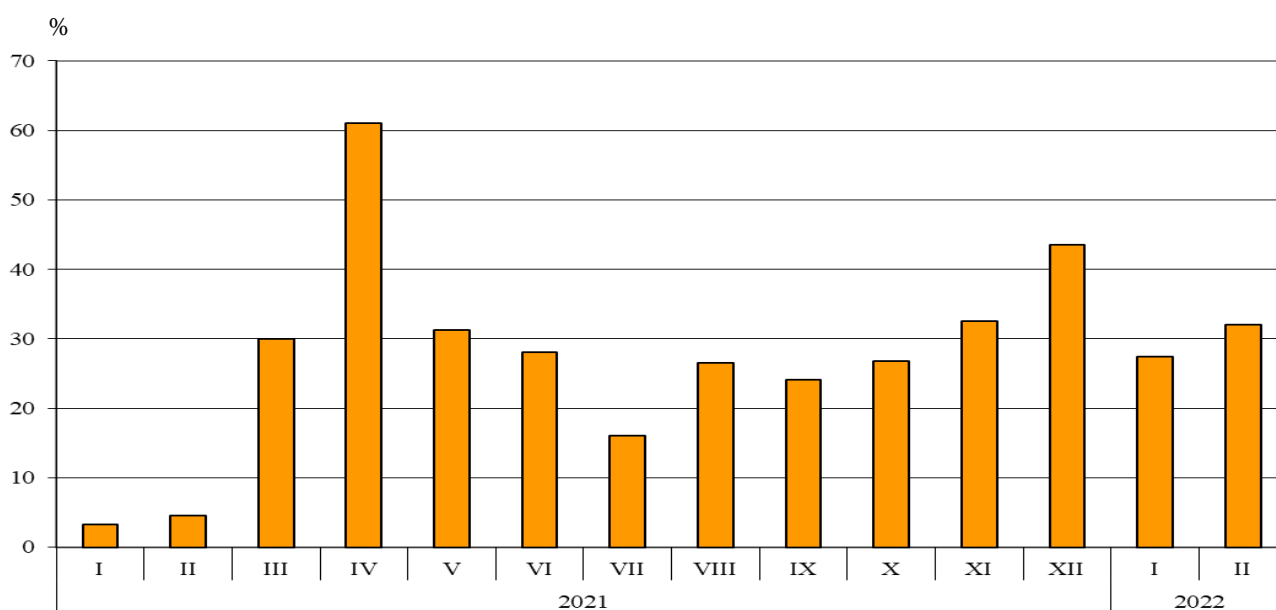


**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - February 2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 29.7% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 8 598.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and the Netherlands, which accounted for 69.1% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 32.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 381.5 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to EU in the period 2021 - 2022
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



