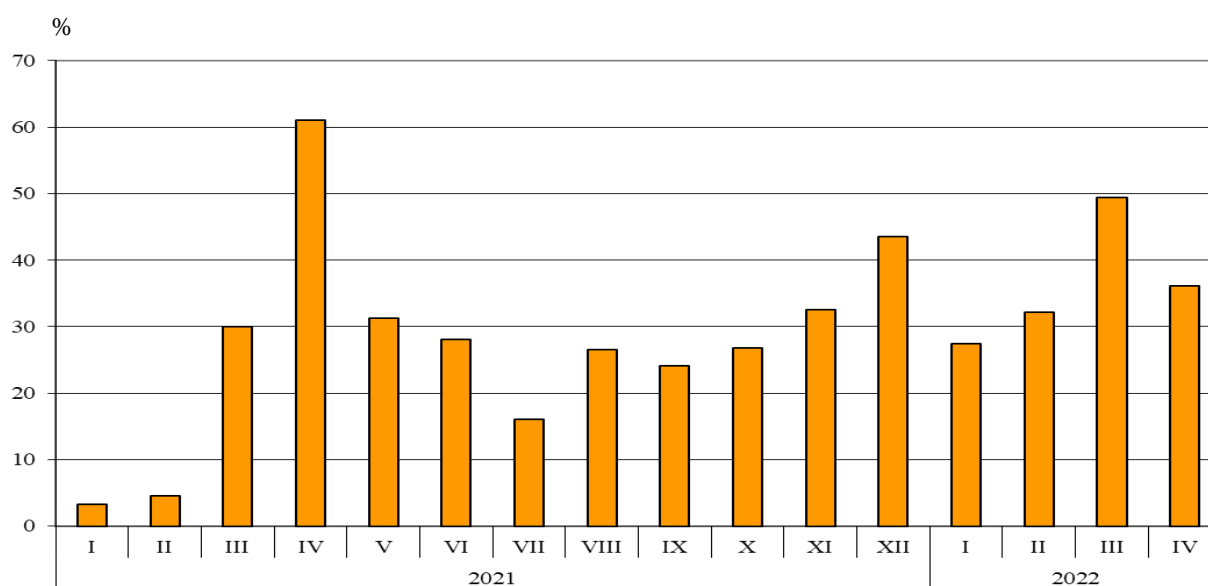


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2022**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 36.7% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 19 561.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and the Netherlands, which accounted for 68.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 36.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 358.1 million BGN.

