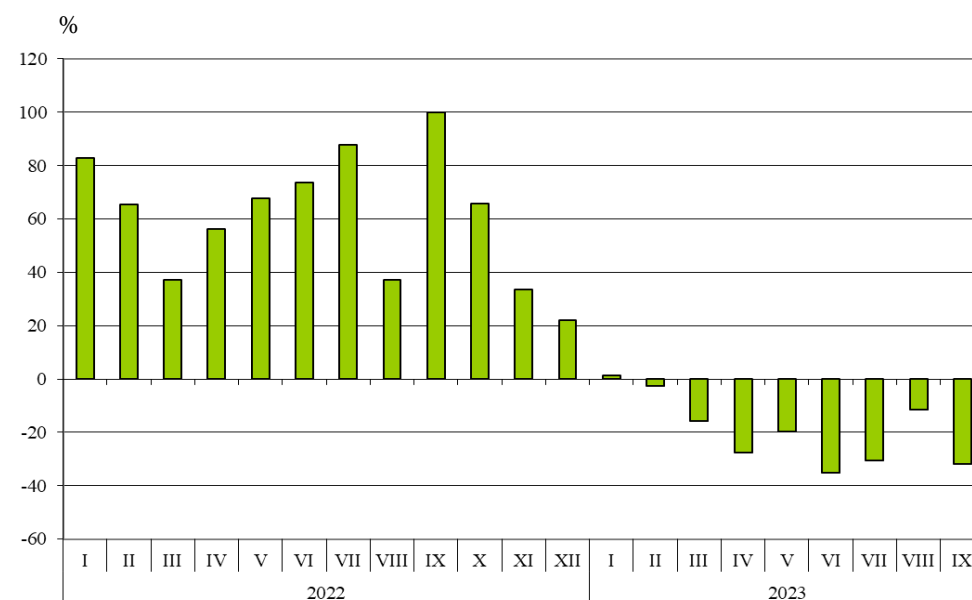
In the period January - September 2023, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (14.2%) and 'Machinery and transport equipment' (13.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (36.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - September 2023 decreased by 20.7% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 28 707.7 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 September 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** decreased by 31.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 319.8 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 - September 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 - September 2022 was recorded in the sections 'Beverages and tobacco' (17.6%) and 'Food and live animals' (14.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (40.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - September 2023** was negative and added up to 6 904.8 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In September 2023, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 833.5 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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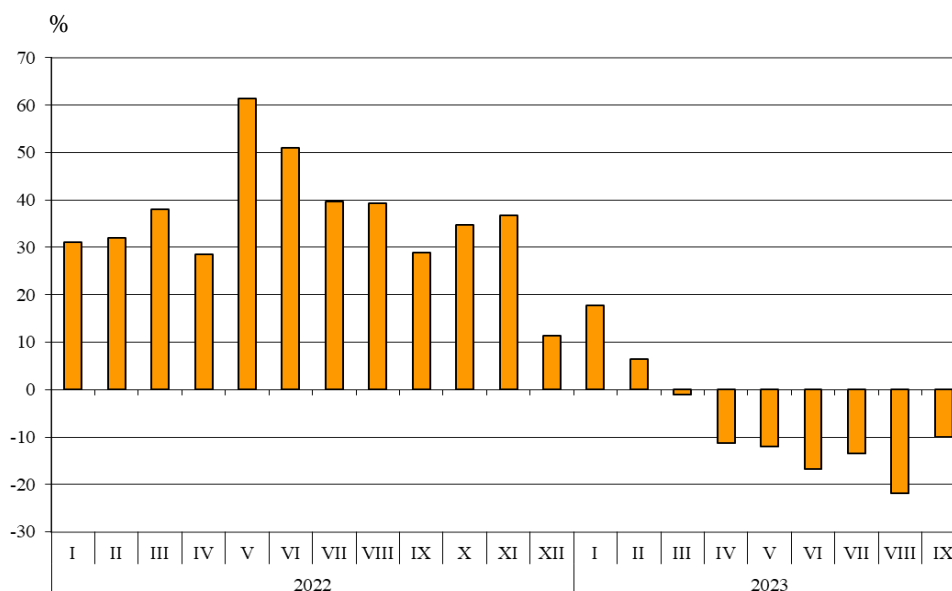
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In the period **January - September 2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 63 860.5 million BGN, which is 7.9% less than the corresponding period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 7 018.9 million BGN and decreased by 10.1% 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)**

