

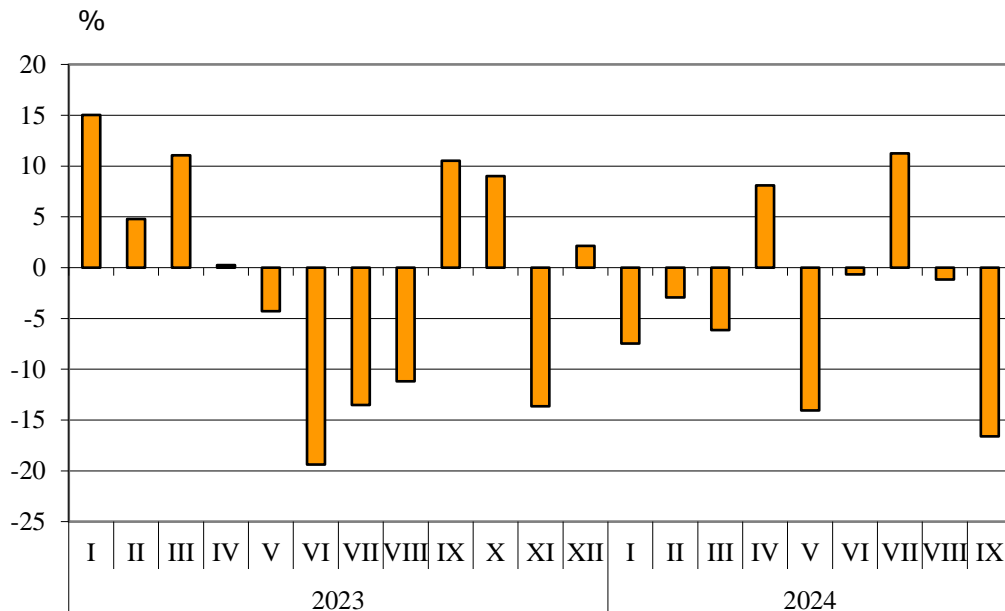


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In the period January - September 2024, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 3.5% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 22 536.2 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom, China and Egypt, which accounted for 51.6% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In September 2024 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 16.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 294.0 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (10.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most

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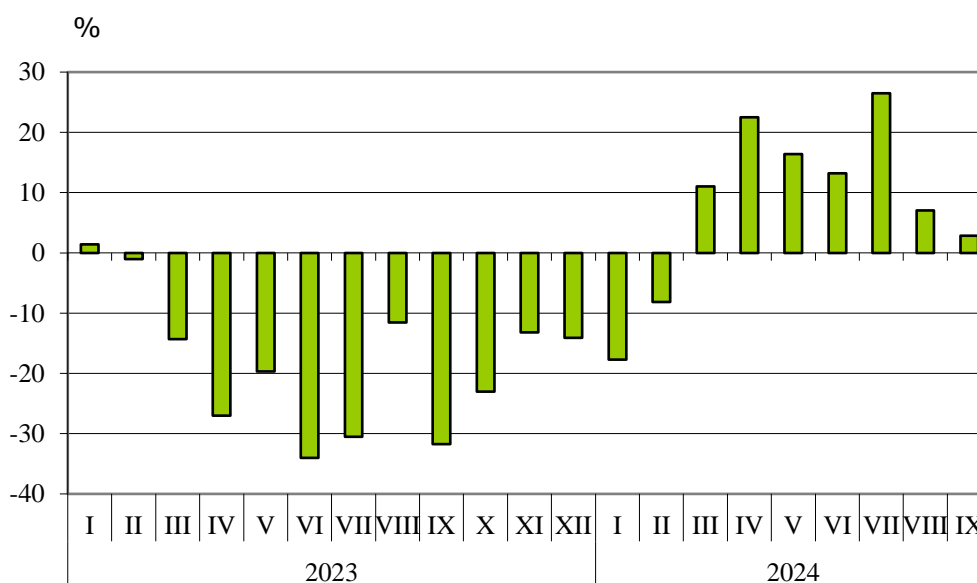
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notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (37.0%).

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries in the period January - September 2024** increased by 7.5% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 31 067.5 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Ukraine and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

**In September 2024 the imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** increased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 414.6 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (26.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (6.1%).