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



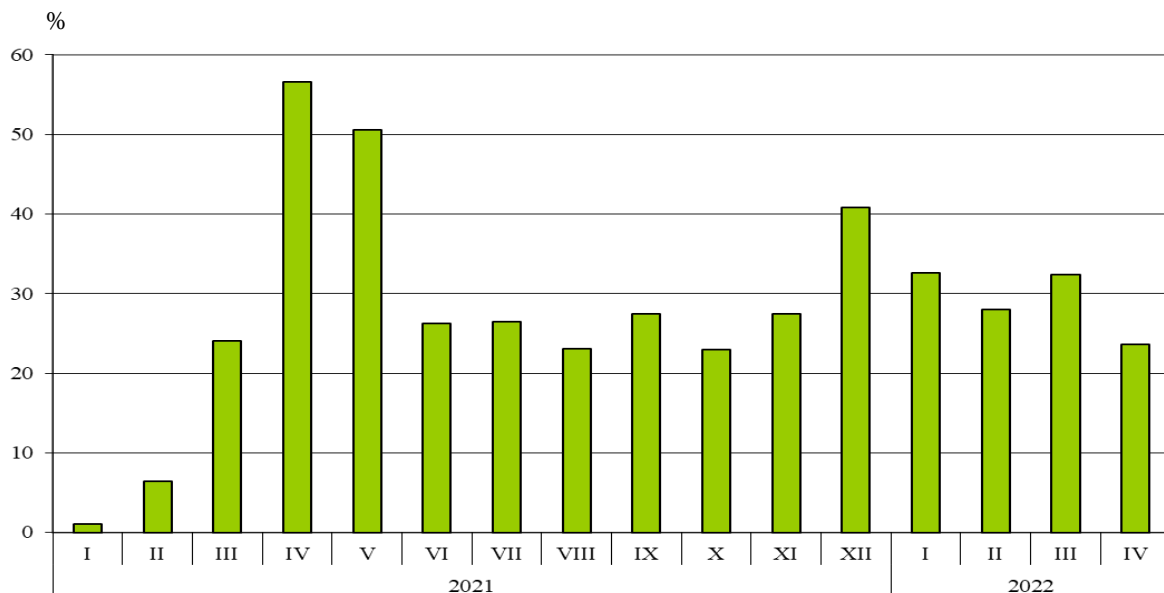
In the period **January - April 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (230.9%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (122.0%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (24.0%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - April 2022** increased by 29.2% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 18 296.0 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 and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **April 2022**, the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 23.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 454.0 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - April 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’ (211.5%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January - April 2022** was positive and added up to 1 265.9 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 - April 2021<sup>1</sup> and 2022<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.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
III.2021	5823.2	3746.7	2076.5	6689.9	3999.0	2690.9	-866.7	-252.3	-614.4
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15647.1</b>	<b>10376.5</b>	<b>5270.6</b>	<b>17175.3</b>	<b>10564.9</b>	<b>6610.4</b>	<b>-1528.2</b>	<b>-188.4</b>	<b>-1339.8</b>
IV.2021	5903.5	3937.2	1966.3	6080.1	3601.5	2478.6	-176.6	335.7	-512.3
<b>I - IV.2021</b>	<b>21550.6</b>	<b>14313.7</b>	<b>7236.9</b>	<b>23255.4</b>	<b>14166.4</b>	<b>9089.0</b>	<b>-1704.8</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>-1852.1</b>
I.2022	6306.0	4220.1	2085.9	7656.1	4150.8	3505.3	-1350.1	69.3	-1419.4
II.2022	6729.1	4384.8	2344.3	7700.3	4398.4	3301.9	-971.2	-13.6	-957.6
III.2022	8097.5	5598.9	2498.6	8960.1	5292.8	3667.3	-862.6	306.1	-1168.7
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21132.6</b>	<b>14203.8</b>	<b>6928.8</b>	<b>24316.5</b>	<b>13842.0</b>	<b>10474.5</b>	<b>-3183.9</b>	<b>361.8</b>	<b>-3545.7</b>
IV.2022	7654.0	5358.1	2295.9	8364.5	4454.0	3910.5	-710.5	904.1	-1614.6
<b>I - IV.2022</b>	<b>28786.6</b>	<b>19561.9</b>	<b>9224.7</b>	<b>32681.0</b>	<b>18296.0</b>	<b>14385.0</b>	<b>-3894.4</b>	<b>1265.9</b>	<b>-5160.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.

