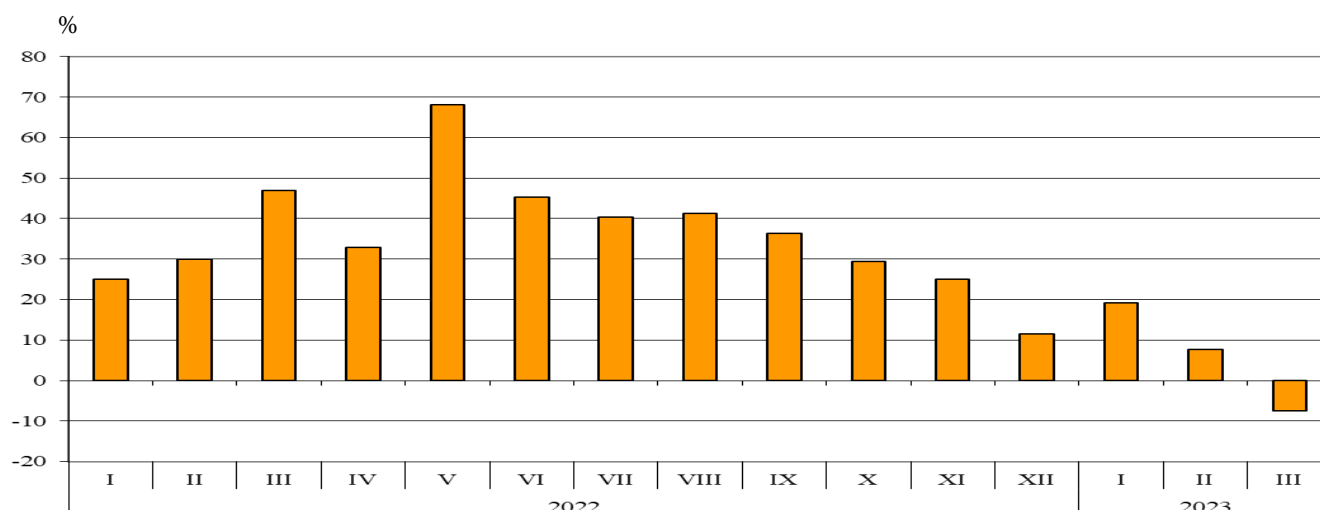


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - March 2023**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** increased by 5.1% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 14 673.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.4% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 7.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 090.9 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



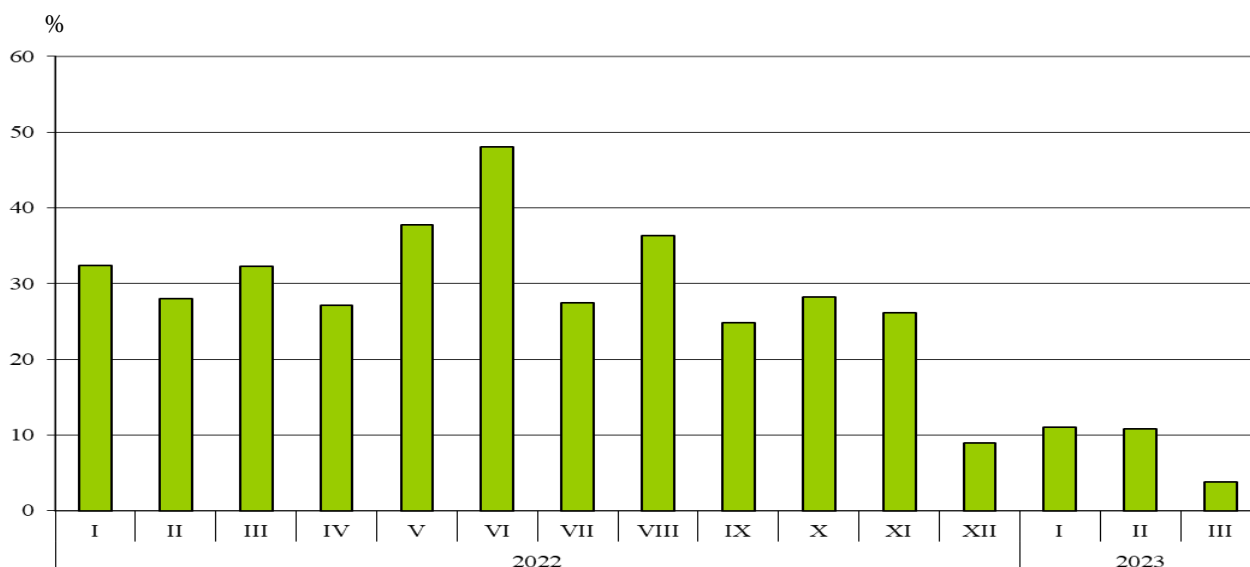
In the period **January - March 2023**, in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (40.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (43.8%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - March 2023** increased by 8.2% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 14 959.9 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Italy, Romania, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