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

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

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**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - September 2024** was negative and added up to 8 531.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

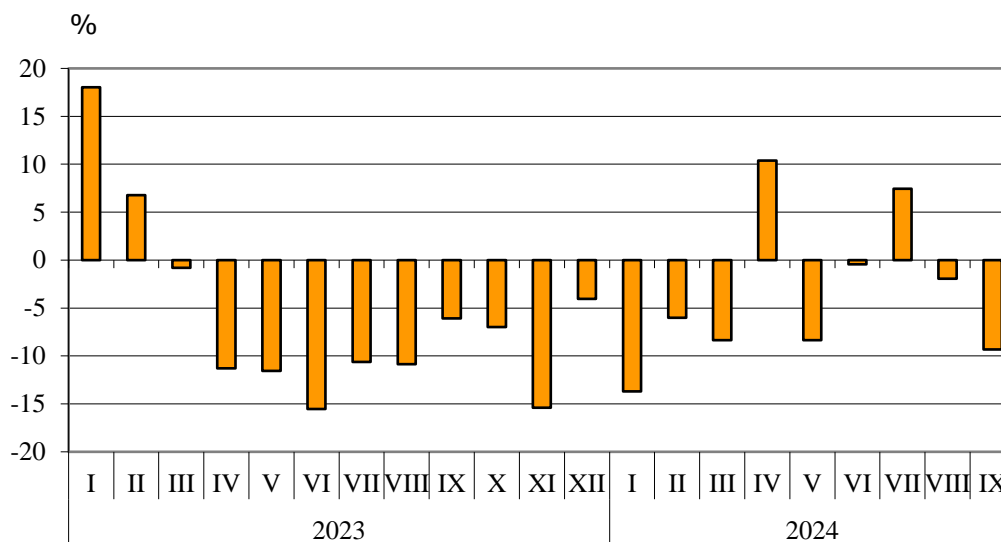
**In September 2024** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 120.6 million BGN.

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

In **the period January - September 2024**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 63 156.4 million BGN, which is 3.6% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In September 2024** the total exports of goods added up to 6 645.2 million BGN and decreased by 9.3% 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 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



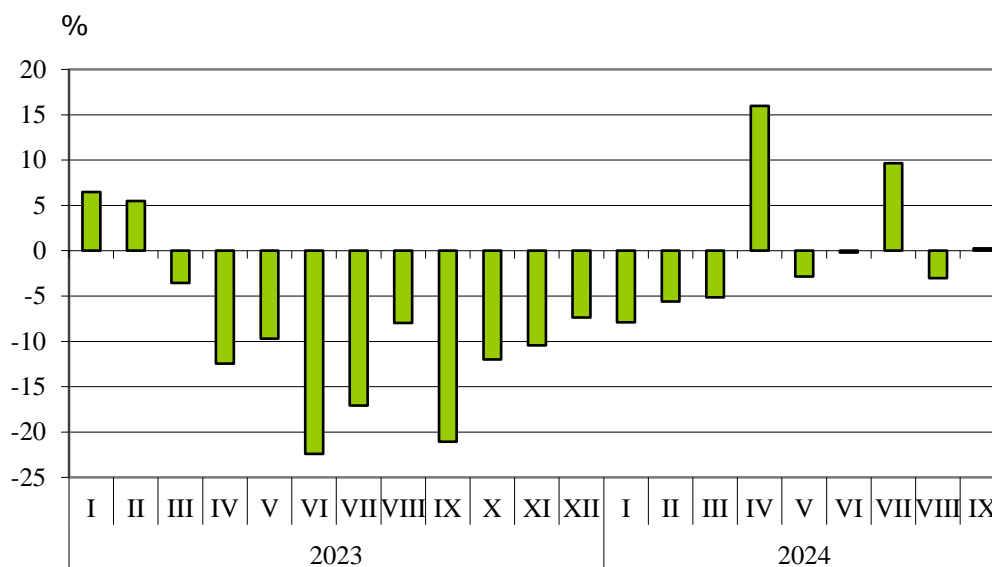
The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - September 2024** amounted to 71 973.3 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 0.1% less than the same period of 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In September 2024** the total imports of goods increased by 0.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 945.7 million BGN.

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

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**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria  
in the period 2023 - 2024  
(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 2024** and amounted to 8 816.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In September 2024** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 300.5 million BGN.