<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 - April 2022<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	32.4	27.5	43.8	51.6	32.6	82.5
II	32.9	32.1	34.4	41.7	28.0	65.2
III	39.1	49.4	20.3	33.9	32.4	36.3
<b>I - III</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>58.5</b>
IV	29.7	36.1	16.8	37.6	23.7	57.8
<b>I - IV</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>58.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2021<sup>2</sup> and 2022<sup>2</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21550.6</b>	<b>28786.6</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>23255.4</b>	<b>32681.0</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>-1704.8</b>	<b>-3894.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>14313.7</b>	<b>19561.9</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>14166.4</b>	<b>18296.0</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>1265.9</b>
Austria	436.2	535.8	22.8	600.5	725.7	20.8	-164.3	-189.9
Belgium	928.5	501.0	-46.0	472.4	562.0	19.0	456.1	-61.0
Croatia	212.8	351.4	65.1	224.2	95.4	-57.4	-11.4	256.0
Cyprus	86.9	130.3	49.9	20.4	28.1	37.7	66.5	102.2
Czechia	489.4	564.8	15.4	657.2	690.7	5.1	-167.8	-125.9
Denmark	159.6	296.3	85.7	109.5	132.2	20.7	50.1	164.1
Estonia	18.3	35.0	91.3	32.6	28.3	-13.2	-14.3	6.7
Finland	51.5	70.0	35.9	47.4	63.6	34.2	4.1	6.4
France	783.3	1021.8	30.4	661.1	774.7	17.2	122.2	247.1
Germany	3611.8	4427.3	22.6	2861.0	3489.4	22.0	750.8	937.9
Greece	1333.7	1893.9	42.0	1020.4	1915.3	87.7	313.3	-21.4
Hungary	358.2	564.2	57.5	955.7	1085.9	13.6	-597.5	-521.7
Ireland	39.6	56.2	41.9	169.3	164.4	-2.9	-129.7	-108.2
Italy	1618.9	2418.4	49.4	1568.8	1920.2	22.4	50.1	498.2
Latvia	23.4	22.8	-2.6	18.4	42.7	132.1	5.0	-19.9
Lithuania	54.3	65.2	20.1	53.7	65.3	21.6	0.6	-0.1
Luxembourg	22.4	97.2	333.9	37.5	65.0	73.3	-15.1	32.2
Malta	14.6	11.2	-23.3	7.5	12.1	61.3	7.1	-0.9
Netherlands	484.0	812.9	68.0	945.3	1249.0	32.1	-461.3	-436.1
Poland	536.1	700.9	30.7	866.8	1081.8	24.8	-330.7	-380.9
Portugal	82.5	97.0	17.6	55.2	62.1	12.5	27.3	34.9
Romania	1888.8	2890.4	53.0	1640.0	2596.0	58.3	248.8	294.4
Slovakia	169.9	260.5	53.3	327.1	373.9	14.3	-157.2	-113.4
Slovenia	114.3	379.0	231.6	178.1	249.4	40.0	-63.8	129.6
Spain	559.2	811.7	45.2	462.2	578.8	25.2	97.0	232.9
Sweden	169.1	206.8	22.3	138.4	203.5	47.0	30.7	3.3
Not specified	66.4	339.9	411.9	35.7	40.5	13.4	30.7	299.4

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - April 2021<sup>2</sup> and 2022<sup>2</sup>**

(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	
<b>Non EU countries</b>	<b>7236.9</b>	<b>9224.7</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>9089.0</b>	<b>14385.0</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>-1852.1</b>	<b>-5160.3</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>382.3</b>	<b>406.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1634.5</b>	<b>4205.3</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>-1252.2</b>	<b>-3798.4</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	18.1	17.1	-5.5	2.3	2.1	-8.7	15.8	15.0
Russian Federation	250.8	240.3	-4.2	1525.1	3976.9	160.8	-1274.3	-3736.6
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2844.1</b>	<b>3481.9</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>3308.4</b>	<b>4128.6</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>-464.3</b>	<b>-646.7</b>
of which:								
Canada	40.6	53.6	32.0	186.2	102.3	-45.1	-145.6	-48.7
Chile	10.7	10.6	-0.9	246.0	172.3	-30.0	-235.3	-161.7
Israel	86.1	189.4	120.0	206.7	35.6	-82.8	-120.6	153.8
Japan	33.0	45.4	37.6	147.5	137.3	-6.9	-114.5	-91.9
Korea, Republic of	57.5	66.5	15.7	84.7	112.4	32.7	-27.2	-45.9
Turkey	1453.7	1749.3	20.3	1724.9	2752.8	59.6	-271.2	-1003.5
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	388.8	496.3	27.6	189.9	222.5	17.2	198.9	273.8
United States	478.4	580.5	21.3	152.0	305.9	101.3	326.4	274.6
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>191.1</b>	<b>214.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>208.1</b>	<b>217.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>-17.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
of which:								
Norway	39.1	36.2	-7.4	20.0	22.0	10.0	19.1	14.2
Switzerland	150.3	176.6	17.5	184.3	192.2	4.3	-34.0	-15.6

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

<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 - April 2021<sup>2</sup> and 2022<sup>2</sup>