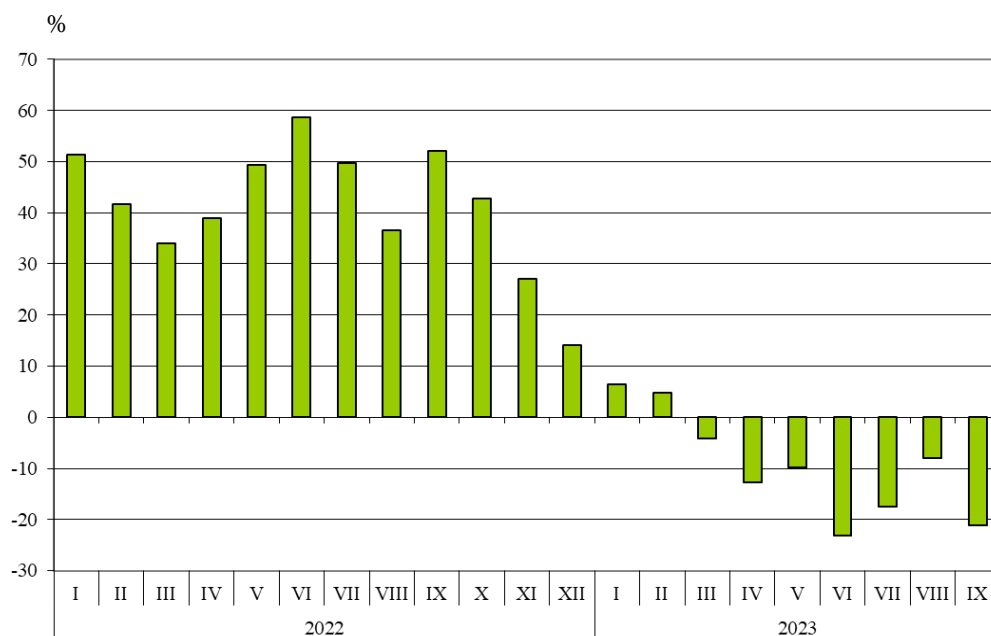


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in the period **January - September 2023** amounted to 71 790.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 10.4% less than in the period January - September 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **September 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 21.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 913.4 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 - September 2023** and amounted to 7 930.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In September 2023, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 894.5 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - September 2022 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	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
I - III.2022	20953.9	13822.5	7131.4	24304.2	13801.7	10502.5	-3350.3	20.8	-3371.1
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
IV - VI.2022	24572.2	16178.9	8393.3	27684.9	15197.1	12487.8	-3112.7	981.8	-4094.5
I - VI.2022	45526.1	30001.4	15524.7	51989.1	28998.8	22990.3	-6463.0	1002.6	-7465.6
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
IX.2022	7803.3	5313.9	2489.4	10043.6	5178.1	4865.5	-2240.3	135.8	-2376.1
VII - IX.2022	23799.3	15495.6	8303.7	28092.5	14903.6	13188.9	-4293.2	592.0	-4885.2
I - IX.2022	69325.4	45497.0	23828.4	80081.6	43902.4	36179.2	-10756.2	1594.6	-12350.8
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
I - III.2023	22402.1	14608.9	7793.2	24806.8	14914.4	9892.4	-2404.7	-305.5	-2099.2
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
IV - VI.2023	21263.5	13758.1	7505.4	23358.6	14366.8	8991.8	-2095.1	-608.7	-1486.4
I - VI.2023	43665.6	28367.0	15298.6	48165.4	29281.2	18884.2	-4499.8	-914.2	-3585.6
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
IX.2023	7018.9	4532.6	2486.3	7913.4	4593.6	3319.8	-894.5	-61.0	-833.5
VII - IX.2023	20194.9	13690.6	6504.3	23625.1	13801.6	9823.5	-3430.2	-111.0	-3319.2
I - IX.2023	63860.5	42057.6	21802.9	71790.5	43082.8	28707.7	-7930.0	-1025.2	-6904.8

