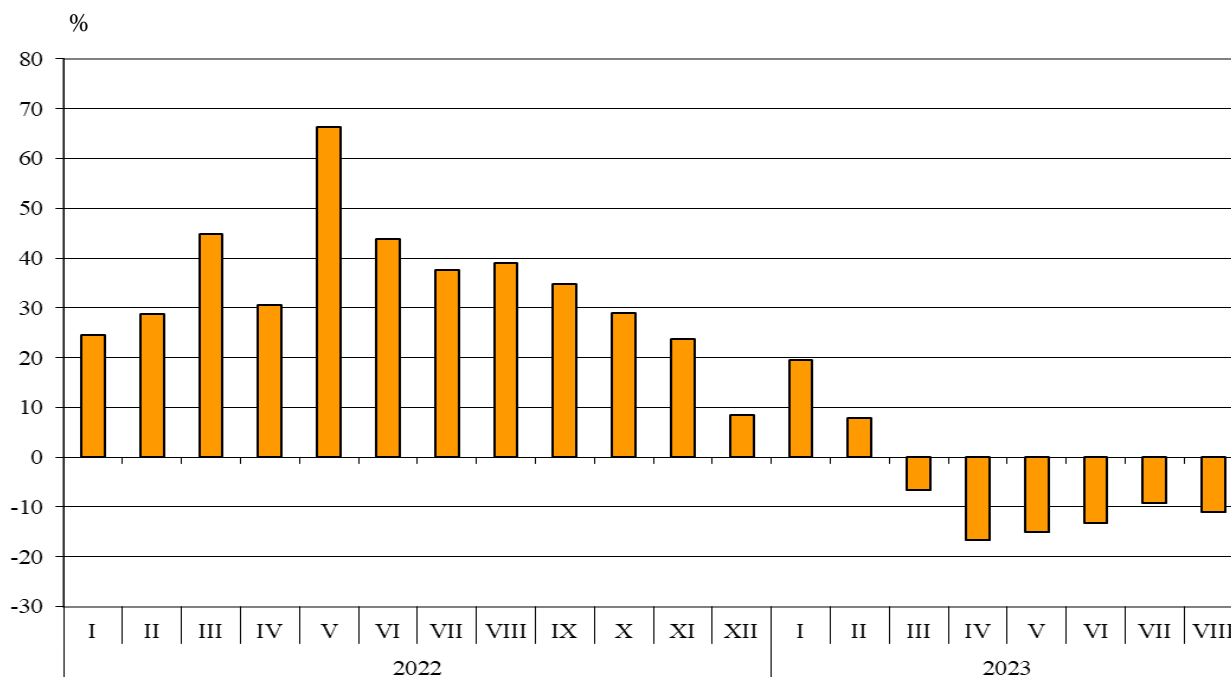


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - August 2023**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 6.6% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 37 525.0 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 **August 2023** the exports to the EU decreased by 11.1% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 370.9 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)**



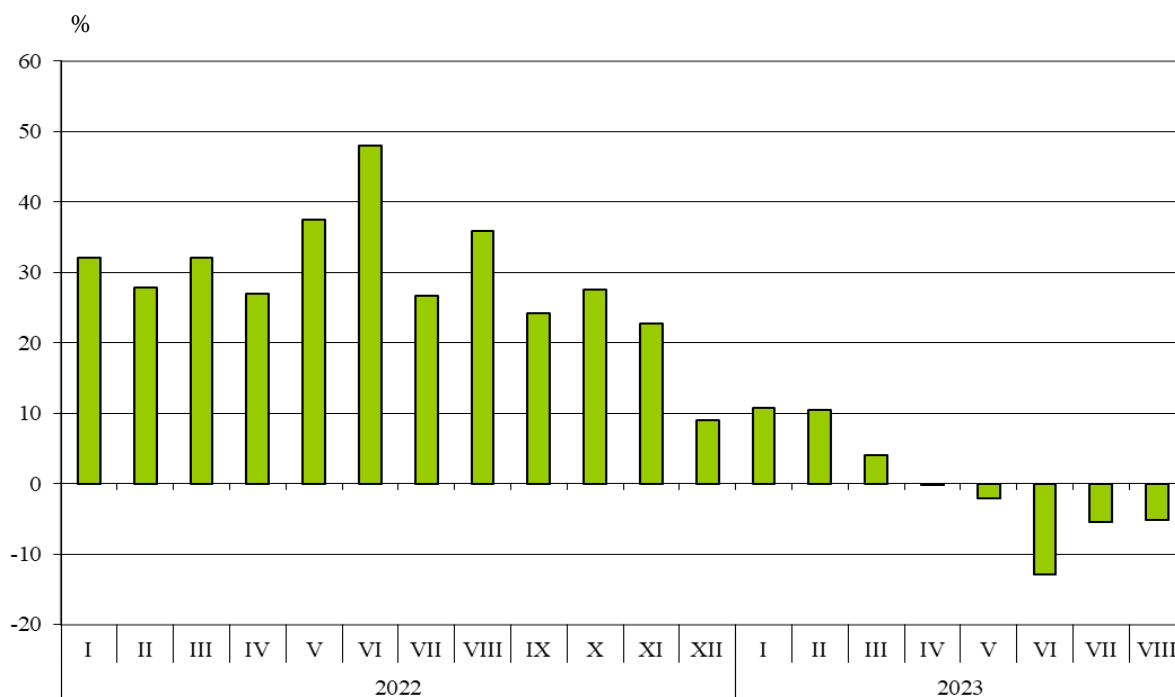
In the period **January - August 2023** in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2022 was recorded in the section 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (14.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (70.9%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - August 2023** dropped by 0.6% compared to the same period of 2022 and is worth to 38 489.2 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 **August 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 5.2% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 480.6 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 - August 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' (16.6%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (66.3%).

