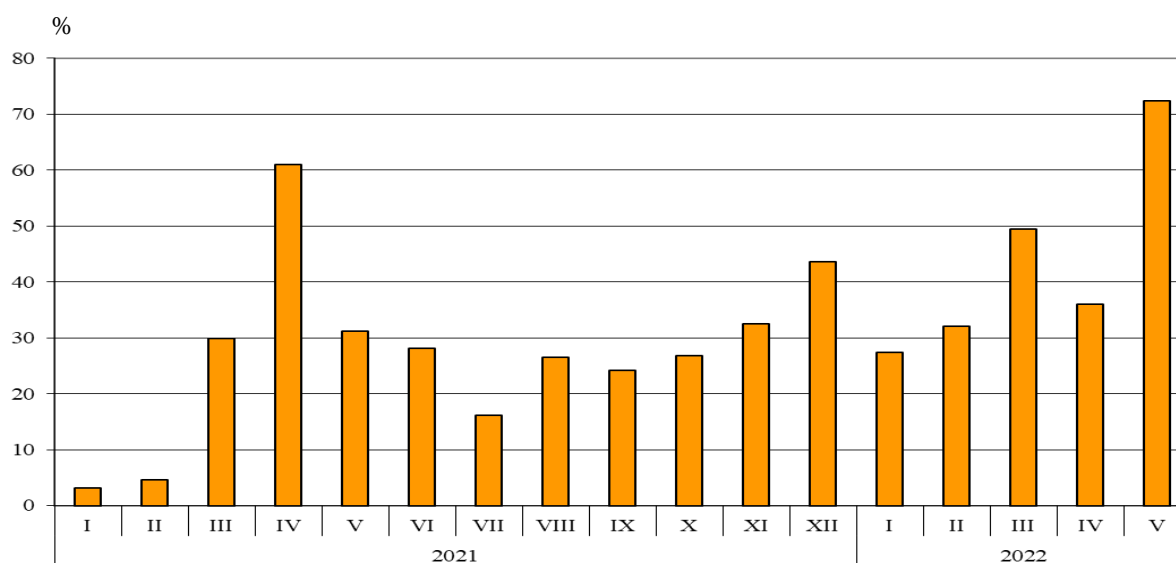


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - May 2022**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 43.5% compared to the same period of 2021 and added up to 25 350.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Spain, which accounted for 68.7% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 72.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 788.2 million BGN.

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



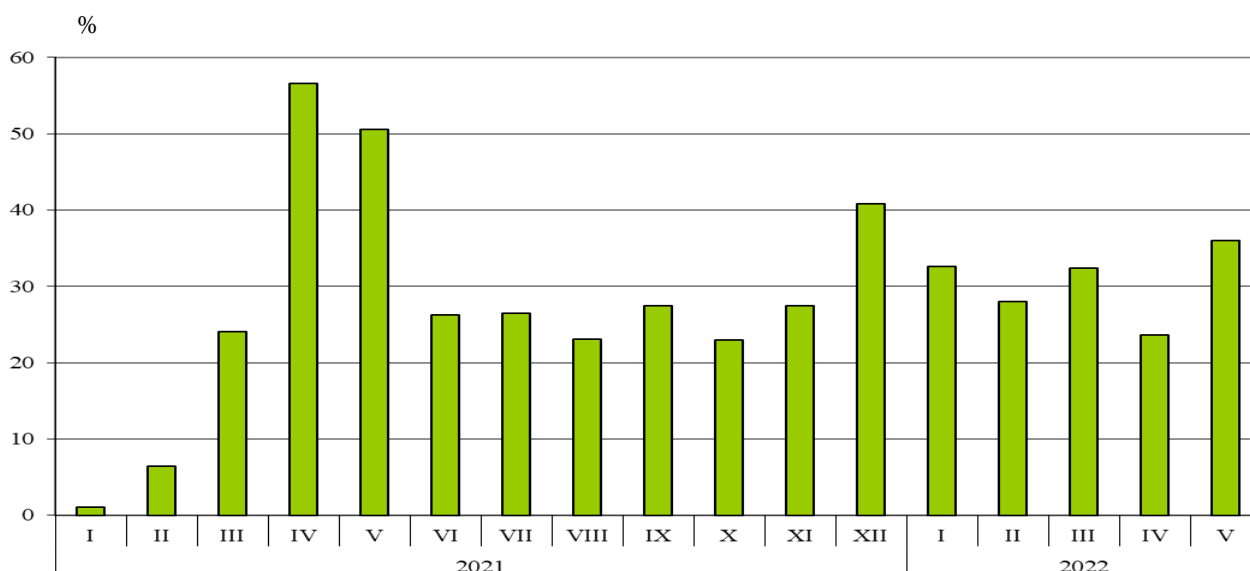
In the period **January - May 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (268.9%) and 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (140.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Beverages and tobacco' (19.4%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - May 2022** increased by 30.6% compared to the same period of 2021 and added up to 23 309.6 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **May 2022**, the Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 36.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 013.6 million BGN.