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - September 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	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
I - III	6.9	5.7	9.3	2.1	8.1	-5.8
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
IV - VI	-13.5	-15.0	-10.6	-15.6	-5.5	-28.0
I - VI	-4.1	-5.4	-1.5	-7.4	1.0	-17.9
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
IX	-10.1	-14.7	-0.1	-21.2	-11.3	-31.8
VII - IX	-15.1	-11.6	-21.7	-15.9	-7.4	-25.5
I - IX	-7.9	-7.6	-8.5	-10.4	-1.9	-20.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 09, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in the period
January - September 2022 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	23828.4	21802.9	-8.5	36179.2	28707.7	-20.7	-12350.8	-6904.8
of which:								
Albania	192.1	187.3	-2.5	74.2	67.5	-9.0	117.9	119.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	146.9	134.2	-8.6	36.0	56.6	57.2	110.9	77.6
Brazil	174.4	53.9	-69.1	402.2	414.5	3.1	-227.8	-360.6
Canada	146.9	218.7	48.9	197.5	144.5	-26.8	-50.6	74.2
Chile	22.7	19.4	-14.5	286.7	247.0	-13.8	-264.0	-227.6
China	1010.1	1381.9	36.8	4695.4	4117.6	-12.3	-3685.3	-2735.7
Egypt	816.1	985.1	20.7	405.3	499.1	23.1	410.8	486.0
Georgia	381.6	300.1	-21.4	752.6	442.9	-41.2	-371.0	-142.8
Gibraltar	897.9	201.4	-77.6	0.3	0.0	x	897.6	201.4
India	379.1	261.2	-31.1	391.5	368.8	-5.8	-12.4	-107.6
Indonesia	149.3	316.0	111.7	259.0	479.5	85.1	-109.7	-163.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	190.7	151.9	-20.3	130.8	75.6	-42.2	59.9	76.3
Israel	494.6	316.5	-36.0	88.1	181.1	105.6	406.5	135.4
Japan	110.2	129.7	17.7	321.1	293.1	-8.7	-210.9	-163.4
Kazakhstan	62.0	114.4	84.5	21.9	11.5	-47.5	40.1	102.9
Korea, Republic of	206.1	335.0	62.5	286.5	284.5	-0.7	-80.4	50.5
Libya	288.5	109.8	-61.9	34.0	3.6	-89.4	254.5	106.2
Morocco	138.3	237.9	72.0	117.0	136.6	16.8	21.3	101.3
Namibia	151.8	51.4	-66.1	1.0	8.5	750.0	150.8	42.9
Norway	85.1	93.2	9.5	57.8	118.0	104.2	27.3	-24.8
Peru	21.7	29.0	33.6	347.6	314.4	-9.6	-325.9	-285.4
Republic of North Macedonia	1162.7	1187.8	2.2	645.3	690.2	7.0	517.4	497.6
Russian Federation	667.7	726.6	8.8	8989.3	4748.6	-47.2	-8321.6	-4022.0
Serbia	1723.4	1380.0	-19.9	1307.1	1582.2	21.0	416.3	-202.2
Singapore	35.4	137.6	288.7	83.7	62.4	-25.4	-48.3	75.2
South Africa	351.1	170.5	-51.4	175.1	178.2	1.8	176.0	-7.7
Switzerland	438.2	499.2	13.9	461.8	519.0	12.4	-23.6	-19.8
Syrian Arab Republic	5.3	3.3	-37.7	10.2	1.3	-87.3	-4.9	2.0
Taiwan	68.0	181.5	166.9	361.4	245.3	-32.1	-293.4	-63.8
Tunisia	386.5	156.5	-59.5	73.3	31.8	-56.6	313.2	124.7
Turkey	4253.9	3384.7	-20.4	6671.0	5905.7	-11.5	-2417.1	-2521.0
Ukraine	1431.5	1359.9	-5.0	2433.5	1361.4	-44.1	-1002.0	-1.5
United Arab Emirates	169.1	186.4	10.2	60.3	71.5	18.6	108.8	114.9
United Kingdom ³	1102.4	947.9	-14.0	534.5	573.8	7.4	567.9	374.1
United States	1498.9	1408.8	-6.0	1402.7	838.1	-40.3	96.2	570.7
Viet Nam	77.5	80.7	4.1	240.6	230.1	-4.4	-163.1	-149.4

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 November 09, 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.

Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4 in the period January - September 2022 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	23828.4	21802.9	-8.5	36179.2	28707.7	-20.7	-12350.8	-6904.8
Food and live animals	3467.6	3824.8	10.3	1317.5	1507.7	14.4	2150.1	2317.1
Beverages and tobacco	176.5	201.6	14.2	237.7	279.5	17.6	-61.2	-77.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1493.6	1427.5	-4.4	5558.5	3745.3	-32.6	-4064.9	-2317.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	5465.7	3448.0	-36.9	10545.3	6634.7	-37.1	-5079.6	-3186.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	748.8	662.1	-11.6	634.1	379.3	-40.2	114.7	282.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2856.9	2501.3	-12.4	3362.3	2539.7	-24.5	-505.4	-38.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3773.8	3190.3	-15.5	6423.6	5419.3	-15.6	-2649.8	-2229.0
Machinery and transport equipment	3557.3	4048.2	13.8	6055.8	6069.4	0.2	-2498.5	-2021.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2255.9	2140.0	-5.1	2033.1	2117.9	4.2	222.8	22.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	32.3	359.1	1011.8	11.3	14.9	31.9	21.0	344.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 09, 2023.