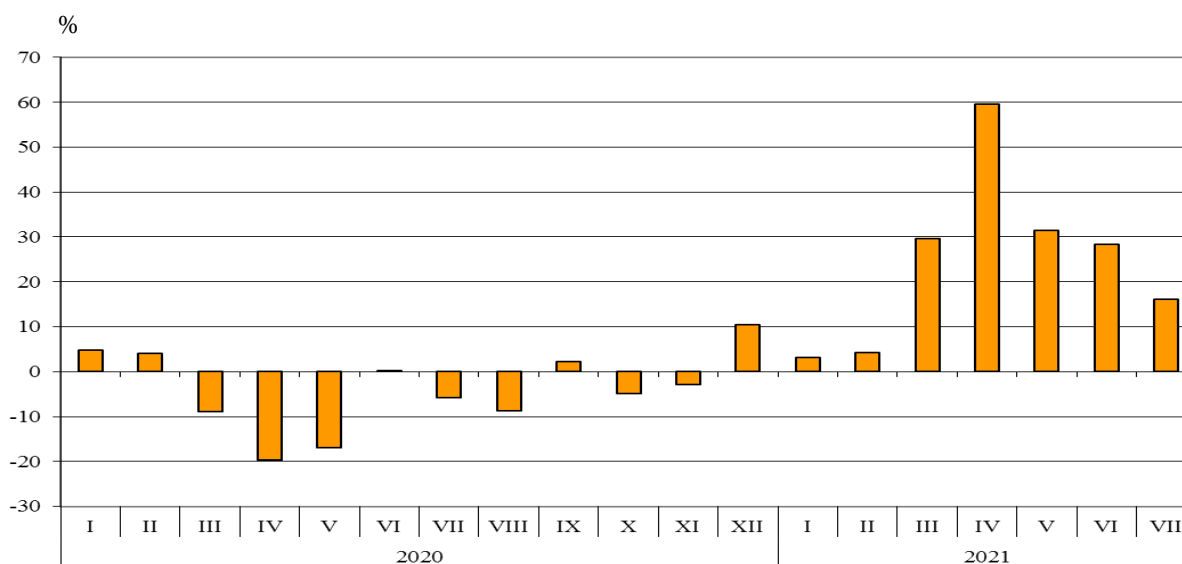


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - July 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 23.0% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 25 258.2 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 69.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **July 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 16.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 832.0 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> 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 - July 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' (137.7%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)<sup>2</sup> (31.5%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported only in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (11.3%).

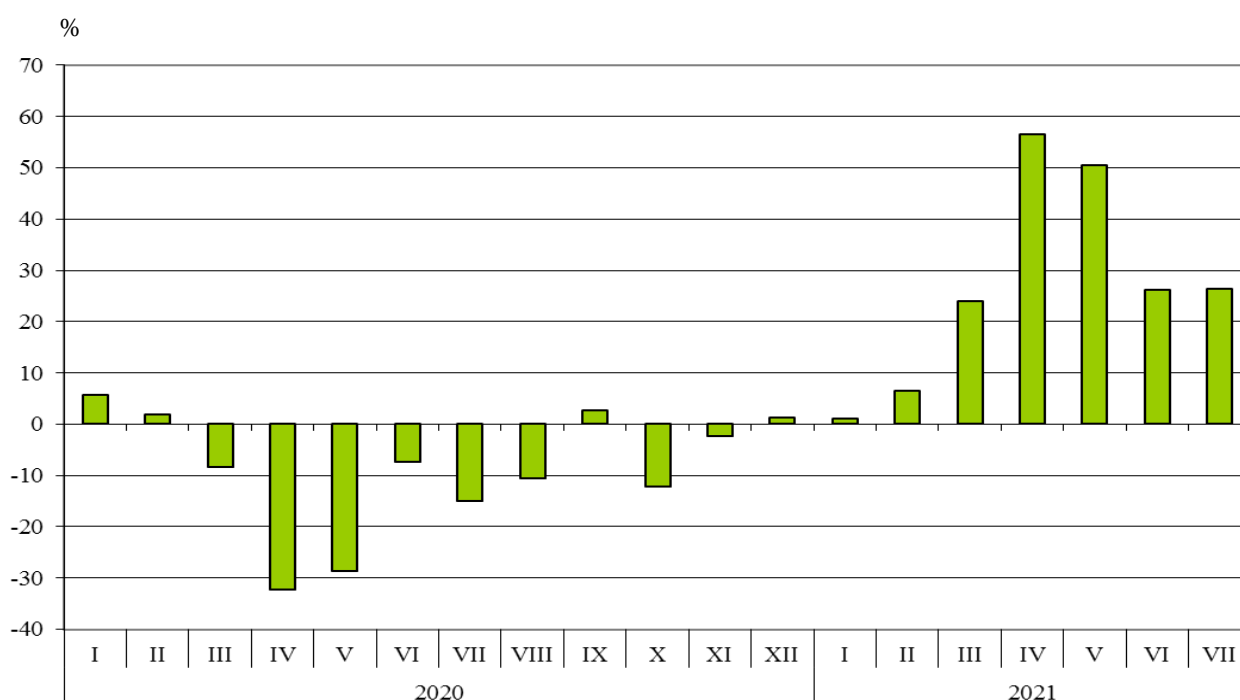
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - July 2021** increased by 25.3% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 25 551.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (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 **July 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 26.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 950.2 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - July 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’ (101.1%). 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 - July 2021** was negative and added up to 293.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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

