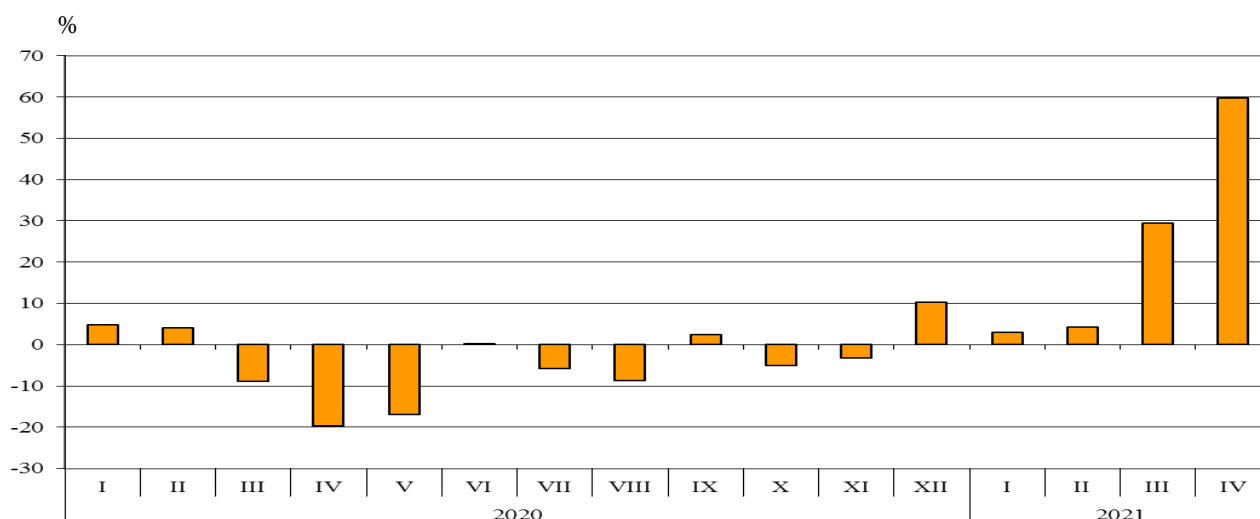


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 21.7% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 14 253.7 Million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France which accounted for 70.9% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 59.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 904.2 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period **January - April 2021** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in sections ‘Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (106.2%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (39.3%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported only in section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (4.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes the following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.c.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period **January - April 2021** increased by 19.8% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 14 196.8 Million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Hungary and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 56.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 596.7 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - April 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the corresponding period of 2020 was recorded in the section 'Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (55.2%). Fall was not observed in none of the sections.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - April 2021** was positive and added up to 56.9 Million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2020¹ and 2021¹ 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.2020	4989.4	3209.3	1780.1	5302.3	3100.0	2202.3	-312.9	109.3	-422.2
II.2020	4847.8	3176.1	1671.7	5276.4	3228.3	2048.1	-428.6	-52.2	-376.4
III.2020	4505.9	2884.1	1621.8	5053.6	3225.3	1828.3	-547.7	-341.2	-206.5
I - III.2020	14343.1	9269.5	5073.6	15632.3	9553.6	6078.7	-1289.2	-284.1	-1005.1
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.1	1444.4	3962.1	2295.9	1666.2	-72.6	149.2	-221.8
I - IV.2020	18232.6	11714.6	6518.0	19594.4	11849.5	7744.9	-1361.8	-134.9	-1226.9
I.2021	4746.0	3306.9	1439.1	5019.4	3125.2	1894.2	-273.4	181.7	-455.1
II.2021	5016.2	3308.8	1707.4	5425.6	3441.2	1984.4	-409.4	-132.4	-277.0
III.2021	5743.7	3733.8	2009.9	6677.6	4033.7	2643.9	-933.9	-299.9	-634.0
I - III.2021	15505.9	10349.5	5156.4	17122.6	10600.1	6522.5	-1616.7	-250.6	-1366.1
IV.2021	5764.7	3904.2	1860.5	6044.1	3596.7	2447.4	-279.4	307.5	-586.9
I - IV.2021	21270.6	14253.7	7016.9	23166.7	14196.8	8969.9	-1896.1	56.9	-1953.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2021.

