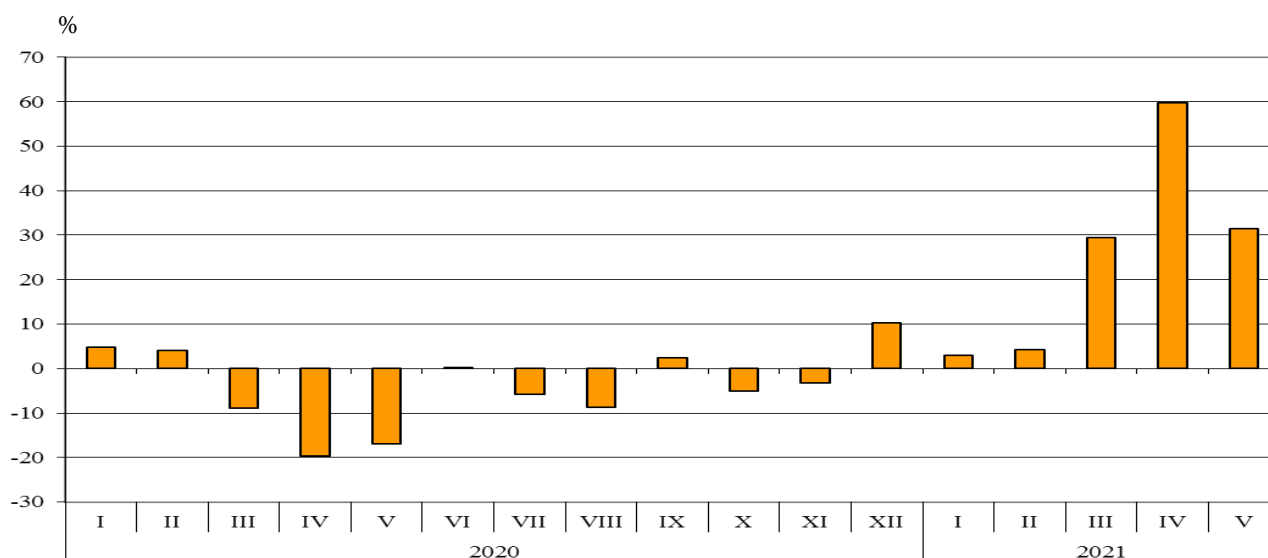


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 23.4% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 17 616.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, Belgium and France, which accounted for 70.5% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 31.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 363.2 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 - May 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 ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (153.2%) and ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’² (39.4 %) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not reported in any of the sections.

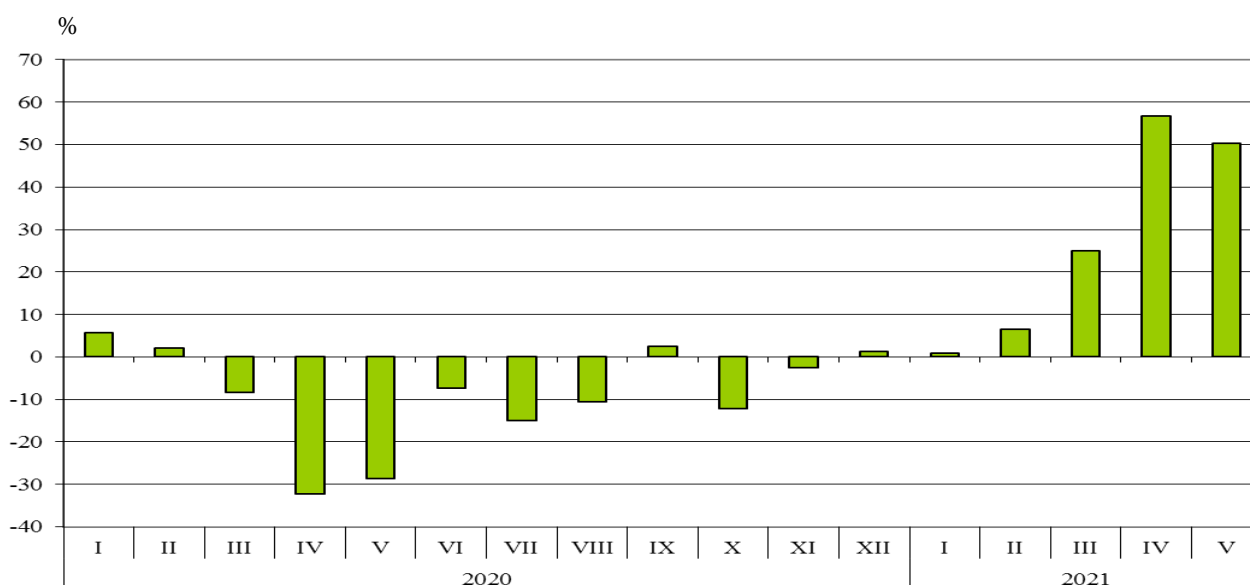
¹ Value changes at current prices.