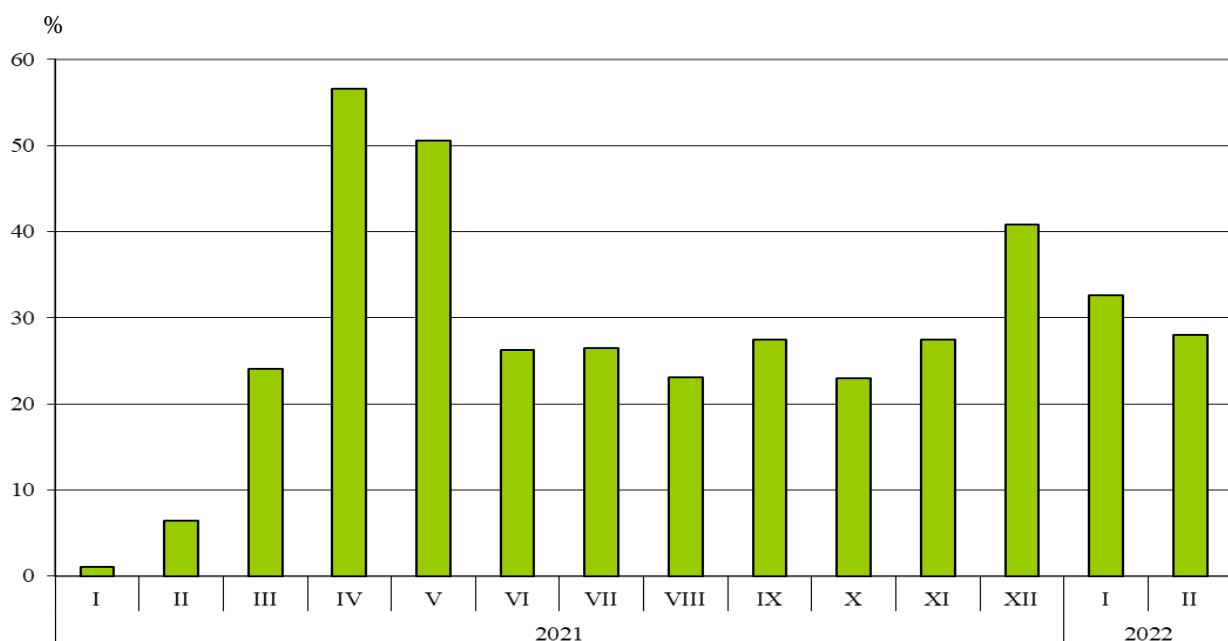
In the period **January - February 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (319.7%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (63.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (19.0%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - February 2022 increased by 30.2% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 8 546.4 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 and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **February 2022**, the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 28.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 397.3 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from EU in the period 2021 - 2022 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - February 2022**, 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 same period of 2021 was recorded in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (185.2%). 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 - February 2022** was positive and added up to 52.1 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 - February 2021¹ and 2022¹ 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.2021	4761.1	3310.9	1450.2	5050.6	3129.9	1920.7	-289.5	181.0	-470.5
II.2021	5062.8	3318.9	1743.9	5434.8	3436.0	1998.8	-372.0	-117.1	-254.9
I - II.2021	9823.9	6629.8	3194.1	10485.4	6565.9	3919.5	-661.5	63.9	-725.4
I.2022	6219.7	4217.0	2002.7	7640.2	4149.1	3491.1	1420.5	67.9	-1488.4
II.2022	6656.0	4381.5	2274.5	7698.9	4397.3	3301.6	1042.9	-15.8	-1027.1
I - II.2022	12875.7	8598.5	4277.2	15339.1	8546.4	6792.7	2463.4	52.1	-2515.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.

