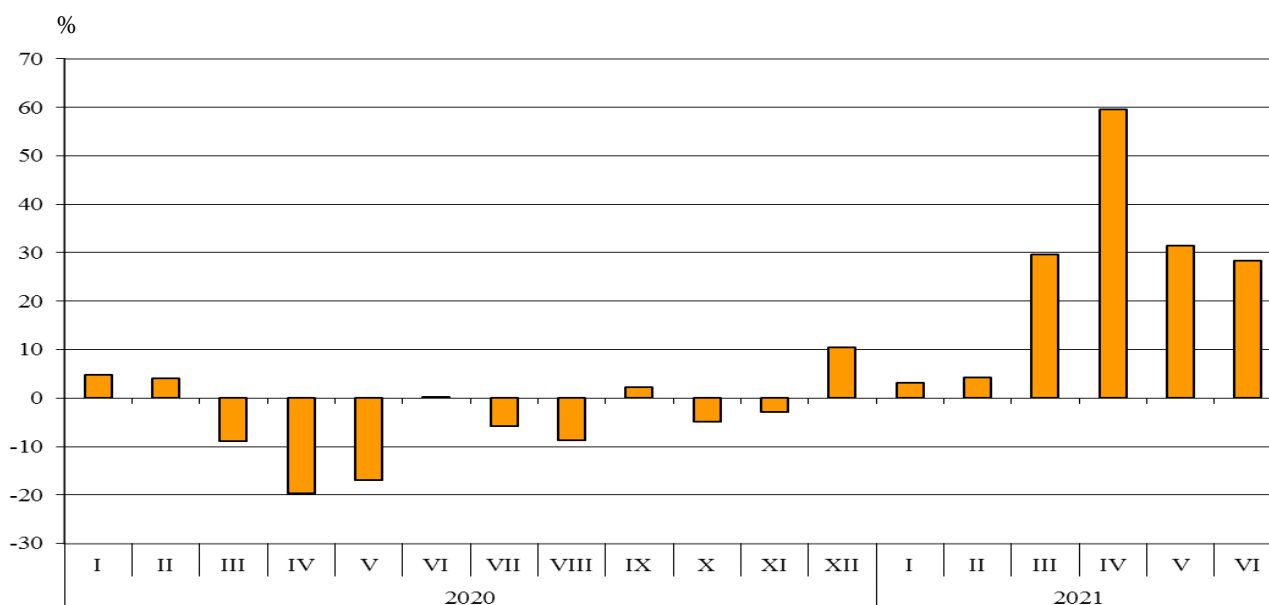


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - June 2021** the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 24.4% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 21 426.2 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Belgium which accounted for 70.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2021** the exports to the EU grew by 28.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 800.8 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 - June 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' (130.8%) and 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)<sup>2</sup> (32.4%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was reported only in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (6.5%).

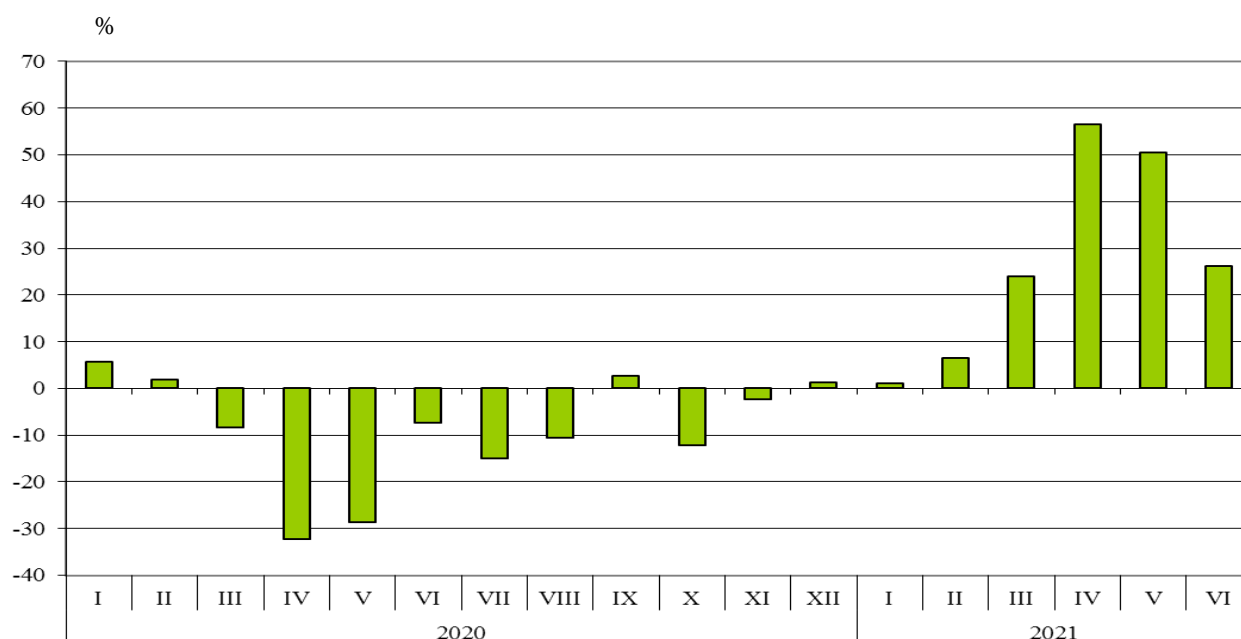
<sup>1</sup> Value changes at current prices.