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 - May 2021** increased by 25.0% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 17 879.5 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, the Netherlands and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 50.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 682.7 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 - May 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 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (76.6%). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) **with the EU** in the period **January - May 2021** was negative and added up to 262.6 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 - May 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
V.2020	3842.4	2558.8	1283.6	4085.3	2448.8	1636.5	-242.9	110.0	-352.9
I - V.2020	22075.0	14273.4	7801.6	23679.7	14298.3	9381.4	-1604.7	-24.9	-1579.8
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
V.2021	5088.4	3363.2	1725.2	5993.5	3682.7	2310.8	-905.1	-319.5	-585.6
I - V.2021	26359.0	17616.9	8742.1	29160.2	17879.5	11280.7	-2801.2	-262.6	-2538.6

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 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 - May 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
V	32.4	31.4	34.4	46.7	50.4	41.2
I - V	19.4	23.4	12.1	23.1	25.0	20.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 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	22075.0	26359.0	19.4	23679.7	29160.2	23.1	-1604.7	-2801.2
EU	14273.4	17616.9	23.4	14298.3	17879.5	25.0	-24.9	-262.6
Austria	435.3	547.9	25.9	636.3	751.0	18.0	-201.0	-203.1
Belgium	795.2	1000.1	25.8	409.3	573.9	40.2	385.9	426.2
Croatia	118.4	260.0	119.6	76.8	236.6	208.1	41.6	23.4
Cyprus	89.7	110.0	22.6	15.7	34.2	117.8	74.0	75.8
Czechia	443.7	605.8	36.5	602.9	809.5	34.3	-159.2	-203.7
Denmark	138.7	201.7	45.4	120.8	133.5	10.5	17.9	68.2
Estonia	16.8	23.5	39.9	20.9	43.2	106.7	-4.1	-19.7
Finland	50.4	60.9	20.8	72.9	62.0	-15.0	-22.5	-1.1
France	868.6	989.0	13.9	683.4	819.7	19.9	185.2	169.3
Germany	3639.4	4321.3	18.7	2900.6	3629.0	25.1	738.8	692.3
Greece	1442.7	1676.7	16.2	1257.4	1443.6	14.8	185.3	233.1
Hungary	374.3	461.3	23.2	932.8	1160.0	24.4	-558.5	-698.7
Ireland	60.8	48.2	-20.7	139.0	241.8	74.0	-78.2	-193.6
Italy	1467.5	2008.6	36.9	1597.9	1960.1	22.7	-130.4	48.5
Latvia	31.9	29.2	-8.5	15.2	22.5	48.0	16.7	6.7
Lithuania	55.8	67.0	20.1	54.0	67.5	25.0	1.8	-0.5
Luxembourg	14.5	25.3	74.5	27.1	44.8	65.3	-12.6	-19.5
Malta	19.1	17.1	-10.5	21.4	9.0	-57.9	-2.3	8.1
Netherlands	565.3	596.6	5.5	951.6	1181.2	24.1	-386.3	-584.6
Poland	521.1	660.3	26.7	838.6	1073.9	28.1	-317.5	-413.6
Portugal	69.6	96.0	37.9	46.2	91.1	97.2	23.4	4.9
Romania	1913.6	2420.6	26.5	1764.6	2056.0	16.5	149.0	364.6
Slovakia	232.8	207.7	-10.8	321.4	404.7	25.9	-88.6	-197.0
Slovenia	129.9	144.4	11.2	182.5	218.7	19.8	-52.6	-74.3
Spain	487.7	741.0	51.9	427.1	599.7	40.4	60.6	141.3
Sweden	197.3	212.4	7.7	158.1	172.2	8.9	39.2	40.2
Not specified	93.3	84.3	-9.6	23.8	40.1	68.5	69.5	44.2

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 12th August, 2021.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 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	7801.6	8742.1	12.1	9381.4	11280.7	20.2	-1579.8	-2538.6
CIS³	507.4	465.2	-8.3	1819.8	2058.8	13.1	-1312.4	-1593.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	27.0	22.8	-15.6	8.8	2.5	-71.6	18.2	20.3
Russian Federation	335.2	304.9	-9.0	1736.3	1926.2	10.9	-1401.1	-1621.3
OECD⁴	3091.7	3361.0	8.7	2828.1	3930.4	39.0	263.6	-569.4
of which:								
Canada	135.1	47.2	-65.1	77.3	177.2	129.2	57.8	-130.0
Israel	105.8	118.4	11.9	39.2	212.2	441.3	66.6	-93.8
Japan	44.4	40.9	-7.9	118.3	169.8	43.5	-73.9	-128.9
Korea, Republic of	46.5	50.3	8.2	105.8	103.2	-2.5	-59.3	-52.9
Turkey	1504.9	1746.3	16.0	1550.2	2129.2	37.4	-45.3	-382.9
United Kingdom ⁵	507.9	479.1	-5.7	272.1	235.9	-13.3	235.8	243.2
United States	453.9	528.4	16.4	288.6	195.8	-32.2	165.3	332.6
EFTA⁶	188.8	230.6	22.1	230.0	248.4	8.0	-41.2	-17.8
of which:								
Norway	42.1	45.1	7.1	22.5	22.9	1.8	19.6	22.2
Switzerland	145.8	183.7	26.0	202.3	221.7	9.6	-56.5	-38.0