In **March 2023**, the imports from the EU increased by 3.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 5 488.4 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - March 2023**, 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 2022 was recorded in the section ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ (29.9%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (61.6%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - February 2023** was negative and added up to 286.6 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 - March 2022¹ and 2023¹ 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.2022	6259.9	4141.7	2118.2	7653.2	4142.7	3510.5	-1393.3	-1.0	-1392.3
II.2022	6710.6	4310.0	2400.6	7698.2	4394.9	3303.3	-987.6	-84.9	-902.7
III.2022	8113.4	5506.0	2607.4	8971.4	5287.7	3683.7	-858.0	218.3	-1076.3
I - III.2022	21083.9	13957.7	7126.2	24322.8	13825.3	10497.5	-3238.9	132.4	-3371.3
I.2023	7643.5	4939.1	2704.4	8141.2	4599.8	3541.4	-497.7	339.3	-837.0
II.2023	7230.3	4643.3	2587.0	8331.2	4871.7	3459.5	-1100.9	-228.4	-872.5
III.2023	8113.9	5090.9	3023.0	8893.3	5488.4	3404.9	-779.4	-397.5	-381.9
I - III.2023	22987.7	14673.3	8314.4	25365.7	14959.9	10405.8	-2378.0	-286.6	-2091.4

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 12, 2023.

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Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 2023¹ compared to the same month of the
previous year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I	22.1	19.3	27.7	6.4	11.0	0.9
II	7.7	7.7	7.8	8.2	10.8	4.7
III	0.0	-7.5	15.9	-0.9	3.8	-7.6
I - III	9.0	5.1	16.7	4.3	8.2	-0.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 12, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 2022² and 2023²**