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 2021¹ 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	-4.9	3.0	-19.2	-5.3	0.8	-14.0
II	3.5	4.2	2.1	2.8	6.6	-3.1
III	27.5	29.5	23.9	32.1	25.1	44.6
I - III	8.1	11.7	1.6	9.5	11.0	7.3
IV	48.2	59.7	28.8	52.5	56.7	46.9
I - IV	16.7	21.7	7.7	18.2	19.8	15.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2020² and 2021²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	18232.6	21270.6	16.7	19594.4	23166.7	18.2	-1361.8	-1896.1
EU	11714.6	14253.7	21.7	11849.5	14196.8	19.8	-134.9	56.9
Austria	358.7	435.9	21.5	521.6	600.3	15.1	-162.9	-164.4
Belgium	731.8	895.8	22.4	332.1	473.2	42.5	399.7	422.6
Croatia	96.9	212.8	119.6	65.4	224.2	242.8	31.5	-11.4
Cyprus	75.2	86.6	15.2	13.7	20.6	50.4	61.5	66.0
Czechia	375.5	490.4	30.6	496.4	656.6	32.3	-120.9	-166.2
Denmark	113.3	160.2	41.4	100.4	109.0	8.6	12.9	51.2
Estonia	13.9	18.3	31.7	18.2	32.6	79.1	-4.3	-14.3
Finland	42.1	51.5	22.3	49.2	47.3	-3.9	-7.1	4.2
France	678.5	783.8	15.5	576.4	660.0	14.5	102.1	123.8
Germany	2932.1	3585.6	22.3	2422.5	2857.5	18.0	509.6	728.1
Greece	1181.8	1332.1	12.7	1028.9	1022.5	-0.6	152.9	309.6
Hungary	311.2	358.1	15.1	778.4	955.7	22.8	-467.2	-597.6
Ireland	44.8	39.6	-11.6	114.4	198.9	73.9	-69.6	-159.3
Italy	1212.7	1618.7	33.5	1289.0	1564.9	21.4	-76.3	53.8
Latvia	24.3	23.4	-3.7	12.7	18.4	44.9	11.6	5.0
Lithuania	46.1	54.2	17.6	44.0	53.5	21.6	2.1	0.7
Luxembourg	11.2	22.4	100.0	22.8	37.5	64.5	-11.6	-15.1
Malta	16.6	14.6	-12.0	18.1	7.5	-58.6	-1.5	7.1
Netherlands	440.1	484.1	10.0	804.9	953.4	18.4	-364.8	-469.3
Poland	434.8	536.3	23.3	690.7	866.3	25.4	-255.9	-330.0
Portugal	60.1	82.1	36.6	41.2	55.7	35.2	18.9	26.4
Romania	1549.4	1888.1	21.9	1485.9	1643.3	10.6	63.5	244.8
Slovakia	189.9	169.9	-10.5	261.2	326.1	24.8	-71.3	-156.2
Slovenia	111.2	114.4	2.9	150.6	175.5	16.5	-39.4	-61.1
Spain	425.1	559.2	31.5	356.4	462.7	29.8	68.7	96.5
Sweden	160.7	169.1	5.2	133.5	137.3	2.8	27.2	31.8
Not specified	76.6	66.5	-13.2	20.9	36.3	73.7	55.7	30.2

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 13-th July 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2020² and 2021²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	6518.0	7016.9	7.7	7744.9	8969.9	15.8	-1226.9	-1953.0
CIS³	430.1	378.5	-12.0	1556.0	1634.3	5.0	-1125.9	-1255.8
of which:								
Kazakhstan	22.8	18.1	-20.6	8.6	2.3	-73.3	14.2	15.8
Russian Federation	286.1	248.1	-13.3	1481.7	1521.5	2.7	-1195.6	-1273.4
OECD⁴	2566.9	2704.6	5.4	2339.1	3223.4	37.8	227.8	-518.8
of which:								
Canada	110.7	35.8	-67.7	70.3	165.8	135.8	40.4	-130.0
Israel	81.3	79.3	-2.5	32.5	206.7	536.0	48.8	-127.4
Japan	37.7	31.9	-15.4	98.3	147.7	50.3	-60.6	-115.8
Korea, Republic of	35.1	43.3	23.4	87.4	84.7	-3.1	-52.3	-41.4
Turkey	1268.2	1414.1	11.5	1288.4	1711.3	32.8	-20.2	-297.2
United Kingdom ⁵	418.8	374.1	-10.7	236.3	189.9	-19.6	182.5	184.2
United States	376.4	428.1	13.7	207.0	152.1	-26.5	169.4	276.0
EFTA⁶	155.0	190.5	22.9	185.0	208.2	12.5	-30.0	-17.7
of which:								
Norway	37.0	38.8	4.9	19.9	20.0	0.5	17.1	18.8
Switzerland	117.2	149.9	27.9	160.5	184.5	15.0	-43.3	-34.6