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

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Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - September 2023 and 2024<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.2023	7370.6	4932.1	2438.5	8138.6	4578.7	3559.9	-768.0	353.4	-1121.4
II.2023	7126.4	4609.7	2516.7	8115.4	4846.0	3269.4	-989.0	-236.3	-752.7
III.2023	7970.4	5072.6	2897.8	8646.9	5487.6	3159.3	-676.5	-415.0	-261.5
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22467.4</b>	<b>14614.4</b>	<b>7853.0</b>	<b>24900.9</b>	<b>14912.3</b>	<b>9988.6</b>	<b>-2433.5</b>	<b>-297.9</b>	<b>-2135.6</b>
IV.2023	6732.9	4277.6	2455.3	7394.4	4566.0	2828.4	-661.5	-288.4	-373.1
V.2023	7359.2	4738.3	2620.9	8145.2	4973.5	3171.7	-786.0	-235.2	-550.8
VI.2023	7314.1	4729.1	2585.0	7929.2	4851.3	3077.9	-615.1	-122.2	-492.9
<b>IV - VI.2023</b>	<b>21406.2</b>	<b>13745.0</b>	<b>7661.2</b>	<b>23468.8</b>	<b>14390.8</b>	<b>9078.0</b>	<b>-2062.6</b>	<b>-645.8</b>	<b>-1416.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2023</b>	<b>43873.6</b>	<b>28359.4</b>	<b>15514.2</b>	<b>48369.7</b>	<b>29303.1</b>	<b>19066.6</b>	<b>-4496.1</b>	<b>-943.7</b>	<b>-3552.4</b>
VII.2023	7317.5	4792.5	2525.0	7888.6	4754.4	3134.2	-571.1	38.1	-609.2
VIII.2023	6962.2	4391.7	2570.5	7856.5	4486.2	3370.3	-894.3	-94.5	-799.8
IX.2023	7329.5	4578.3	2751.2	7926.2	4605.7	3320.5	-596.7	-27.4	-569.3
<b>VII - IX.2023</b>	<b>21609.2</b>	<b>13762.5</b>	<b>7846.7</b>	<b>23671.3</b>	<b>13846.3</b>	<b>9825.0</b>	<b>-2062.1</b>	<b>-83.8</b>	<b>-1978.3</b>
<b>I - IX.2023</b>	<b>65482.8</b>	<b>42121.9</b>	<b>23360.9</b>	<b>72041.0</b>	<b>43149.4</b>	<b>28891.6</b>	<b>-6558.2</b>	<b>-1027.5</b>	<b>-5530.7</b>
I.2024	6360.6	4104.2	2256.4	7494.4	4565.1	2929.3	-1133.8	-460.9	-672.9
II.2024	6697.8	4255.1	2442.7	7659.9	4657.0	3002.9	-962.1	-401.9	-560.2
III.2024	7305.7	4586.2	2719.5	8201.6	4694.3	3507.3	-895.9	-108.1	-787.8
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20364.1</b>	<b>12945.5</b>	<b>7418.6</b>	<b>23355.9</b>	<b>13916.4</b>	<b>9439.5</b>	<b>-2991.8</b>	<b>-970.9</b>	<b>-2020.9</b>
IV.2024	7431.5	4777.4	2654.1	8575.3	5110.0	3465.3	-1143.8	-332.6	-811.2
V.2024	6744.9	4492.2	2252.7	7914.6	4223.4	3691.2	-1169.7	268.8	-1438.5
VI.2024	7282.2	4714.4	2567.8	7913.2	4428.4	3484.8	-631.0	286.0	-917.0
<b>IV - VI.2024</b>	<b>21458.6</b>	<b>13984.0</b>	<b>7474.6</b>	<b>24403.1</b>	<b>13761.8</b>	<b>10641.3</b>	<b>-2944.5</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>-3166.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2024</b>	<b>41822.7</b>	<b>26929.5</b>	<b>14893.2</b>	<b>47759.0</b>	<b>27678.2</b>	<b>20080.8</b>	<b>-5936.3</b>	<b>-748.7</b>	<b>-5187.6</b>
VII.2024	7861.9	5053.0	2808.9	8649.7	4685.5	3964.2	-787.8	367.5	-1155.3
VIII.2024	6826.6	4286.5	2540.1	7618.9	4011.0	3607.9	-792.3	275.5	-1067.8
IX.2024	6645.2	4351.2	2294.0	7945.7	4531.1	3414.6	-1300.5	-179.9	-1120.6
<b>VII - IX.2024</b>	<b>21333.7</b>	<b>13690.7</b>	<b>7643.0</b>	<b>24214.3</b>	<b>13227.6</b>	<b>10986.7</b>	<b>-2880.6</b>	<b>463.1</b>	<b>-3343.7</b>
<b>I - IX.2024</b>	<b>63156.4</b>	<b>40620.2</b>	<b>22536.2</b>	<b>71973.3</b>	<b>40905.8</b>	<b>31067.5</b>	<b>-8816.9</b>	<b>-285.6</b>	<b>-8531.3</b>

