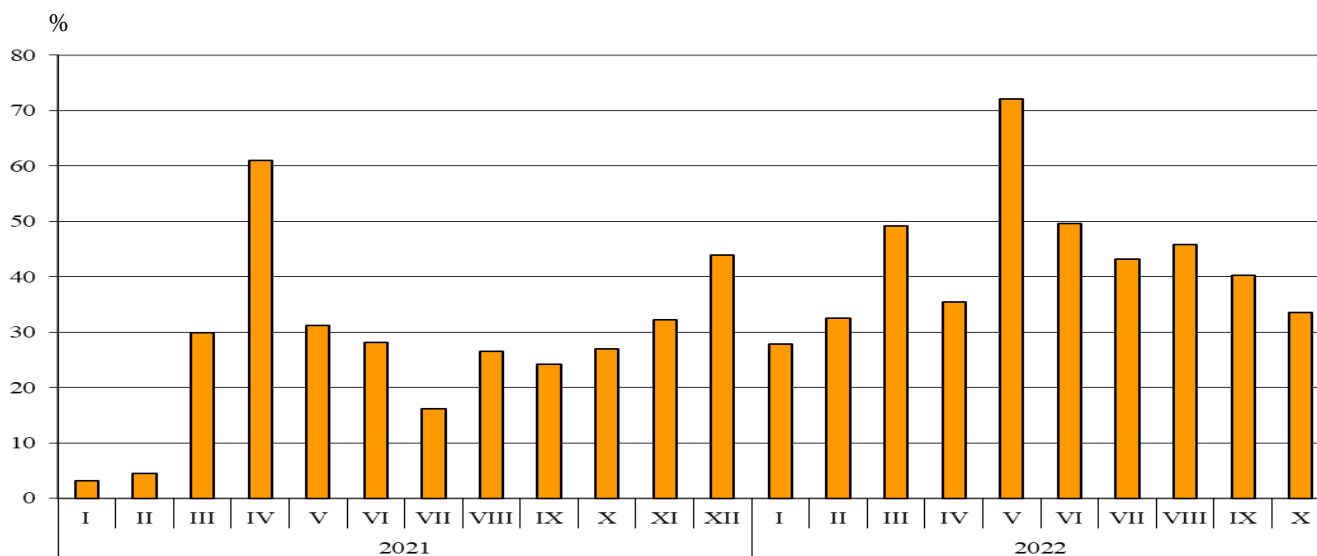


## TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - October 2022**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria to the EU increased by 42.7% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 52 802.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece, France and Spain, which accounted for 66.2% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2022**, the exports to the EU grew by 33.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 636.9 million BGN.

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



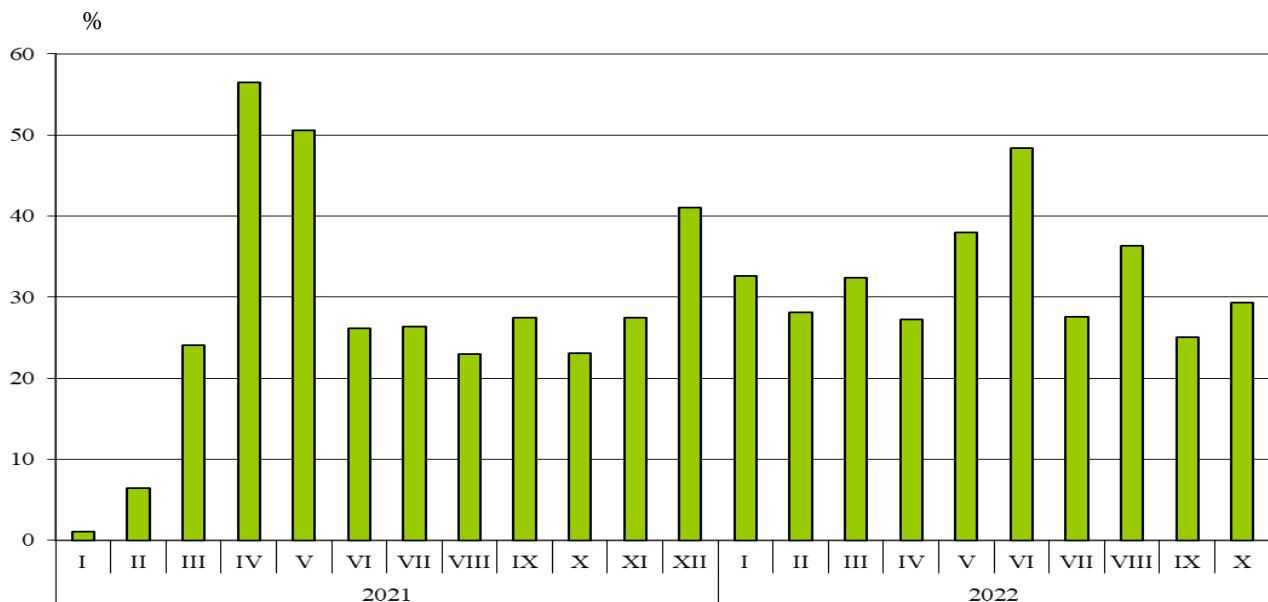
In the period **January - October 2022**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2021 was recorded in sections ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (218.8%) and ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (156.0%) (Annex, Table 4). A fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (10.7%).