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

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - July 2020 and 2021<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.2020	4990.9	3207.9	1783.0	5299.0	3098.6	2200.4	-308.1	109.3	-417.4
II.2020	4849.6	3174.6	1675.0	5216.8	3227.4	1989.4	-367.2	-52.8	-314.4
III.2020	4506.0	2883.5	1622.5	5053.6	3223.8	1829.8	-547.6	-340.3	-207.3
<b>I - III.2020</b>	<b>14346.5</b>	<b>9266.0</b>	<b>5080.5</b>	<b>15569.4</b>	<b>9549.8</b>	<b>6019.6</b>	<b>-1222.9</b>	<b>-283.8</b>	<b>-939.1</b>
IV.2020	3890.5	2444.9	1445.6	3964.4	2299.7	1664.7	-73.9	145.2	-219.1
V.2020	3844.5	2558.3	1286.2	4084.8	2447.9	1636.9	-240.3	110.4	-350.7
VI.2020	4412.7	2959.7	1453.0	4842.2	2973.3	1868.9	-429.5	-13.6	-415.9
<b>IV - VI.2020</b>	<b>12147.7</b>	<b>7962.9</b>	<b>4184.8</b>	<b>12891.4</b>	<b>7720.9</b>	<b>5170.5</b>	<b>-743.7</b>	<b>242.0</b>	<b>-985.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2020</b>	<b>26494.2</b>	<b>17228.9</b>	<b>9265.3</b>	<b>28460.8</b>	<b>17270.7</b>	<b>11190.1</b>	<b>-1966.6</b>	<b>-41.8</b>	<b>-1924.8</b>
VII.2020	4865.8	3299.3	1566.5	5113.5	3125.4	1988.1	-247.7	173.9	-421.6
<b>I - VII.2020</b>	<b>31360.0</b>	<b>20528.2</b>	<b>10831.8</b>	<b>33574.3</b>	<b>20396.1</b>	<b>13178.2</b>	<b>-2214.3</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>-2346.4</b>
I.2021	4758.8	3311.0	1447.8	5044.2	3130.2	1914.0	-285.4	180.8	-466.2
II.2021	5047.6	3310.3	1737.3	5435.8	3437.0	1998.8	-388.2	-126.7	-261.5
III.2021	5800.3	3735.7	2064.6	6682.4	3997.2	2685.2	-882.1	-261.5	-620.6
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15606.7</b>	<b>10357.0</b>	<b>5249.7</b>	<b>17162.4</b>	<b>10564.4</b>	<b>6598.0</b>	<b>-1555.7</b>	<b>-207.4</b>	<b>-1348.3</b>
IV.2021	5824.5	3903.7	1920.8	6060.0	3601.0	2459.0	-235.5	302.7	-538.2
V.2021	5119.5	3364.7	1754.8	6010.5	3685.8	2324.7	-891.0	-321.1	-569.9
VI.2021	5639.3	3800.8	1838.5	6440.1	3750.3	2689.8	-800.8	50.5	-851.3
<b>IV - VI.2021</b>	<b>16583.3</b>	<b>11069.2</b>	<b>5514.1</b>	<b>18510.6</b>	<b>11037.1</b>	<b>7473.5</b>	<b>-1927.3</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>-1959.4</b>
<b>I - VI.2021</b>	<b>32190.0</b>	<b>21426.2</b>	<b>10763.8</b>	<b>35673.0</b>	<b>21601.5</b>	<b>14071.5</b>	<b>-3483.0</b>	<b>-175.3</b>	<b>-3307.7</b>
VII.2021	5776.5	3832.0	1944.5	6360.4	3950.2	2410.2	-583.9	-118.2	-465.7
<b>I - VII.2021</b>	<b>37966.5</b>	<b>25258.2</b>	<b>12708.3</b>	<b>42033.4</b>	<b>25551.7</b>	<b>16481.7</b>	<b>-4066.9</b>	<b>-293.5</b>	<b>-3773.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2021.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - July 2021<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	-4.7	3.2	-18.8	-4.8	1.0	-13.0
II	4.1	4.3	3.7	4.2	6.5	0.5
III	28.7	29.6	27.2	32.2	24.0	46.7
<b>I - III</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>
IV	49.7	59.7	32.9	52.9	56.6	47.7
V	33.2	31.5	36.4	47.1	50.6	42.0
VI	27.8	28.4	26.5	33.0	26.1	43.9
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>44.5</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>25.7</b>
VII	18.7	16.1	24.1	24.4	26.4	21.2
<b>I - VII</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2021.