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel and Chile.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

⁶ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2020² and 2021²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	49.1	61.9	26.1	14.2	27.0	90.1	34.9	34.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55.1	60.4	9.6	16.3	16.3	0.0	38.8	44.1
Brazil	18.0	24.3	35.0	19.3	89.0	361.1	-1.3	-64.7
China	533.3	776.2	45.5	935.5	1179.6	26.1	-402.2	-403.4
Egypt	141.7	115.1	-18.8	361.8	71.5	-80.2	-220.1	43.6
Georgia	82.9	84.7	2.2	292.3	255.3	-12.7	-209.4	-170.6
India	63.8	76.7	20.2	96.0	119.6	24.6	-32.2	-42.9
Indonesia	26.7	25.8	-3.4	103.8	19.6	-81.1	-77.1	6.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	101.9	52.4	-48.6	14.9	21.7	45.6	87.0	30.7
Peru	7.0	2.5	-64.3	195.9	307.3	56.9	-188.9	-304.8
Republic of North Macedonia	238.5	297.3	24.7	181.3	196.7	8.5	57.2	100.6
Serbia	303.1	385.5	27.2	388.7	432.5	11.3	-85.6	-47.0
Singapore	22.8	11.3	-50.4	25.6	27.7	8.2	-2.8	-16.4
South Africa	75.4	21.6	-71.4	22.3	18.3	-17.9	53.1	3.3
Syrian Arab Republic	3.2	2.8	-12.5	0.2	1.2	500.0	3.0	1.6
Taiwan	29.5	19.6	-33.6	69.6	98.4	41.4	-40.1	-78.8
Tunisia	108.8	150.2	38.1	11.8	8.5	-28.0	97.0	141.7
Ukraine	136.7	209.4	53.2	358.4	467.9	30.6	-221.7	-258.5
United Arab Emirates	48.1	51.5	7.1	17.7	27.3	54.2	30.4	24.2
Viet Nam	27.6	32.7	18.5	44.8	55.8	24.6	-17.2	-23.1

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 13-th July 2021.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - April 2020¹ and 2021¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	18232.6	21270.6	16.7	19594.4	23166.7	18.2	-1361.8	-1896.1
of which: EU	11714.6	14253.7	21.7	11849.5	14196.8	19.8	-134.9	56.9
Food and live animals	2262.4	2226.0	-1.6	1752.1	1847.9	5.5	510.3	378.1
of which: EU	1299.1	1337.3	2.9	1355.1	1424.6	5.1	-56.0	-87.3
Beverages and tobacco	235.1	220.3	-6.3	360.6	357.8	-0.8	-125.5	-137.5
of which: EU	151.5	159.5	5.3	276.6	280.2	1.3	-125.1	-120.7
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1319.0	1773.1	34.4	1858.3	2352.6	26.6	-539.3	-579.5
of which: EU	766.3	1067.4	39.3	426.4	537.4	26.0	339.9	530.0
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1177.8	968.4	-17.8	2029.2	2191.3	8.0	-851.4	-1222.9
of which: EU	404.2	384.4	-4.9	517.9	601.5	16.1	-113.7	-217.1
Animals and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	298.3	414.5	39.0	95.2	128.2	34.7	203.1	286.3
of which: EU	146.3	301.6	106.2	43.3	67.2	55.2	103.0	234.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2124.1	2314.2	8.9	3131.0	3734.6	19.3	-1006.9	-1420.4
of which: EU	1285.8	1459.7	13.5	2390.3	2868.0	20.0	-1104.5	-1408.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3972.3	5198.7	30.9	3332.5	3818.5	14.6	639.8	1380.2
of which: EU	2641.0	3487.3	32.0	1866.9	2075.2	11.2	774.1	1412.1
Machinery and transport equipment	4145.9	5110.0	23.3	5295.2	6615.2	24.9	-1149.3	-1505.2
of which: EU	3119.2	3901.2	25.1	3792.5	4898.2	29.2	-673.3	-997.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2630.6	2958.1	12.4	1594.6	1936.6	21.4	1036.0	1021.5
of which: EU	1851.9	2095.0	13.1	1050.1	1284.3	22.3	801.8	810.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	67.1	87.3	30.1	145.7	184.0	26.3	-78.6	-96.7
of which: EU	49.3	60.3	22.3	130.4	160.2	22.9	-81.1	-99.9

¹Data are preliminary as of 13-th July 2021.