<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 - June 2021** increased by 25.1% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 21 601.5 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, Netherlands and Hungary (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2021** the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 26.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 750.3 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 - June 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’ (78.3%). 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 - June 2021** was negative and added up to 175.3 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>).

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

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period  
January - June 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>
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>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 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 – June 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>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 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 - June 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>26494.2</b>	<b>32190.0</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>28460.8</b>	<b>35673.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>-1966.6</b>	<b>-3483.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>17228.9</b>	<b>21426.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>17270.7</b>	<b>21601.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-41.8</b>	<b>-175.3</b>
Austria	524.7	673.2	28.3	776.6	928.1	19.5	-251.9	-254.9
Belgium	984.1	1123.5	14.2	501.0	699.2	39.6	483.1	424.3
Croatia	144.1	311.1	115.9	94.6	251.9	166.3	49.5	59.2
Cyprus	106.6	127.2	19.3	19.6	41.3	110.7	87.0	85.9
Czechia	549.3	729.6	32.8	728.1	957.3	31.5	-178.8	-227.7
Denmark	206.3	245.5	19.0	146.4	162.1	10.7	59.9	83.4
Estonia	19.8	29.9	51.0	24.6	50.5	105.3	-4.8	-20.6
Finland	63.3	73.2	15.6	84.3	74.4	-11.7	-21.0	-1.2
France	1079.7	1197.4	10.9	845.4	995.2	17.7	234.3	202.2
Germany	4271.0	5154.3	20.7	3471.0	4431.8	27.7	800.0	722.5
Greece	1737.1	2063.3	18.8	1500.3	1734.7	15.6	236.8	328.6
Hungary	449.3	576.9	28.4	1116.6	1406.8	26.0	-667.3	-829.9
Ireland	66.3	61.4	-7.4	173.6	249.6	43.8	-107.3	-188.2
Italy	1772.6	2460.6	38.8	2007.8	2386.3	18.9	-235.2	74.3
Latvia	39.9	35.1	-12.0	18.8	27.2	44.7	21.1	7.9
Lithuania	70.0	80.1	14.4	67.4	83.0	23.1	2.6	-2.9
Luxembourg	16.5	27.8	68.5	32.9	53.1	61.4	-16.4	-25.3
Malta	21.6	24.7	14.4	23.1	10.6	-54.1	-1.5	14.1
Netherlands	691.4	812.9	17.6	1144.6	1440.2	25.8	-453.2	-627.3
Poland	627.0	812.5	29.6	1013.9	1286.6	26.9	-386.9	-474.1
Portugal	93.3	109.3	17.1	55.5	106.2	91.4	37.8	3.1
Romania	2319.3	3035.8	30.9	2084.8	2503.8	20.1	234.5	532.0
Slovakia	282.8	253.4	-10.4	394.8	478.5	21.2	-112.0	-225.1
Slovenia	164.3	183.5	11.7	214.4	273.1	27.4	-50.1	-89.6
Spain	577.6	854.0	47.9	519.4	709.5	36.6	58.2	144.5
Sweden	242.1	267.3	10.4	184.8	214.0	15.8	57.3	53.3
Not specified	108.9	102.7	-5.7	26.4	46.5	76.1	82.5	56.2

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 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 - June 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>9265.3</b>	<b>10763.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>11190.1</b>	<b>14071.5</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>-1924.8</b>	<b>-3307.7</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>621.4</b>	<b>582.9</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>2124.0</b>	<b>2578.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>-1502.6</b>	<b>-1995.9</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	32.3	29.3	-9.3	8.9	2.6	-70.8	23.4	26.7
Russian Federation	415.9	387.5	-6.8	2028.4	2427.3	19.7	-1612.5	-2039.8
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>3675.0</b>	<b>4232.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>3449.6</b>	<b>4834.1</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>-601.8</b>
of which:								
Canada	160.1	60.1	-62.5	85.1	199.3	134.2	75.0	-139.2
Israel	120.7	144.4	19.6	44.4	222.9	402.0	76.3	-78.5
Japan	53.2	51.5	-3.2	136.6	195.0	42.8	-83.4	-143.5
Korea, Republic of	63.8	88.7	39.0	126.2	124.6	-1.3	-62.4	-35.9
Turkey	1782.4	2153.1	20.8	1892.2	2606.0	37.7	-109.8	-452.9
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	616.1	600.9	-2.5	318.9	281.0	-11.9	297.2	319.9
United States	527.2	710.6	34.8	351.6	237.7	-32.4	175.6	472.9
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>227.4</b>	<b>280.2</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>264.8</b>	<b>307.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>-37.4</b>	<b>-26.8</b>
of which:								
Norway	47.6	52.0	9.2	25.0	29.9	19.6	22.6	22.1
Switzerland	178.7	226.1	26.5	234.3	273.1	16.6	-55.6	-47.0