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



In the period **January - May 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 sections 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (192.0%) and 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (109.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - May 2022** was positive and added up to 2 040.5 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 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
III.2021	5823.2	3746.7	2076.5	6689.9	3999.0	2690.9	-866.7	-252.3	-614.4
I - III.2021	15647.1	10376.5	5270.6	17175.3	10564.9	6610.4	-1528.2	-188.4	-1339.8
IV.2021	5903.5	3937.2	1966.3	6080.1	3601.5	2478.6	-176.6	335.7	-512.3
V.2021	5152.0	3357.6	1794.4	6043.9	3687.1	2356.8	-891.9	-329.5	-562.4
I - V.2021	26702.6	17671.3	9031.3	29299.3	17853.5	11445.8	-2596.7	-182.2	-2414.5
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
I - III.2022	21132.6	14203.8	6928.8	24316.5	13842.0	10474.5	-3183.9	361.8	-3545.7
IV.2022	7654.0	5358.1	2295.9	8364.5	4454.0	3910.5	-710.5	904.1	-1614.6
V.2022	8261.5	5788.2	2473.3	9028.9	5013.6	4015.3	-767.4	774.6	-1542.0
I - V.2022	37048.1	25350.1	11698.0	41709.9	23309.6	18400.3	-4661.8	2040.5	-6702.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2022.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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Table 2