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	21083.9	22987.7	9.0	24322.8	25365.7	4.3	-3238.9	-2378.0
EU	13957.7	14673.3	5.1	13825.3	14959.9	8.2	132.4	-286.6
Austria	393.7	500.0	27.0	541.6	649.0	19.8	-147.9	-149.0
Belgium	391.9	699.4	78.5	411.8	621.9	51.0	-19.9	77.5
Croatia	298.8	198.4	-33.6	60.7	66.3	9.2	238.1	132.1
Cyprus	90.4	102.0	12.8	21.4	71.5	234.1	69.0	30.5
Czechia	375.6	441.7	17.6	495.4	704.9	42.3	-119.8	-263.2
Denmark	139.0	105.6	-24.0	101.1	124.6	23.2	37.9	-19.0
Estonia	22.5	41.2	83.1	21.2	83.3	292.9	1.3	-42.1
Finland	48.8	51.8	6.1	50.2	65.3	30.1	-1.4	-13.5
France	747.0	807.4	8.1	589.7	696.8	18.2	157.3	110.6
Germany	3252.8	3161.4	-2.8	2605.0	3086.1	18.5	647.8	75.3
Greece	1368.2	1230.9	-10.0	1533.9	1175.9	-23.3	-165.7	55.0
Hungary	407.2	319.8	-21.5	834.2	848.7	1.7	-427.0	-528.9
Ireland	39.3	68.4	74.0	130.3	99.2	-23.9	-91.0	-30.8
Italy	1744.2	1742.0	-0.1	1402.2	1651.7	17.8	342.0	90.3
Latvia	16.2	30.8	90.1	18.9	18.8	-0.5	-2.7	12.0
Lithuania	49.5	67.3	36.0	48.6	58.9	21.2	0.9	8.4
Luxembourg	39.7	6.0	-84.9	31.6	27.7	-12.3	8.1	-21.7
Malta	7.6	12.1	59.2	9.2	7.9	-14.1	-1.6	4.2
Netherlands	559.5	417.1	-25.5	976.0	1035.8	6.1	-416.5	-618.7
Poland	513.9	569.4	10.8	802.1	1012.4	26.2	-288.2	-443.0
Portugal	58.8	50.8	-13.6	44.6	49.8	11.7	14.2	1.0
Romania	2167.5	2067.0	-4.6	1999.8	1601.7	-19.9	167.7	465.3
Slovakia	188.8	273.0	44.6	276.5	283.8	2.6	-87.7	-10.8
Slovenia	169.8	168.4	-0.8	188.7	216.1	14.5	-18.9	-47.7
Spain	602.6	613.7	1.8	453.4	446.5	-1.5	149.2	167.2
Sweden	149.8	208.7	39.3	144.8	201.7	39.3	5.0	7.0
Not specified	114.6	719.0	527.4	32.4	53.6	65.4	82.2	665.4

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 - June 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	7126.2	8314.4	16.7	10497.5	10405.8	-0.9	-3371.3	-2091.4
CIS ³	307.8	469.2	52.4	3180.4	1762.8	-44.6	-2872.6	-1293.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	13.0	45.4	249.2	0.9	6.3	600.0	12.1	39.1
Russian Federation	183.5	243.0	32.4	3007.1	1523.5	-49.3	-2823.6	-1280.5
OECD ⁴	2650.4	3382.2	27.6	2873.2	3785.4	31.7	-222.8	-403.2
of which:								
Canada	44.6	43.0	-3.6	92.8	29.6	-68.1	-48.2	13.4
Chile	8.1	6.7	-17.3	121.6	113.6	-6.6	-113.5	-106.9
Israel	79.4	158.4	99.5	26.6	40.3	51.5	52.8	118.1
Japan	36.6	31.2	-14.8	105.3	119.8	13.8	-68.7	-88.6
Korea, Republic of	65.7	48.3	-26.5	84.3	101.6	20.5	-18.6	-53.3
Türkiye	1316.5	1405.0	6.7	1899.3	2108.0	11.0	-582.8	-703.0
United Kingdom ⁵	387.9	734.2	89.3	158.3	500.1	215.9	229.6	234.1
United States	485.3	556.6	14.7	164.8	445.9	170.6	320.5	110.7
EFTA ⁶	157.4	322.0	104.6	164.2	268.3	63.4	-6.8	53.7
of which:								
Norway	28.6	27.8	-2.8	18.0	15.0	-16.7	10.6	12.8
Switzerland	127.4	292.6	129.7	143.8	251.4	74.8	-16.4	41.2

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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; Türkiye; 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 - June 2022² and 2023²**

(Continued and end)