**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period  
January - July 2020 and 2021<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31360.0</b>	<b>37966.5</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>33574.3</b>	<b>42033.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>-2214.3</b>	<b>-4066.9</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>20528.2</b>	<b>25258.2</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>20396.1</b>	<b>25551.7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>-293.5</b>
Austria	614.1	798.8	30.1	914.7	1093.9	19.6	-300.6	-295.1
Belgium	1184.3	1193.6	0.8	615.0	802.7	30.5	569.3	390.9
Croatia	172.2	372.3	116.2	151.9	271.6	78.8	20.3	100.7
Cyprus	123.6	148.9	20.5	24.0	118.8	395.0	99.6	30.1
Czechia	655.0	835.9	27.6	853.0	1092.8	28.1	-198.0	-256.9
Denmark	234.8	290.9	23.9	169.8	194.1	14.3	65.0	96.8
Estonia	23.6	35.3	49.6	28.8	57.5	99.7	-5.2	-22.2
Finland	73.7	83.1	12.8	96.1	94.3	-1.9	-22.4	-11.2
France	1265.9	1409.5	11.3	986.5	1165.8	18.2	279.4	243.7
Germany	4990.2	5981.1	19.9	4060.7	5238.5	29.0	929.5	742.6
Greece	2095.6	2456.1	17.2	1775.9	2037.5	14.7	319.7	418.6
Hungary	531.4	699.4	31.6	1283.5	1625.1	26.6	-752.1	-925.7
Ireland	82.9	70.8	-14.6	211.6	283.5	34.0	-128.7	-212.7
Italy	2145.9	2935.2	36.8	2429.0	2827.7	16.4	-283.1	107.5
Latvia	49.1	40.6	-17.3	24.3	33.9	39.5	24.8	6.7
Lithuania	85.8	95.2	11.0	78.0	97.0	24.4	7.8	-1.8
Luxembourg	17.8	31.2	75.3	40.5	61.2	51.1	-22.7	-30.0
Malta	27.2	26.4	-2.9	27.6	13.6	-50.7	-0.4	12.8
Netherlands	823.3	989.5	20.2	1357.0	1778.6	31.1	-533.7	-789.1
Poland	742.6	955.9	28.7	1203.8	1513.5	25.7	-461.2	-557.6
Portugal	135.5	146.4	8.0	66.9	118.6	77.3	68.6	27.8
Romania	2802.6	3666.6	30.8	2423.0	3015.3	24.4	379.6	651.3
Slovakia	323.3	300.0	-7.2	459.4	554.9	20.8	-136.1	-254.9
Slovenia	201.0	220.0	9.5	249.7	315.1	26.2	-48.7	-95.1
Spain	729.2	1033.4	41.7	621.6	828.4	33.3	107.6	205.0
Sweden	276.4	308.3	11.5	215.9	260.4	20.6	60.5	47.9
Not specified	121.2	133.8	10.4	27.9	57.4	105.7	93.3	76.4

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2021.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period  
January - July 2020 and 2021<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>10831.8</b>	<b>12708.3</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>13178.2</b>	<b>16481.7</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-2346.4</b>	<b>-3773.4</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>716.6</b>	<b>703.9</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2403.3</b>	<b>3150.1</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>-1686.7</b>	<b>-2446.2</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	36.7	33.9	-7.6	11.9	2.9	-75.6	24.8	31.0
Russian Federation	474.0	466.1	-1.7	2292.3	2974.1	29.7	-1818.3	-2508.0
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>4227.6</b>	<b>4979.4</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>4239.7</b>	<b>5554.2</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-574.8</b>
of which:								
Canada	169.2	69.7	-58.8	220.0	205.7	-6.5	-50.8	-136.0
Israel	135.5	205.6	51.7	52.1	232.3	345.9	83.4	-26.7
Japan	61.9	59.5	-3.9	158.9	222.7	40.2	-97.0	-163.2
Korea, Republic of	76.2	162.2	112.9	146.3	154.9	5.9	-70.1	7.3
Turkey	2024.2	2450.7	21.1	2286.1	3075.2	34.5	-261.9	-624.5
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	730.7	701.3	-4.0	369.7	327.6	-11.4	361.0	373.7
United States	621.4	821.3	32.2	415.5	272.0	-34.5	205.9	549.3
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>268.9</b>	<b>331.2</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>318.5</b>	<b>351.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>-49.6</b>	<b>-20.7</b>
of which:								
Norway	55.0	60.8	10.5	27.1	32.5	19.9	27.9	28.3
Switzerland	212.7	267.9	26.0	285.9	315.2	10.2	-73.2	-47.3