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - August 2023** was negative and added up to 964.2 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 - August 2022 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	6244.6	4124.4	2120.2	7643.0	4132.2	3510.8	-1398.4	-7.8	-1390.6
II.2022	6673.8	4272.2	2401.6	7694.6	4390.7	3303.9	-1020.8	-118.5	-902.3
III.2022	8035.5	5425.9	2609.6	8966.6	5278.8	3687.8	-931.1	147.1	-1078.2
I - III.2022	20953.9	13822.5	7131.4	24304.2	13801.7	10502.5	-3350.3	20.8	-3371.1
IV.2022	7590.2	5141.0	2449.2	8445.5	4571.6	3873.9	-855.3	569.4	-1424.7
V.2022	8322.2	5584.1	2738.1	9020.1	5071.1	3949.0	-697.9	513.0	-1210.9
VI.2022	8659.8	5453.8	3206.0	10219.3	5554.4	4664.9	-1559.5	-100.6	-1458.9
IV - VI.2022	24572.2	16178.9	8393.3	27684.9	15197.1	12487.8	-3112.7	981.8	-4094.5
I - VI.2022	45526.1	30001.4	15524.7	51989.1	28998.8	22990.3	-6463.0	1002.6	-7465.6
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
VIII.2022	7809.0	4915.0	2894.0	8535.3	4724.1	3811.2	-726.3	190.9	-917.2
I - VII.2022	61522.1	40183.1	21339.0	70038.0	38724.3	31313.7	-8515.9	1458.8	-9974.7
I.2023	7356.3	4932.0	2424.3	8137.3	4578.7	3558.6	-781.0	353.3	-1134.3
II.2023	7100.5	4609.8	2490.7	8070.1	4847.5	3222.6	-969.6	-237.7	-731.9
III.2023	7945.3	5067.1	2878.2	8599.4	5488.2	3111.2	-654.1	-421.1	-233.0
I - III.2023	22402.1	14608.9	7793.2	24806.8	14914.4	9892.4	-2404.7	-305.5	-2099.2
IV.2023	6739.1	4286.6	2452.5	7369.8	4568.6	2801.2	-630.7	-282.0	-348.7
V.2023	7316.6	4741.9	2574.7	8137.3	4963.8	3173.5	-820.7	-221.9	-598.8
VI.2023	7207.8	4729.6	2478.2	7851.5	4834.4	3017.1	-643.7	-104.8	-538.9
IV - VI.2023	21263.5	13758.1	7505.4	23358.6	14366.8	8991.8	-2095.1	-608.7	-1486.4
I - VI.2023	43665.6	28367.0	15298.6	48165.4	29281.2	18884.2	-4499.8	-914.2	-3585.6
VII.2023	7081.3	4787.1	2294.2	7855.0	4727.4	3127.6	-773.7	59.7	-833.4
VIII.2023	6094.7	4370.9	1723.8	7856.7	4480.6	3376.1	-1762.0	-109.7	-1652.3
I - VII.2023	56841.6	37525.0	19316.6	63877.1	38489.2	25387.9	-7035.5	-964.2	-6071.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 9, 2023.

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 - August 2023¹ 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	17.8	19.6	14.3	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.7	4.9	10.4	-2.5
III	-1.1	-6.6	10.3	-4.1	4.0	-15.6
I - III	6.9	5.7	9.3	2.1	8.1	-5.8
IV	-11.2	-16.6	0.1	-12.7	-0.1	-27.7
V	-12.1	-15.1	-6.0	-9.8	-2.1	-19.6
VI	-16.8	-13.3	-22.7	-23.2	-13.0	-35.3
IV - VI	-13.5	-15.0	-10.6	-15.6	-5.5	-28.0
I - VI	-4.1	-5.4	-1.5	-7.4	1.0	-17.9
VII	-13.5	-9.1	-21.4	-17.4	-5.5	-30.7
VIII	-22.0	-11.1	-40.4	-8.0	-5.2	-11.4
I - VIII	-7.6	-6.6	-9.5	-8.8	-0.6	-18.9

¹ Data are preliminary as of November 9, 2023.



Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2022 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	61522.1	56841.6	-7.6	70038.0	63877.1	-8.8	-8515.9	-7035.5
EU	40183.1	37525.0	-6.6	38724.3	38489.2	-0.6	1458.8	-964.2
Austria	1160.8	1234.9	6.4	1515.3	1684.9	11.2	-354.5	-450.0
Belgium	1553.9	1681.8	8.2	1289.6	1442.3	11.8	264.3	239.5
Croatia	546.9	433.8	-20.7	159.5	167.0	4.7	387.4	266.8
Cyprus	270.3	183.9	-32.0	74.2	85.3	15.0	196.1	98.6
Czechia	1004.5	1101.4	9.6	1549.8	1734.4	11.9	-545.3	-633.0
Denmark	292.4	286.1	-2.2	283.1	456.5	61.3	9.3	-170.4
Estonia	76.2	93.2	22.3	53.9	150.1	178.5	22.3	-56.9
Finland	144.0	125.1	-13.1	130.0	169.2	30.2	14.0	-44.1
France	2101.5	1925.0	-8.4	1529.8	1719.9	12.4	571.7	205.1
Germany	8791.1	8023.3	-8.7	7390.3	8043.9	8.8	1400.8	-20.6
Greece	4089.0	3244.0	-20.7	4257.0	2913.6	-31.6	-168.0	330.4
Hungary	1099.8	747.3	-32.1	2224.0	2247.6	1.1	-1124.2	-1500.3
Ireland	133.5	176.8	32.4	292.3	260.7	-10.8	-158.8	-83.9
Italy	4754.9	4407.9	-7.3	4057.8	4355.8	7.3	697.1	52.1
Latvia	57.9	76.0	31.3	82.1	53.6	-34.7	-24.2	22.4
Lithuania	154.6	165.0	6.7	150.6	156.0	3.6	4.0	9.0
Luxembourg	13.5	20.8	54.1	66.2	52.4	-20.8	-52.7	-31.6
Malta	23.8	27.2	14.3	27.9	21.0	-24.7	-4.1	6.2
Netherlands	1575.2	1205.1	-23.5	2951.2	2708.7	-8.2	-1376.0	-1503.6
Poland	1391.8	1397.9	0.4	2254.3	2522.7	11.9	-862.5	-1124.8
Portugal	178.2	176.6	-0.9	149.6	144.4	-3.5	28.6	32.2
Romania	6202.4	5431.1	-12.4	5061.2	4118.3	-18.6	1141.2	1312.8
Slovakia	541.1	687.3	27.0	722.2	743.0	2.9	-181.1	-55.7
Slovenia	314.1	336.4	7.1	505.5	598.9	18.5	-191.4	-262.5
Spain	1831.9	1633.9	-10.8	1440.4	1192.6	-17.2	391.5	441.3
Sweden	439.0	537.3	22.4	421.5	493.2	17.0	17.5	44.1
Not specified	1440.8	2165.9	50.3	85.0	253.2	197.9	1355.8	1912.7

¹ Partner country:

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

- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of November 9, 2023.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in the period January - August 2022 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	21339.0	19316.6	-9.5	31313.7	25387.9	-18.9	-9974.7	-6071.3
CIS ³	991.8	1183.3	19.3	8755.5	4467.9	-49.0	-7763.7	-3284.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	51.4	104.0	102.3	21.6	7.8	-63.9	29.8	96.2
Russian Federation	578.2	651.1	12.6	8083.1	3875.1	-52.1	-7504.9	-3224.0
OECD ⁴	7625.1	6807.4	-10.7	8811.3	8395.1	-4.7	-1186.2	-1587.7
of which:								
Canada	133.7	175.3	31.1	137.1	136.3	-0.6	-3.4	39.0
Chile	20.9	18.0	-13.9	196.1	245.8	25.3	-175.2	-227.8
Israel	475.2	298.6	-37.2	78.0	172.2	120.8	397.2	126.4
Japan	96.7	86.3	-10.8	277.8	269.8	-2.9	-181.1	-183.5
Korea, Republic of	188.4	306.4	62.6	256.1	255.5	-0.2	-67.7	50.9
Türkiye	3769.5	3121.2	-17.2	6003.3	5316.9	-11.4	-2233.8	-2195.7
United Kingdom ⁵	984.6	826.6	-16.0	473.6	514.5	8.6	511.0	312.1
United States	1313.6	1261.8	-3.9	792.2	785.9	-0.8	521.4	475.9
EFTA ⁶	463.1	530.4	14.5	458.2	578.3	26.2	4.9	-47.9
of which:								
Norway	71.7	83.5	16.5	45.4	108.0	137.9	26.3	-24.5
Switzerland	384.1	443.1	15.4	407.9	465.3	14.1	-23.8	-22.2