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Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	58.4	67.3	15.2	24.4	27.6	13.1	34.0	39.7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55.1	45.4	-17.6	13.1	21.7	65.6	42.0	23.7
Brazil	96.5	18.0	-81.3	79.2	257.8	225.5	17.3	-239.8
China	417.0	515.2	23.5	1411.1	1331.2	-5.7	-994.1	-816.0
Egypt	306.3	293.6	-4.1	99.6	104.4	4.8	206.7	189.2
Georgia	170.9	83.1	-51.4	251.6	169.6	-32.6	-80.7	-86.5
India	108.8	138.2	27.0	111.1	133.1	19.8	-2.3	5.1
Indonesia	12.4	9.7	-21.8	16.4	189.4	1054.9	-4.0	-179.7
Iran, Islamic Republic of	74.8	51.2	-31.6	34.7	26.8	-22.8	40.1	24.4
Peru	3.6	12.5	247.2	162.2	206.7	27.4	-158.6	-194.2
Republic of North Macedonia	399.1	407.0	2.0	199.9	239.8	20.0	199.2	167.2
Serbia	556.1	470.3	-15.4	431.2	566.9	31.5	124.9	-96.6
Singapore	11.8	14.4	22.0	27.3	20.6	-24.5	-15.5	-6.2
South Africa	184.0	31.1	-83.1	27.4	48.4	76.6	156.6	-17.3
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	2.1	-40.0	3.8	0.2	-94.7	-0.3	1.9
Taiwan	20.0	43.9	119.5	106.3	93.6	-11.9	-86.3	-49.7
Tunisia	96.1	61.4	-36.1	45.2	14.9	-67.0	50.9	46.5
Ukraine	176.7	519.9	194.2	490.1	476.1	-2.9	-313.4	43.8
United Arab Emirates	62.5	155.3	148.5	17.4	21.2	21.8	45.1	134.1
Viet Nam	25.0	17.0	-32.0	56.6	59.3	4.8	-31.6	-42.3

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period
January - March 2022¹ and 2023¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	21083.9	22987.7	9.0	24322.8	25365.7	4.3	-3238.9	-2378.0
of which: EU	13957.7	14673.3	5.1	13825.3	14959.9	8.2	132.4	-286.6
Food and live animals	2223.7	2629.2	18.2	1653.2	2069.5	25.2	570.5	559.7
of which: EU	1447.5	1425.9	-1.5	1284.6	1543.3	20.1	162.9	-117.4
Beverages and tobacco	152.0	184.9	21.6	301.3	394.1	30.8	-149.3	-209.2
of which: EU	91.6	111.9	22.2	244.8	303.8	24.1	-153.2	-191.9
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1304.1	1330.6	2.0	2183.3	2282.1	4.5	-879.2	-951.5
of which: EU	710.9	812.2	14.2	614.6	593.1	-3.5	96.3	219.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2025.4	1780.0	-12.1	4155.2	2621.9	-36.9	-2129.8	-841.9
of which: EU	706.1	504.6	-28.5	1191.1	456.9	-61.6	-485.0	47.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	662.1	424.1	-35.9	258.9	223.7	-13.6	403.2	200.4
of which: EU	413.8	232.5	-43.8	151.3	86.7	-42.7	262.5	145.8
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2696.8	2475.2	-8.2	3719.0	3511.4	-5.6	-1022.2	-1036.2
of which: EU	1742.7	1559.1	-10.5	2680.1	2666.3	-0.5	-937.4	-1107.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5020.8	4670.0	-7.0	4125.2	4051.6	-1.8	895.6	618.4
of which: EU	3777.9	3501.4	-7.3	2153.1	2266.2	5.3	1624.8	1235.2
Machinery and transport equipment	4330.0	5957.0	37.6	6074.5	8078.3	33.0	-1744.5	-2121.3
of which: EU	3185.9	3892.3	22.2	4285.6	5568.6	29.9	-1099.7	-1676.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2649.2	3380.9	27.6	1827.6	2103.2	15.1	821.6	1277.7
of which: EU	1867.7	2620.6	40.3	1198.3	1448.7	20.9	669.4	1171.9
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	19.8	155.8	686.9	24.6	29.9	21.5	-4.8	125.9
of which: EU	13.6	12.8	-5.9	21.8	26.3	20.6	-8.2	-13.5

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