(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	
<b>Countries not included in the upper groups</b>								
Albania	61.9	81.2	31.2	26.0	31.9	22.7	35.9	49.3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	60.4	70.8	17.2	16.3	17.4	6.7	44.1	53.4
Brazil	26.7	133.5	400.0	97.5	81.2	-16.7	-70.8	52.3
China	785.6	471.5	-40.0	1191.5	1858.3	56.0	-405.9	-1386.8
Egypt	129.6	320.5	147.3	71.5	125.4	75.4	58.1	195.1
Georgia	85.0	201.1	136.6	260.3	308.7	18.6	-175.3	-107.6
India	80.1	142.5	77.9	119.6	192.5	61.0	-39.5	-50.0
Indonesia	27.4	16.0	-41.6	19.6	129.4	560.2	7.8	-113.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52.5	101.9	94.1	21.7	52.9	143.8	30.8	49.0
Peru	2.7	7.0	159.3	314.6	162.7	-48.3	-311.9	-155.7
Republic of North Macedonia	297.9	509.4	71.0	199.7	278.7	39.6	98.2	230.7
Serbia	386.2	723.6	87.4	432.2	555.8	28.6	-46.0	167.8
Singapore	11.6	14.9	28.4	27.7	40.1	44.8	-16.1	-25.2
South Africa	23.5	185.1	687.7	18.4	29.4	59.8	5.1	155.7
Syrian Arab Republic	3.0	2.2	-26.7	1.2	3.8	216.7	1.8	-1.6
Taiwan	23.9	22.2	-7.1	98.4	147.7	50.1	-74.5	-125.5
Tunisia	150.3	187.7	24.9	8.5	48.9	475.3	141.8	138.8
Ukraine	210.2	223.1	6.1	467.9	645.1	37.9	-257.7	-422.0
United Arab Emirates	54.8	79.3	44.7	27.3	24.9	-8.8	27.5	54.4
Viet Nam	34.6	21.5	-37.9	56.0	94.1	68.0	-21.4	-72.6

<sup>1</sup> Partner country:

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<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - April 2021<sup>1</sup> and 2022<sup>1</sup>

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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21550.6</b>	<b>28786.6</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>23255.4</b>	<b>32681.0</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>-1704.8</b>	<b>-3894.4</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>14313.7</b>	<b>19561.9</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>14166.4</b>	<b>18296.0</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>1265.9</b>
Food and live animals	2264.6	3178.8	40.4	1829.3	2254.9	23.3	435.3	923.9
of which: EU	1336.0	2012.1	50.6	1405.9	1707.6	21.5	-69.9	304.5
Beverages and tobacco	221.2	191.1	-13.6	358.0	420.0	17.3	-136.8	-228.9
of which: EU	159.8	121.4	-24.0	280.4	336.0	19.8	-120.6	-214.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1782.0	1725.5	-3.2	2483.1	2898.9	16.7	-701.1	-1173.4
of which: EU	1067.7	999.0	-6.4	555.2	794.1	43.0	512.5	204.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	971.7	3024.2	211.2	2192.2	5394.8	146.1	-1220.5	-2370.6
of which: EU	386.5	1278.9	230.9	601.9	1397.8	132.2	-215.4	-118.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	414.3	942.0	127.4	128.2	354.9	176.8	286.1	587.1
of which: EU	301.4	669.0	122.0	67.2	209.3	211.5	234.2	459.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2359.0	3637.2	54.2	3696.0	4861.3	31.5	-1337.0	-1224.1
of which: EU	1459.6	2373.6	62.6	2829.2	3501.9	23.8	-1369.6	-1128.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5342.1	6671.9	24.9	3822.0	5761.6	50.7	1520.1	910.3
of which: EU	3546.6	5134.9	44.8	2076.8	2910.6	40.1	1469.8	2224.3
Machinery and transport equipment	5133.5	5747.6	12.0	6622.6	8243.7	24.5	-1489.1	-2496.1
of which: EU	3899.7	4279.8	9.7	4906.7	5785.1	17.9	-1007.0	-1505.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2974.7	3636.8	22.3	1939.1	2455.5	26.6	1035.6	1181.3
of which: EU	2096.1	2671.7	27.5	1282.0	1621.9	26.5	814.1	1049.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	87.5	31.5	-64.0	184.9	35.4	-80.9	-97.4	-3.9
of which: EU	60.3	21.5	-64.3	161.1	31.7	-80.3	-100.8	-10.2

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of July 13, 2022.