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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- 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 12-th October 2021.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period  
January - July 2020 and 2021<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	96.7	123.9	28.1	30.9	42.2	36.6	65.8	81.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100.0	106.3	6.3	26.9	30.9	14.9	73.1	75.4
Brazil	57.6	43.4	-24.7	30.6	219.8	618.3	27.0	-176.4
China	1028.3	1279.3	24.4	1735.7	2207.0	27.2	-707.4	-927.7
Egypt	193.5	307.1	58.7	451.2	253.2	-43.9	-257.7	53.9
Georgia	136.7	196.8	44.0	516.8	368.3	-28.7	-380.1	-171.5
India	108.1	139.2	28.8	167.9	224.2	33.5	-59.8	-85.0
Indonesia	38.5	52.7	36.9	128.1	37.0	-71.1	-89.6	15.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	142.9	103.7	-27.4	22.2	50.0	125.2	120.7	53.7
Peru	9.9	4.9	-50.5	395.8	422.6	6.8	-385.9	-417.7
Republic of North Macedonia	398.1	553.4	39.0	314.4	402.5	28.0	83.7	150.9
Serbia	543.3	743.5	36.8	698.7	799.6	14.4	-155.4	-56.1
Singapore	28.6	32.2	12.6	39.2	48.9	24.7	-10.6	-16.7
South Africa	154.6	38.4	-75.2	32.4	56.6	74.7	122.2	-18.2
Syrian Arab Republic	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.4	3.7	825.0	3.4	0.1
Taiwan	52.1	35.4	-32.1	114.1	193.3	69.4	-62.0	-157.9
Tunisia	129.3	267.9	107.2	17.2	21.2	23.3	112.1	246.7
Ukraine	240.8	427.2	77.4	569.2	855.7	50.3	-328.4	-428.5
United Arab Emirates	77.2	89.5	15.9	29.8	43.8	47.0	47.4	45.7
Viet Nam	45.2	58.6	29.6	80.0	114.9	43.6	-34.8	-56.3

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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- 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 12-th October 2021.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period  
January - July 2020 and 2021<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31360.0</b>	<b>37966.5</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>33574.3</b>	<b>42033.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>-2214.3</b>	<b>-4066.9</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>20528.2</b>	<b>25258.2</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>20396.1</b>	<b>25551.7</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>-293.5</b>
Food and live animals	3748.0	4097.0	9.3	2941.9	3195.7	8.6	806.1	901.3
of which: EU	2285.7	2549.2	11.5	2266.7	2451.2	8.1	19.0	98.0
Beverages and tobacco	436.2	374.2	-14.2	657.6	709.7	7.9	-221.4	-335.5
of which: EU	301.3	267.2	-11.3	517.7	535.5	3.4	-216.4	-268.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2265.0	2931.2	29.4	3262.1	4019.2	23.2	-997.1	-1088.0
of which: EU	1331.5	1750.5	31.5	651.2	891.7	36.9	680.3	858.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1641.9	1895.0	15.4	3000.6	4307.6	43.6	-1358.7	-2412.6
of which: EU	626.6	666.5	6.4	858.3	1269.5	47.9	-231.7	-603.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	502.5	822.2	63.6	155.8	251.7	61.6	346.7	570.5
of which: EU	242.2	575.7	137.7	74.7	150.2	101.1	167.5	425.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3709.1	4305.8	16.1	5319.1	6595.9	24.0	-1610.0	-2290.1
of which: EU	2245.2	2763.9	23.1	4007.0	5033.2	25.6	-1761.8	-2269.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	7130.0	9024.1	26.6	5929.5	7194.1	21.3	1200.5	1830.0
of which: EU	4695.0	5979.3	27.4	3249.0	3852.1	18.6	1446.0	2127.2
Machinery and transport equipment	7259.1	9039.5	24.5	9254.0	11930.3	28.9	-1994.9	-2890.8
of which: EU	5462.9	6890.6	26.1	6694.1	8790.9	31.3	-1231.2	-1900.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4546.9	5332.1	17.3	2796.4	3514.1	25.7	1750.5	1818.0
of which: EU	3248.6	3718.3	14.5	1846.4	2300.7	24.6	1402.2	1417.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	121.3	145.4	19.9	257.3	315.1	22.5	-136.0	-169.7
of which: EU	89.2	97.0	8.7	231.0	276.7	19.8	-141.8	-179.7

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of 12-th October 2021.