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the  
period January - September 2024<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	-13.7	-16.8	-7.5	-7.9	-0.3	-17.7
II	-6.0	-7.7	-2.9	-5.6	-3.9	-8.2
III	-8.3	-9.6	-6.2	-5.1	-14.5	11.0
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
IV	10.4	11.7	8.1	16.0	11.9	22.5
V	-8.3	-5.2	-14.0	-2.8	-15.1	16.4
VI	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-8.7	13.2
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>
VII	7.4	5.4	11.2	9.6	-1.4	26.5
VIII	-1.9	-2.4	-1.2	-3.0	-10.6	7.0
IX	-9.3	-5.0	-16.6	0.2	-1.6	2.8
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>

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**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in  
the period January - September 2023 and 2024<sup>2</sup>**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>23360.9</b>	<b>22536.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>28891.6</b>	<b>31067.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-5530.7</b>	<b>-8531.3</b>
of which:								
Albania	191.9	467.0	143.4	67.5	65.8	-2.5	124.4	401.2
Algeria	885.1	702.7	-20.6	124.3	76.0	-38.9	760.8	626.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	137.8	130.3	-5.4	85.7	84.7	-1.2	52.1	45.6
Brazil	62.7	61.8	-1.4	412.9	684.7	65.8	-350.2	-622.9
Canada	230.6	208.5	-9.6	205.0	236.4	15.3	25.6	-27.9
Chile	22.8	31.4	37.7	246.3	443.0	79.9	-223.5	-411.6
China	1465.1	1096.5	-25.2	4129.4	3883.1	-6.0	-2664.3	-2786.6
Egypt	1040.0	1065.8	2.5	513.8	1597.4	210.9	526.2	-531.6
Georgia	319.9	509.5	59.3	435.7	248.0	-43.1	-115.8	261.5
Gibraltar	285.7	868.6	204.0	0.0	0.1	X	285.7	868.5
India	316.8	217.4	-31.4	390.0	345.1	-11.5	-73.2	-127.7
Indonesia	324.4	124.8	-61.5	473.1	808.1	70.8	-148.7	-683.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	170.6	198.5	16.4	75.6	95.1	25.8	95.0	103.4
Israel	346.6	233.2	-32.7	198.7	97.4	-51.0	147.9	135.8
Japan	137.3	117.6	-14.3	293.2	237.6	-19.0	-155.9	-120.0
Kazakhstan	122.6	129.9	6.0	11.5	1572.9	13577.4	111.1	-1443.0
Korea, Republic of	356.4	284.6	-20.1	284.7	352.9	24.0	71.7	-68.3
Libya	127.3	50.6	-60.3	3.6	567.8	15672.2	123.7	-517.2
Morocco	264.7	307.1	16.0	136.9	194.4	42.0	127.8	112.7
Namibia	52.0	6.9	-86.7	8.5	106.2	1149.4	43.5	-99.3
Norway	96.6	89.0	-7.9	118.2	712.5	502.8	-21.6	-623.5
Peru	40.2	17.2	-57.2	307.9	457.2	48.5	-267.7	-440.0
Republic of North Macedonia	1225.5	1207.3	-1.5	690.3	791.1	14.6	535.2	416.2
Russian Federation	752.3	530.2	-29.5	4854.9	1058.6	-78.2	-4102.6	-528.4
Serbia	1392.6	1453.3	4.4	1666.7	1597.8	-4.1	-274.1	-144.5
Singapore	141.6	52.3	-63.1	62.4	30.4	-51.3	79.2	21.9
South Africa	185.1	164.8	-11.0	179.0	40.2	-77.5	6.1	124.6
Switzerland	521.8	543.0	4.1	574.2	635.1	10.6	-52.4	-92.1
Taiwan	210.5	63.9	-69.6	245.3	197.0	-19.7	-34.8	-133.1
Tunisia	188.3	198.3	5.3	31.8	115.1	261.9	156.5	83.2
Türkiye	3720.6	4195.0	12.8	5942.2	6786.4	14.2	-2221.6	-2591.4
Ukraine	1392.2	923.9	-33.6	1415.1	1726.1	22.0	-22.9	-802.2
United Arab Emirates	274.2	207.6	-24.3	75.3	57.7	-23.4	198.9	149.9
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	1273.3	1105.9	-13.1	574.1	648.1	12.9	699.2	457.8
United States	1645.0	1500.6	-8.8	889.5	644.6	-27.5	755.5	856.0
Viet Nam	87.2	82.5	-5.4	230.1	316.6	37.6	-142.9	-234.1