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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 - May 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	61.5	79.2	28.8	17.9	32.6	82.1	43.6	46.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	68.0	73.2	7.6	18.1	21.2	17.1	49.9	52.0
Brazil	22.5	29.9	32.9	22.2	132.9	498.6	0.3	-103.0
China	682.6	973.1	42.6	1191.6	1451.2	21.8	-509.0	-478.1
Egypt	156.2	165.0	5.6	389.7	162.7	-58.2	-233.5	2.3
Georgia	95.0	104.8	10.3	379.0	297.3	-21.6	-284.0	-192.5
India	73.3	105.7	44.2	113.0	149.4	32.2	-39.7	-43.7
Indonesia	31.1	48.3	55.3	112.9	24.4	-78.4	-81.8	23.9
Iran, Islamic Republic of	118.9	71.7	-39.7	16.5	29.6	79.4	102.4	42.1
Peru	7.2	3.7	-48.6	278.8	339.8	21.9	-271.6	-336.1
Republic of North Macedonia	276.5	368.7	33.3	222.9	254.5	14.2	53.6	114.2
Serbia	367.0	491.2	33.8	478.6	554.4	15.8	-111.6	-63.2
Singapore	24.3	24.2	-0.4	27.8	35.8	28.8	-3.5	-11.6
South Africa	79.0	27.4	-65.3	23.5	24.9	6.0	55.5	2.5
Syrian Arab Republic	3.4	3.0	-11.8	0.3	1.4	366.7	3.1	1.6
Taiwan	33.8	23.2	-31.4	82.1	115.8	41.0	-48.3	-92.6
Tunisia	124.3	214.6	72.6	13.1	12.9	-1.5	111.2	201.7
Ukraine	168.5	264.0	56.7	428.0	571.1	33.4	-259.5	-307.1
United Arab Emirates	59.5	61.5	3.4	20.1	31.6	57.2	39.4	29.9
Viet Nam	34.3	40.1	16.9	56.5	70.4	24.6	-22.2	-30.3

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - May 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	22075.0	26359.0	19.4	23679.7	29160.2	23.1	-1604.7	-2801.2
of which: EU	14273.4	17616.9	23.4	14298.3	17879.5	25.0	-24.9	-262.6
Food and live animals	2713.2	2736.2	0.8	2109.6	2282.3	8.2	603.6	453.9
of which: EU	1580.6	1665.9	5.4	1618.8	1756.4	8.5	-38.2	-90.5
Beverages and tobacco	286.5	264.2	-7.8	447.4	472.6	5.6	-160.9	-208.4
of which: EU	188.2	192.4	2.2	345.8	363.9	5.2	-157.6	-171.5
Crude materials. inedible (except fuel)	1613.1	2185.4	35.5	2256.5	2949.3	30.7	-643.4	-763.9
of which: EU	949.0	1323.3	39.4	489.9	668.6	36.5	459.1	654.7
Mineral fuel. lubricants and related materials	1277.0	1256.8	-1.6	2309.0	2895.6	25.4	-1032.0	-1638.8
of which: EU	435.7	466.4	7.0	629.8	873.2	38.6	-194.1	-406.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	348.9	553.4	58.6	112.2	164.7	46.8	236.7	388.7
of which: EU	169.5	429.2	153.2	51.7	91.3	76.6	117.8	337.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2624.9	2893.0	10.2	3758.8	4626.2	23.1	-1133.9	-1733.2
of which: EU	1583.8	1852.4	17.0	2842.2	3560.7	25.3	-1258.4	-1708.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4935.8	6429.0	30.3	4131.9	4840.0	17.1	803.9	1589.0
of which: EU	3300.1	4295.2	30.2	2281.6	2631.6	15.3	1018.5	1663.6
Machinery and transport equipment	5003.9	6231.6	24.5	6458.7	8292.3	28.4	-1454.8	-2060.7
of which: EU	3764.0	4758.3	26.4	4612.2	6131.9	32.9	-848.2	-1373.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3185.6	3704.2	16.3	1916.7	2411.6	25.8	1268.9	1292.6
of which: EU	2238.2	2561.4	14.4	1265.5	1605.1	26.8	972.7	956.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	86.1	105.2	22.2	178.9	225.6	26.1	-92.8	-120.4
of which: EU	64.3	72.4	12.6	160.8	196.8	22.4	-96.5	-124.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.