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<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 - June 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	80.5	98.5	22.4	23.6	37.3	58.1	56.9	61.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	83.8	90.1	7.5	22.5	24.4	8.4	61.3	65.7
Brazil	27.1	38.3	41.3	26.9	216.5	704.8	0.2	-178.2
China	847.3	1118.0	31.9	1460.6	1830.6	25.3	-613.3	-712.6
Egypt	174.1	260.5	49.6	437.0	246.6	-43.6	-262.9	13.9
Georgia	111.7	136.7	22.4	438.6	348.1	-20.6	-326.9	-211.4
India	93.0	123.6	32.9	139.1	179.1	28.8	-46.1	-55.5
Indonesia	34.8	51.1	46.8	121.6	29.3	-75.9	-86.8	21.8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	133.1	84.2	-36.7	18.9	41.2	118.0	114.2	43.0
Peru	9.3	4.3	-53.8	292.7	421.7	44.1	-283.4	-417.4
Republic of North Macedonia	329.6	463.6	40.7	273.1	325.5	19.2	56.5	138.1
Serbia	443.8	608.7	37.2	590.8	666.6	12.8	-147.0	-57.9
Singapore	26.4	29.1	10.2	34.4	43.1	25.3	-8.0	-14.0
South Africa	111.2	34.1	-69.3	27.5	52.7	91.6	83.7	-18.6
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	3.7	5.7	0.3	3.7	1133.3	3.2	0.0
Taiwan	44.3	30.3	-31.6	98.1	145.7	48.5	-53.8	-115.4
Tunisia	126.7	217.4	71.6	14.0	17.7	26.4	112.7	199.7
Ukraine	202.7	336.2	65.9	499.3	713.1	42.8	-296.6	-376.9
United Arab Emirates	68.4	74.3	8.6	25.1	38.4	53.0	43.3	35.9
Viet Nam	40.3	49.9	23.8	69.1	89.6	29.7	-28.8	-39.7

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2021.

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period  
January - June 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>26494.2</b>	<b>32190.0</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>28460.8</b>	<b>35673.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>-1966.6</b>	<b>-3483.0</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>17228.9</b>	<b>21426.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>17270.7</b>	<b>21601.5</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-41.8</b>	<b>-175.3</b>
Food and live animals	3140.8	3357.6	6.9	2531.9	2739.5	8.2	608.9	618.1
of which: EU	1847.0	2101.4	13.8	1942.6	2096.7	7.9	-95.6	4.7
Beverages and tobacco	365.1	323.6	-11.4	550.0	590.6	7.4	-184.9	-267.0
of which: EU	246.8	230.7	-6.5	427.4	446.8	4.5	-180.6	-216.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1953.8	2567.9	31.4	2670.4	3668.1	37.4	-716.6	-1100.2
of which: EU	1139.6	1509.4	32.4	563.1	777.1	38.0	576.5	732.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1433.3	1551.7	8.3	2633.8	3562.8	35.3	-1200.5	-2011.1
of which: EU	510.2	546.9	7.2	725.9	1014.6	39.8	-215.7	-467.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	426.6	686.6	60.9	137.4	200.2	45.7	289.2	486.4
of which: EU	207.3	478.4	130.8	63.6	113.4	78.3	143.7	365.0
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3170.9	3655.2	15.3	4534.2	5576.2	23.0	-1363.3	-1921.0
of which: EU	1906.7	2338.3	22.6	3436.3	4242.0	23.4	-1529.6	-1903.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5991.3	7743.2	29.2	5012.9	5959.6	18.9	978.4	1783.6
of which: EU	3976.5	5138.0	29.2	2741.5	3236.9	18.1	1235.0	1901.1
Machinery and transport equipment	6084.5	7697.9	26.5	7832.3	10146.8	29.6	-1747.8	-2448.9
of which: EU	4610.9	5862.5	27.1	5629.0	7497.1	33.2	-1018.1	-1634.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3825.5	4479.3	17.1	2338.6	2957.1	26.4	1486.9	1522.2
of which: EU	2708.0	3135.1	15.8	1543.5	1938.8	25.6	1164.5	1196.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	102.4	127.0	24.0	219.3	272.1	24.1	-116.9	-145.1
of which: EU	75.9	85.5	12.6	197.8	238.1	20.4	-121.9	-152.6

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of 14-th September 2021.