<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.

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<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.

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**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - September 2023 and 2024<sup>1</sup>**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>23360.9</b>	<b>22536.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>28891.6</b>	<b>31067.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-5530.7</b>	<b>-8531.3</b>
Food and live animals	4095.0	3553.6	-13.2	1513.6	1651.1	9.1	2581.4	1902.5
Beverages and tobacco	220.8	217.5	-1.5	279.5	268.7	-3.9	-58.7	-51.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1510.5	1574.0	4.2	3702.6	4668.4	26.1	-2192.1	-3094.4
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3645.0	3594.5	-1.4	6659.9	7589.1	14.0	-3014.9	-3994.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	696.8	438.9	-37.0	374.3	447.4	19.5	322.5	-8.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2687.1	2958.4	10.1	2647.1	2760.2	4.3	40.0	198.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3508.4	3632.2	3.5	5417.0	5401.6	-0.3	-1908.6	-1769.4
Machinery and transport equipment	4301.4	4360.4	1.4	6245.7	5864.9	-6.1	-1944.3	-1504.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2310.7	2102.0	-9.0	2037.0	2339.9	14.9	273.7	-237.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	385.2	104.7	-72.8	14.9	76.2	411.4	370.3	28.5

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## **Methodological Notes**

### **Legislative Framework**

**Regulation (EU) 2019/2152** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics (including intra-EU trade in goods).

**Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197** of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and rules pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics.

**Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704** of 14 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council by further specifying the details of the statistical information to be provided by tax and customs authorities, and amending Annexes V and VI thereof (text relevant to the EEA).

**Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1225** of 27 July 2021 laying down the rules for data exchange pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 regarding the member country of extra-EU export and the obligations of reporting units.

**Law on Statistics of Intra-EU Trade in Goods** effective from 1 July 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 September 2022.

### **Scope and Basic Terminology**

**External trade in goods** covers trade with third countries (Extrastat) and with EU member states (Intrastat), with detailed statistical information collected at the commodity code level (8 digits) of the Combined Nomenclature.

**Imports** include all goods entering the statistical territory\* of the Republic of Bulgaria from other countries intended for domestic consumption, processing in the country for export after processing, as well as imports of goods processed outside the country.

**Exports** include all goods leaving the statistical territory of the Republic of Bulgaria intended for normal export to another country. This includes goods returned to the trading partner after processing in Bulgaria or goods exported for processing in another country with the intention of being returned to Bulgaria.

The **statistical territory of the European Union (EU)**, in the context of statistics of international trade in goods, corresponds to the combined customs territories of the EU member states with one exception: unlike the customs territory, the statistical territory of Germany includes Helgoland.

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**Statistical volumes of imports and exports** do not include imported goods placed under customs warehousing without processing, nor do exports include the re-export of these goods.

**International trade statistics** do not account for the transit of goods through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

**Main Sources of Information**

**Customs declaration** - Single Administrative Document (SAD), which is filled out by all entities importing or exporting goods to/from third countries.

**Intrastat declaration** for intra-EU imports and exports to/from EU member states.

The **Customs Agency** is the institution responsible for collecting customs declarations (SAD), and the **National Revenue Agency** is responsible for Intrastat declarations.

**Trade estimates** are made to compensate for the impact of thresholds below which traders are exempt from submitting Intrastat declarations, as well as for those who have not responded.