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

**Imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period January - October 2022** increased by 32.4% in comparison with the same period of 2021 and added up to 49 402.2 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, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **October 2022**, Bulgarian imports from the EU Member States grew by 29.3% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 336.3 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> 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 - October 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’ (119.8%).

The **foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with the EU in the period January - October 2022** was positive and added up to 3 400.3 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 - October 2021 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	4761.6	3310.9	1450.7	5050.2	3129.4	1920.8	-288.6	181.5	-470.1
II.2021	5057.2	3317.9	1739.3	5432.4	3433.6	1998.8	-375.2	-115.7	-259.5
III.2021	5824.0	3746.3	2077.7	6689.0	3998.0	2691.0	-865.0	-251.7	-613.3
<b>I - III.2021</b>	<b>15642.8</b>	<b>10375.1</b>	<b>5267.7</b>	<b>17171.6</b>	<b>10561.0</b>	<b>6610.6</b>	<b>-1528.8</b>	<b>-185.9</b>	<b>-1342.9</b>
IV.2021	5905.3	3937.1	1968.2	6078.1	3599.7	2478.4	-172.8	337.4	-510.2
V.2021	5155.3	3357.6	1797.7	6043.0	3686.5	2356.5	-887.7	-328.9	-558.8
VI.2021	5734.5	3790.9	1943.6	6440.2	3751.9	2688.3	-705.7	39.0	-744.7
<b>IV - VI.2021</b>	<b>16795.1</b>	<b>11085.6</b>	<b>5709.5</b>	<b>18561.3</b>	<b>11038.1</b>	<b>7523.2</b>	<b>-1766.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>-1813.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2021</b>	<b>32437.9</b>	<b>21460.7</b>	<b>10977.2</b>	<b>35732.9</b>	<b>21599.1</b>	<b>14133.8</b>	<b>-3295.0</b>	<b>-138.4</b>	<b>-3156.6</b>
VII.2021	5861.3	3830.2	2031.1	6353.2	3949.7	2403.5	-491.9	-119.5	-372.4
VIII.2021	5605.9	3536.7	2069.2	6253.2	3475.9	2777.3	-647.3	60.8	-708.1
IX.2021	6057.0	3945.2	2111.8	6601.0	4167.3	2433.7	-544.0	-222.1	-321.9
<b>VII - IX.2021</b>	<b>17524.2</b>	<b>11312.1</b>	<b>6212.1</b>	<b>19207.4</b>	<b>11592.9</b>	<b>7614.5</b>	<b>-1683.2</b>	<b>-280.8</b>	<b>-1402.4</b>
<b>I - IX.2021</b>	<b>49962.1</b>	<b>32772.8</b>	<b>17189.3</b>	<b>54940.3</b>	<b>33192.0</b>	<b>21748.3</b>	<b>-4978.2</b>	<b>-419.2</b>	<b>-4559.0</b>
X.2021	6161.4	4221.7	1939.7	6880.2	4127.9	2752.3	-718.8	93.8	-812.6
<b>I - X.2021</b>	<b>56123.5</b>	<b>36994.5</b>	<b>19129.0</b>	<b>61820.5</b>	<b>37319.9</b>	<b>24500.6</b>	<b>-5697.0</b>	<b>-325.4</b>	<b>-5371.6</b>
I.2022	6348.2	4231.2	2117.0	7661.7	4151.1	3510.6	-1313.5	80.1	-1393.6
II.2022	6795.2	4396.0	2399.2	7703.7	4400.4	3303.3	-908.5	-4.4	-904.1
III.2022	8192.9	5587.0	2605.9	8976.0	5292.3	3683.7	-783.1	294.7	-1077.8
<b>I - III.2022</b>	<b>21336.3</b>	<b>14214.2</b>	<b>7122.1</b>	<b>24341.4</b>	<b>13843.8</b>	<b>10497.6</b>	<b>-3005.1</b>	<b>370.4</b>	<b>-3375.5</b>
IV.2022	7775.5	5329.6	2445.9	8455.1	4581.1	3874.0	-679.6	748.5	-1428.1
V.2022	8506.9	5777.0	2729.9	9070.4	5084.4	3986.0	-563.5	692.6	-1256.1
VI.2022	8862.4	5672.0	3190.4	10298.7	5568.5	4730.2	-1436.3	103.5	-1539.8
<b>IV - VI.2022</b>	<b>25144.8</b>	<b>16778.6</b>	<b>8366.2</b>	<b>27824.2</b>	<b>15234.0</b>	<b>12590.2</b>	<b>-2679.4</b>	<b>1544.6</b>	<b>-4224.0</b>
<b>I - VI.2022</b>	<b>46481.1</b>	<b>30992.8</b>	<b>15488.3</b>	<b>52165.6</b>	<b>29077.8</b>	<b>23087.8</b>	<b>-5684.5</b>	<b>1915.0</b>	<b>-7599.5</b>
VII.2022	8361.7	5485.9	2875.8	9603.9	5038.6	4565.3	-1242.2	447.3	-1689.5
VIII.2022	8001.1	5155.2	2845.9	8559.8	4739.5	3820.3	-558.7	415.7	-974.4