**Value changes in exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - May 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	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
I - III	35.1	36.9	31.5	41.6	31.0	58.5
IV	29.7	36.1	16.8	37.6	23.7	57.8
V	60.4	72.4	37.8	49.4	36.0	70.4
I - V	38.7	43.5	29.5	42.4	30.6	60.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2022.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - May 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	26702.6	37048.1	38.7	29299.3	41709.9	42.4	-2596.7	-4661.8
EU	17671.3	25350.1	43.5	17853.5	23309.6	30.6	-182.2	2040.5
Austria	548.1	701.4	28.0	750.9	926.3	23.4	-202.8	-224.9
Belgium	1029.9	621.2	-39.7	573.2	762.5	33.0	456.7	-141.3
Croatia	260.0	397.0	52.7	237.6	116.0	-51.2	22.4	281.0
Cyprus	110.3	168.2	52.5	34.1	37.5	10.0	76.2	130.7
Czechia	604.8	706.7	16.8	810.2	916.4	13.1	-205.4	-209.7
Denmark	201.7	370.2	83.5	132.6	171.2	29.1	69.1	199.0
Estonia	23.5	44.9	91.1	43.2	34.0	-21.3	-19.7	10.9
Finland	60.8	88.0	44.7	62.0	79.3	27.9	-1.2	8.7
France	987.6	1339.6	35.6	821.0	979.4	19.3	166.6	360.2
Germany	4346.8	5687.5	30.8	3634.7	4468.9	23.0	712.1	1218.6
Greece	1677.7	2533.8	51.0	1440.8	2522.8	75.1	236.9	11.0
Hungary	461.5	708.4	53.5	1159.9	1358.8	17.1	-698.4	-650.4
Ireland	48.2	76.1	57.9	212.1	195.4	-7.9	-163.9	-119.3
Italy	2008.3	3095.8	54.2	1964.8	2491.4	26.8	43.5	604.4
Latvia	29.2	30.6	4.8	22.5	50.6	124.9	6.7	-20.0
Lithuania	67.1	84.1	25.3	67.8	89.5	32.0	-0.7	-5.4
Luxembourg	25.3	118.2	367.2	44.8	82.1	83.3	-19.5	36.1
Malta	17.1	13.2	-22.8	9.0	16.3	81.1	8.1	-3.1
Netherlands	596.6	1010.7	69.4	1173.1	1519.4	29.5	-576.5	-508.7
Poland	659.9	880.7	33.5	1074.5	1390.0	29.4	-414.6	-509.3
Portugal	96.8	112.7	16.4	90.5	103.4	14.3	6.3	9.3
Romania	2421.7	3701.2	52.8	2051.6	3220.7	57.0	370.1	480.5
Slovakia	207.7	333.1	60.4	405.6	467.5	15.3	-197.9	-134.4
Slovenia	144.6	503.5	248.2	225.0	306.8	36.4	-80.4	196.7
Spain	740.1	1066.9	44.2	599.3	695.9	16.1	140.8	371.0
Sweden	211.9	265.0	25.1	173.4	251.6	45.1	38.5	13.4
Not specified	84.1	691.4	722.1	39.3	55.9	42.2	44.8	635.5

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 - May 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	9031.3	11698.0	29.5	11445.8	18400.3	60.8	-2414.5	-6702.3
CIS ³	472.6	529.8	12.1	2060.0	5291.0	156.8	-1587.4	-4761.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	22.8	22.8	0.0	2.5	4.4	76.0	20.3	18.4
Russian Federation	311.1	306.7	-1.4	1930.9	4978.7	157.8	-1619.8	-4672.0
OECD ⁴	3543.6	4391.4	23.9	4028.4	5147.6	27.8	-484.8	-756.2
of which:								
Canada	53.4	64.7	21.2	197.9	111.0	-43.9	-144.5	-46.3
Chile	12.1	14.4	19.0	326.9	174.8	-46.5	-314.8	-160.4
Israel	126.0	276.0	119.0	212.2	45.3	-78.7	-86.2	230.7
Japan	42.3	55.5	31.2	169.6	177.3	4.5	-127.3	-121.8
Korea, Republic of	64.5	83.8	29.9	103.2	156.0	51.2	-38.7	-72.2
Turkey	1800.9	2221.3	23.3	2141.9	3477.9	62.4	-341.0	-1256.6
United Kingdom ⁵	496.3	610.0	22.9	235.8	289.4	22.7	260.5	320.6
United States	599.7	707.7	18.0	195.7	354.4	81.1	404.0	353.3
EFTA ⁶	231.3	268.3	16.0	248.2	277.2	11.7	-16.9	-8.9
of which:								
Norway	45.3	43.3	-4.4	22.9	30.9	34.9	22.4	12.4
Switzerland	184.1	222.0	20.6	221.5	241.7	9.1	-37.4	-19.7