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 - February 2022¹ 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	30.6	27.4	38.1	51.3	32.6	81.8
II	31.5	32.0	30.4	41.7	28.0	65.2
I - II	31.1	29.7	33.9	46.3	30.2	73.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2021² and 2022²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	9823.9	12875.7	31.1	10485.4	15339.1	46.3	-661.5	-2463.4
EU	6629.8	8598.5	29.7	6565.9	8546.4	30.2	63.9	52.1
Austria	200.1	248.4	24.1	278.0	336.2	20.9	-77.9	-87.8
Belgium	494.6	279.1	-43.6	248.9	247.5	-0.6	245.7	31.6
Croatia	120.0	219.5	82.9	193.5	41.0	-78.8	-73.5	178.5
Cyprus	37.0	55.4	49.7	9.0	12.7	41.1	28.0	42.7
Czechia	223.6	265.4	18.7	295.6	317.8	7.5	-72.0	-52.4
Denmark	70.6	143.4	103.1	49.8	60.4	21.3	20.8	83.0
Estonia	8.5	13.9	63.5	9.7	11.7	20.6	-1.2	2.2
Finland	25.5	33.2	30.2	18.1	31.7	75.1	7.4	1.5
France	358.7	434.7	21.2	312.0	362.1	16.1	46.7	72.6
Germany	1635.8	1984.8	21.3	1297.3	1579.0	21.7	338.5	405.8
Greece	605.9	788.3	30.1	466.6	834.9	78.9	139.3	-46.6
Hungary	166.7	241.2	44.7	477.4	533.1	11.7	-310.7	-291.9
Ireland	18.6	25.7	38.2	82.3	94.0	14.2	-63.7	-68.3
Italy	772.9	1051.6	36.1	681.6	852.7	25.1	91.3	198.9
Latvia	10.2	9.3	-8.8	9.8	11.3	15.3	0.4	-2.0
Lithuania	25.2	32.4	28.6	19.8	29.5	49.0	5.4	2.9
Luxembourg	10.6	39.4	271.7	18.1	32.3	78.5	-7.5	7.1
Malta	8.3	4.6	-44.6	2.6	4.5	73.1	5.7	0.1
Netherlands	248.6	368.4	48.2	429.8	659.0	53.3	-181.2	-290.6
Poland	250.7	319.5	27.4	384.4	502.1	30.6	-133.7	-182.6
Portugal	42.0	27.5	-34.5	27.8	27.8	0.0	14.2	-0.3
Romania	825.8	1314.0	59.1	767.5	1281.7	67.0	58.3	32.3
Slovakia	81.4	124.1	52.5	155.1	167.9	8.3	-73.7	-43.8
Slovenia	50.8	137.7	171.1	74.5	116.5	56.4	-23.7	21.2
Spain	223.0	293.3	31.5	176.2	299.7	70.1	46.8	-6.4
Sweden	78.9	97.2	23.2	68.2	80.5	18.0	10.7	16.7
Not specified	35.8	46.5	29.9	12.3	18.8	52.8	23.5	27.7

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
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Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - February 2021² and 2022²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non EU countries	3194.1	4277.2	33.9	3919.5	6792.7	73.3	-725.4	-2515.5
CIS³	170.0	197.8	16.4	727.4	2008.7	176.1	-557.4	-1810.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	8.3	6.6	-20.5	2.0	0.7	-65.0	6.3	5.9
Russian Federation	113.1	129.3	14.3	667.8	1905.7	185.4	-554.7	-1776.4
OECD⁴	1282.0	1514.0	18.1	1229.5	1924.7	56.5	52.5	-410.7
of which:								
Canada	18.1	22.5	24.3	62.7	59.6	-4.9	-44.6	-37.1
Chile	2.8	3.9	39.3	39.0	124.1	218.2	-36.2	-120.2
Israel	36.8	35.6	-3.3	10.3	13.8	34.0	26.5	21.8
Japan	16.9	19.0	12.4	69.8	74.7	7.0	-52.9	-55.7
Korea, Republic of	24.3	38.3	57.6	37.0	54.8	48.1	-12.7	-16.5
Turkey	661.5	818.6	23.7	747.0	1250.6	67.4	-85.5	-432.0
United Kingdom ⁵	175.8	206.0	17.2	67.3	98.9	47.0	108.5	107.1
United States	215.9	236.3	9.4	69.8	109.9	57.4	146.1	126.4
EFTA⁶	85.5	97.1	13.6	92.6	99.3	7.2	-7.1	-2.2
of which:								
Norway	15.7	17.9	14.0	10.1	11.6	14.9	5.6	6.3
Switzerland	68.9	78.5	13.9	80.0	86.1	7.6	-11.1	-7.6

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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; Chile; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Turkey; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan; Israel.