IX.2022	7904.8	5531.7	2373.1	10064.9	5210.0	4854.9	-2160.1	321.7	-2481.8
<b>VII - IX.2022</b>	<b>24267.6</b>	<b>16172.8</b>	<b>8094.8</b>	<b>28228.6</b>	<b>14988.1</b>	<b>13240.5</b>	<b>-3961.0</b>	<b>1184.7</b>	<b>-5145.7</b>
<b>I - IX.2022</b>	<b>70748.7</b>	<b>47165.6</b>	<b>23583.1</b>	<b>80394.2</b>	<b>44065.9</b>	<b>36328.3</b>	<b>-9645.5</b>	<b>3099.7</b>	<b>-12745.2</b>
X.2022	8257.1	5636.9	2620.2	9833.6	5336.3	4497.3	-1576.5	300.6	-1877.1
<b>I - X.2022</b>	<b>79005.8</b>	<b>52802.5</b>	<b>26203.3</b>	<b>90227.8</b>	<b>49402.2</b>	<b>40825.6</b>	<b>-11222.0</b>	<b>3400.3</b>	<b>-14622.3</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - October 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	33.3	27.8	45.9	51.7	32.6	82.8
II	34.4	32.5	37.9	41.8	28.2	65.3
III	40.7	49.1	25.4	34.2	32.4	36.9
<b>I - III</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>58.8</b>
IV	31.7	35.4	24.3	39.1	27.3	56.3
V	65.0	72.1	51.9	50.1	37.9	69.1
VI	54.5	49.6	64.1	59.9	48.4	76.0
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>67.4</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>63.4</b>
VII	42.7	43.2	41.6	51.2	27.6	89.9
VIII	42.7	45.8	37.5	36.9	36.4	37.6
IX	30.5	40.2	12.4	52.5	25.0	99.5
<b>VII - IX</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>73.9</b>
<b>I - IX</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>67.0</b>
X	34.0	33.5	35.1	42.9	29.3	63.4
<b>I - X</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>66.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data are preliminary as of January 13, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2021 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>56123.5</b>	<b>79005.8</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>61820.5</b>	<b>90227.8</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>-5697.0</b>	<b>-11222.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>36994.5</b>	<b>52802.5</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>37319.9</b>	<b>49402.2</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>-325.4</b>	<b>3400.3</b>
Austria	1120.2	1521.7	35.8	1512.0	1926.6	27.4	-391.8	-404.9
Belgium	1661.4	1985.4	19.5	1190.5	1674.9	40.7	470.9	310.5
Croatia	541.7	654.3	20.8	325.9	200.9	-38.4	215.8	453.4
Cyprus	235.4	334.4	42.1	134.0	90.5	-32.5	101.4	243.9
Czechia	1217.9	1378.1	13.2	1561.6	1992.8	27.6	-343.7	-614.7
Denmark	504.3	944.7	87.3	284.2	384.0	35.1	220.1	560.7
Estonia	52.8	144.1	172.9	74.7	70.0	-6.3	-21.9	74.1
Finland	122.8	182.6	48.7	131.5	183.3	39.4	-8.7	-0.7
France	2023.6	2596.3	28.3	1662.2	1909.8	14.9	361.4	686.5
Germany	8534.8	11147.7	30.6	7700.4	9558.5	24.1	834.4	1589.2
Greece	3795.2	5122.6	35.0	3265.1	5312.7	62.7	530.1	-190.1
Hungary	1047.5	1427.1	36.2	2301.2	2894.0	25.8	-1253.7	-1466.9
Ireland	106.7	178.9	67.7	412.6	358.7	-13.1	-305.9	-179.8
Italy	4098.7	6012.3	46.7	4104.0	5206.5	26.9	-5.3	805.8
Latvia	64.3	78.8	22.6	49.4	95.1	92.5	14.9	-16.3
Lithuania	139.9	217.1	55.2	144.4	194.8	34.9	-4.5	22.3
Luxembourg	58.5	222.8	280.9	87.3	179.3	105.4	-28.8	43.5
Malta	36.0	28.4	-21.1	23.6	33.6	42.4	12.4	-5.2
Netherlands	1441.6	2001.9	38.9	2474.0	3738.2	51.1	-1032.4	-1736.3
Poland	1414.2	1760.9	24.5	2227.6	2930.3	31.5	-813.4	-1169.4
Portugal	199.9	208.2	4.2	188.1	181.8	-3.3	11.8	26.4
Romania	5574.6	7954.3	42.7	4553.5	6219.8	36.6	1021.1	1734.5
Slovakia	460.6	721.6	56.7	791.0	929.1	17.5	-330.4	-207.5
Slovenia	355.1	1214.3	242.0	463.9	645.3	39.1	-108.8	569.0
Spain	1523.7	2128.7	39.7	1184.0	1829.3	54.5	339.7	299.4
Sweden	444.9	567.5	27.6	378.2	557.4	47.4	66.7	10.1
Not specified	218.2	2067.8	847.7	95.0	105.0	10.5	123.2	1962.8