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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 - May 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	79.2	105.9	33.7	31.5	40.3	27.9	47.7	65.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73.3	84.7	15.6	21.2	20.2	-4.7	52.1	64.5
Brazil	34.7	138.8	300.0	144.6	203.2	40.5	-109.9	-64.4
China	985.4	535.3	-45.7	1472.6	2369.1	60.9	-487.2	-1833.8
Egypt	181.8	378.5	108.2	162.7	170.1	4.5	19.1	208.4
Georgia	105.1	229.2	118.1	303.0	442.8	46.1	-197.9	-213.6
India	110.4	183.1	65.9	150.5	237.0	57.5	-40.1	-53.9
Indonesia	50.6	19.5	-61.5	24.4	134.0	449.2	26.2	-114.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	71.9	117.3	63.1	29.6	71.9	142.9	42.3	45.4
Peru	3.9	10.8	176.9	351.2	163.5	-53.4	-347.3	-152.7
Republic of North Macedonia	370.0	621.3	67.9	259.2	372.3	43.6	110.8	249.0
Serbia	494.5	881.8	78.3	554.2	702.8	26.8	-59.7	179.0
Singapore	24.5	18.8	-23.3	35.8	47.4	32.4	-11.3	-28.6
South Africa	30.4	231.5	661.5	25.0	35.1	40.4	5.4	196.4
Syrian Arab Republic	3.2	2.2	-31.3	1.4	3.9	178.6	1.8	-1.7
Taiwan	28.5	29.8	4.6	116.0	199.0	71.6	-87.5	-169.2
Tunisia	214.8	232.4	8.2	12.9	49.7	285.3	201.9	182.7
Ukraine	264.8	348.8	31.7	571.1	977.5	71.2	-306.3	-628.7
United Arab Emirates	65.1	92.2	41.6	31.5	32.5	3.2	33.6	59.7
Viet Nam	42.5	27.7	-34.8	72.3	121.1	67.5	-29.8	-93.4

¹ Partner country:

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - May 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	26702.6	37048.1	38.7	29299.3	41709.9	42.4	-2596.7	-4661.8
of which: EU	17671.3	25350.1	43.5	17853.5	23309.6	30.6	-182.2	2040.5
Food and live animals	2788.4	4028.4	44.5	2257.6	2837.8	25.7	530.8	1190.6
of which: EU	1663.7	2447.2	47.1	1731.6	2149.0	24.1	-67.9	298.2
Beverages and tobacco	267.9	241.6	-9.8	472.8	543.9	15.0	-204.9	-302.3
of which: EU	192.7	155.4	-19.4	364.1	425.5	16.9	-171.4	-270.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2204.2	2188.6	-0.7	3118.3	3841.7	23.2	-914.1	-1653.1
of which: EU	1323.4	1274.2	-3.7	692.7	983.4	42.0	630.7	290.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1264.1	4040.9	219.7	2896.1	6806.1	135.0	-1632.0	-2765.2
of which: EU	470.0	1733.6	268.9	873.5	1831.2	109.6	-403.5	-97.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	553.2	1366.7	147.1	164.7	491.6	198.5	388.5	875.1
of which: EU	428.9	1029.9	140.1	91.3	266.6	192.0	337.6	763.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2955.3	4550.3	54.0	4586.9	6022.2	31.3	-1631.6	-1471.9
of which: EU	1852.2	3016.6	62.9	3521.0	4320.3	22.7	-1668.8	-1303.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6582.0	8549.7	29.9	4847.6	7319.9	51.0	1734.4	1229.8
of which: EU	4350.6	6643.8	52.7	2633.3	3725.1	41.5	1717.3	2918.7
Machinery and transport equipment	6259.2	7223.5	15.4	8305.1	10668.2	28.5	-2045.9	-3444.7
of which: EU	4755.9	5432.4	14.2	6145.9	7493.0	21.9	-1390.0	-2060.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3722.8	4821.7	29.5	2423.6	3132.5	29.2	1299.2	1689.2
of which: EU	2561.5	3594.2	40.3	1602.2	2075.2	29.5	959.3	1519.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	105.5	36.7	-65.2	226.6	46.0	-79.7	-121.1	-9.3
of which: EU	72.4	22.8	-68.5	197.9	40.3	-79.6	-125.5	-17.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of August 10, 2022.