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 - February 2021² and 2022²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	24.9	34.5	38.6	10.1	10.1	0.0	14.8	24.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23.1	38.0	64.5	5.5	9.1	65.5	17.6	28.9
Brazil	13.6	82.1	503.7	86.2	70.0	-18.8	-72.6	12.1
China	316.1	243.5	-23.0	618.7	903.5	46.0	-302.6	-660.0
Egypt	74.6	272.0	264.6	34.3	44.7	30.3	40.3	227.3
Georgia	33.2	117.3	253.3	128.1	193.9	51.4	-94.9	-76.6
India	36.7	63.8	73.8	56.0	73.5	31.3	-19.3	-9.7
Indonesia	7.0	5.9	-15.7	10.6	10.1	-4.7	-3.6	-4.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	22.3	40.0	79.4	8.6	19.7	129.1	13.7	20.3
Peru	1.3	2.2	69.2	155.3	69.6	-55.2	-154.0	-67.4
Republic of North Macedonia	132.6	238.7	80.0	79.8	119.9	50.3	52.8	118.8
Serbia	168.8	325.7	93.0	201.1	248.7	23.7	-32.3	77.0
Singapore	5.4	6.1	13.0	13.7	16.8	22.6	-8.3	-10.7
South Africa	10.6	126.7	1095.3	4.5	20.6	357.8	6.1	106.1
Syrian Arab Republic	1.5	1.3	-13.3	0.5	3.8	660.0	1.0	-2.5
Taiwan	10.4	9.9	-4.8	50.7	66.1	30.4	-40.3	-56.2
Tunisia	47.5	45.1	-5.1	4.9	43.0	777.6	42.6	2.1
Ukraine	64.4	162.8	152.8	184.3	399.1	116.5	-119.9	-236.3
United Arab Emirates	27.1	42.5	56.8	13.8	12.9	-6.5	13.3	29.6
Viet Nam	16.1	8.2	-49.1	26.6	34.1	28.2	-10.5	-25.9

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - February 2021¹ and 2022¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2021	2022
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	9823.9	12875.7	31.1	10485.4	15339.1	46.3	-661.5	-2463.4
of which: EU	6629.8	8598.5	29.7	6565.9	8546.4	30.2	63.9	52.1
Food and live animals	1002.1	1123.6	12.1	861.4	1052.4	22.2	140.7	71.2
of which: EU	574.9	746.7	29.9	662.6	807.0	21.8	-87.7	-60.3
Beverages and tobacco	110.2	103.8	-5.8	144.3	177.8	23.2	-34.1	-74.0
of which: EU	74.3	60.2	-19.0	117.7	144.2	22.5	-43.4	-84.0
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	846.9	805.4	-4.9	1033.4	1355.0	31.1	-186.5	-549.6
of which: EU	489.7	435.3	-11.1	255.4	375.8	47.1	234.3	59.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	390.5	1468.4	276.0	1005.2	2664.2	165.0	-614.7	-1195.8
of which: EU	154.0	646.4	319.7	364.9	698.9	91.5	-210.9	-52.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	175.7	315.0	79.3	56.8	143.1	151.9	118.9	171.9
of which: EU	123.5	170.8	38.3	30.5	87.0	185.2	93.0	83.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1080.4	1658.9	53.5	1682.7	2365.3	40.6	-602.3	-706.4
of which: EU	654.7	1072.7	63.8	1301.2	1733.7	33.2	-646.5	-661.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2400.1	3037.1	26.5	1703.0	2685.0	57.7	697.1	352.1
of which: EU	1679.9	2299.5	36.9	939.0	1345.8	43.3	740.9	953.7
Machinery and transport equipment	2354.8	2710.9	15.1	2980.8	3754.0	25.9	-626.0	-1043.1
of which: EU	1794.7	2008.1	11.9	2202.0	2598.5	18.0	-407.3	-590.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1422.2	1643.2	15.5	926.8	1129.5	21.9	495.4	513.7
of which: EU	1054.3	1152.3	9.3	614.4	744.0	21.1	439.9	408.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	41.0	9.4	-77.1	91.0	12.8	-85.9	-50.0	-3.4
of which: EU	29.8	6.5	-78.2	78.2	11.5	-85.3	-48.4	-5.0

¹Data are preliminary as of May 12, 2022.