<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 January 13, 2023.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries<sup>1</sup>  
of Bulgaria in the period January - October 2021 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>19129.0</b>	<b>26203.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>24500.6</b>	<b>40825.6</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>-5371.6</b>	<b>-14622.3</b>
<b>CIS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1067.9</b>	<b>1336.1</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>4858.6</b>	<b>11084.7</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>-3790.7</b>	<b>-9748.6</b>
of which:								
Kazakhstan	56.6	74.1	30.9	3.6	23.2	544.4	53.0	50.9
Russian Federation	692.8	768.3	10.9	4548.4	10042.6	120.8	-3855.6	-9274.3
<b>OECD<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>7565.6</b>	<b>9356.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>8085.0</b>	<b>11885.9</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>-519.4</b>	<b>-2529.4</b>
of which:								
Canada	112.1	165.1	47.3	229.9	204.8	-10.9	-117.8	-39.7
Chile	27.0	25.6	-5.2	441.1	284.8	-35.4	-414.1	-259.2
Israel	341.0	514.4	50.9	315.6	96.3	-69.5	25.4	418.1
Japan	88.8	122.0	37.4	316.8	369.1	16.5	-228.0	-247.1
Korea, Republic of	397.1	202.1	-49.1	227.6	318.2	39.8	169.5	-116.1
Turkey	3492.4	4678.1	34.0	4767.3	7739.5	62.3	-1274.9	-3061.4
United Kingdom <sup>5</sup>	1040.3	1208.8	16.2	490.1	644.8	31.6	550.2	564.0
United States	1363.8	1627.4	19.3	469.4	1466.7	212.5	894.4	160.7
<b>EFTA<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>474.3</b>	<b>601.8</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>507.6</b>	<b>582.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>19.3</b>
of which:								
Norway	89.6	95.1	6.1	46.5	61.2	31.6	43.1	33.9
Switzerland	381.0	496.7	30.4	456.6	515.7	12.9	-75.6	-19.0

<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 January 13, 2023.

<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 - October 2021 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	182.3	214.1	17.4	60.3	81.5	35.2	122.0	132.6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	149.1	161.9	8.6	47.0	40.5	-13.8	102.1	121.4
Brazil	77.0	174.3	126.4	349.1	566.9	62.4	-272.1	-392.6
China	1831.0	1203.9	-34.2	3399.7	5248.8	54.4	-1568.7	-4044.9
Egypt	403.1	961.0	138.4	459.2	417.8	-9.0	-56.1	543.2
Georgia	316.6	422.9	33.6	558.6	867.7	55.3	-242.0	-444.8
India	206.9	406.8	96.6	342.9	428.1	24.8	-136.0	-21.3
Indonesia	122.4	156.6	27.9	50.6	387.9	666.6	71.8	-231.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	137.3	208.2	51.6	90.2	144.3	60.0	47.1	63.9
Peru	7.2	22.8	216.7	452.2	420.9	-6.9	-445.0	-398.1
Republic of North Macedonia	876.6	1231.0	40.4	603.2	705.8	17.0	273.4	525.2
Serbia	1152.4	1882.3	63.3	1190.7	1503.6	26.3	-38.3	378.7
Singapore	50.1	39.4	-21.4	67.1	91.8	36.8	-17.0	-52.4
South Africa	137.3	435.3	217.0	71.2	200.4	181.5	66.1	234.9
Syrian Arab Republic	7.8	6.3	-19.2	3.8	10.3	171.1	4.0	-4.0
Taiwan	62.2	68.3	9.8	267.9	404.6	51.0	-205.7	-336.3
Tunisia	403.5	389.0	-3.6	31.8	74.5	134.3	371.7	314.5
Ukraine	668.5	1660.4	148.4	1325.9	2729.2	105.8	-657.4	-1068.8
United Arab Emirates	131.2	191.8	46.2	58.1	70.4	21.2	73.1	121.4
Viet Nam	178.0	81.7	-54.1	168.5	282.2	67.5	9.5	-200.5

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Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4  
in the period January - October 2021 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>56123.5</b>	<b>79005.8</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>61820.5</b>	<b>90227.8</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>-5697.0</b>	<b>-11222.0</b>
<b>of which: EU</b>	<b>36994.5</b>	<b>52802.5</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>37319.9</b>	<b>49402.2</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>-325.4</b>	<b>3400.3</b>
Food and live animals	6731.1	8353.8	24.1	4679.7	6047.9	29.2	2051.4	2305.9
of which: EU	3960.5	4661.3	17.7	3598.4	4559.9	26.7	362.1	101.4
Beverages and tobacco	517.1	523.4	1.2	1042.0	1203.3	15.5	-524.9	-679.9
of which: EU	361.3	322.7	-10.7	790.8	944.2	19.4	-429.5	-621.5
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	4294.0	4498.1	4.8	5483.6	8143.5	48.5	-1189.6	-3645.4
of which: EU	2588.1	2802.7	8.3	1467.6	1769.1	20.5	1120.5	1033.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3265.8	10583.2	224.1	6861.1	15703.5	128.9	-3595.3	-5120.3
of which: EU	1440.4	4591.6	218.8	2015.5	3748.1	86.0	-575.1	843.5
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1117.2	2799.7	150.6	385.4	1312.5	240.6	731.8	1487.2
of which: EU	764.2	1956.6	156.0	255.8	562.2	119.8	508.4	1394.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	6395.6	9133.7	42.8	9515.0	13048.2	37.1	-3119.4	-3914.5
of which: EU	4107.7	6043.5	47.1	7119.3	9378.2	31.7	-3011.6	-3334.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13023.0	17055.8	31.0	10775.2	14610.1	35.6	2247.8	2445.7
of which: EU	8582.4	12856.5	49.8	5599.4	7410.9	32.4	2983.0	5445.6
Machinery and transport equipment	12878.4	15653.0	21.5	17346.0	23264.4	34.1	-4467.6	-7611.4
of which: EU	9718.4	11687.2	20.3	12638.8	16406.8	29.8	-2920.4	-4719.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7690.7	10313.0	34.1	5262.8	6813.9	29.5	2427.9	3499.1
of which: EU	5331.8	7843.6	47.1	3419.4	4555.0	33.2	1912.4	3288.6
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	210.6	92.1	-56.3	469.7	80.5	-82.9	-259.1	11.6
of which: EU	139.7	36.8	-73.7	414.9	67.8	-83.7	-275.2	-31.0

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary as of January 13, 2023.