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and 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 and 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 - August 2022 and 2023²**

(Continued and end)

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	170.6	167.9	-1.6	68.6	61.9	-9.8	102.0	106.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	129.8	118.3	-8.9	32.1	50.1	56.1	97.7	68.2
Brazil	169.5	49.4	-70.9	301.9	403.6	33.7	-132.4	-354.2
China	829.0	1204.2	45.3	4081.8	3686.6	-9.7	-3252.8	-2482.4
Egypt	751.6	731.1	-2.7	347.9	459.3	32.0	403.7	271.8
Georgia	337.5	253.9	-24.8	682.2	361.2	-47.1	-344.7	-107.3
India	358.1	240.5	-32.8	360.2	338.4	-6.1	-2.1	-97.9
Indonesia	146.3	225.6	54.2	189.2	409.1	116.2	-42.9	-183.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	168.2	135.0	-19.7	121.8	68.4	-43.8	46.4	66.6
Peru	20.0	27.6	38.0	306.0	226.0	-26.1	-286.0	-198.4
Republic of North Macedonia	1031.5	1089.4	5.6	578.1	625.5	8.2	453.4	463.9
Serbia	1519.9	1240.9	-18.4	1163.1	1418.4	21.9	356.8	-177.5
Singapore	32.2	38.4	19.3	70.0	57.5	-17.9	-37.8	-19.1
South Africa	343.3	165.7	-51.7	59.8	140.5	134.9	283.5	25.2
Syrian Arab Republic	5.0	3.2	-36.0	10.1	1.1	-89.1	-5.1	2.1
Taiwan	62.1	169.3	172.6	320.5	224.1	-30.1	-258.4	-54.8
Tunisia	348.8	142.8	-59.1	68.6	29.0	-57.7	280.2	113.8
Ukraine	1204.6	1213.1	0.7	2176.1	1214.7	-44.2	-971.5	-1.6
United Arab Emirates	149.0	168.5	13.1	53.3	66.3	24.4	95.7	102.2
Viet Nam	68.6	71.1	3.6	210.2	214.0	1.8	-141.6	-142.9

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of November 9, 2023.

Table 4 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - August 2022 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	61522.1	56841.6	-7.6	70038.0	63877.1	-8.8	-8515.9	-7035.5
of which EU	40183.1	37525.0	-6.6	38724.3	38489.2	-0.6	1458.8	-964.2
Food and live animals	6924.7	7207.9	4.1	4641.9	5311.2	14.4	2282.8	1896.7
of which EU	3729.1	3868.4	3.7	3513.5	3984.9	13.4	215.6	-116.5
Beverages and tobacco	414.3	463.6	11.9	960.8	1099.1	14.4	-546.5	-635.5
of which EU	258.3	288.4	11.7	747.5	849.7	13.7	-489.2	-561.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	3565.7	3381.2	-5.2	6261.9	4652.1	-25.7	-2696.2	-1270.9
of which EU	2183.3	2108.5	-3.4	1397.8	1335.9	-4.4	785.5	772.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	6990.1	4183.0	-40.2	11712.3	6668.3	-43.1	-4722.2	-2485.3
of which EU	2086.2	1169.2	-44.0	2995.9	1008.3	-66.3	-909.7	160.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2377.5	1102.3	-53.6	1003.9	605.1	-39.7	1373.6	497.2
of which EU	1734.8	504.9	-70.9	475.8	278.0	-41.6	1259.0	226.9
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	7345.8	6088.6	-17.1	10530.4	8820.9	-16.2	-3184.6	-2732.3
of which EU	4775.8	3855.4	-19.3	7549.4	6567.9	-13.0	-2773.6	-2712.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	13625.6	11525.7	-15.4	11695.5	10585.8	-9.5	1930.1	939.9
of which EU	10307.9	8746.1	-15.2	5870.5	5726.2	-2.5	4437.4	3019.9
Machinery and transport equipment	12222.3	13705.3	12.1	17953.4	20320.7	13.2	-5731.1	-6615.4
of which EU	9102.7	10098.6	10.9	12699.5	14809.1	16.6	-3596.8	-4710.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8003.2	8814.0	10.1	5210.0	5739.2	10.2	2793.2	3074.8
of which EU	5973.0	6851.0	14.7	3417.0	3869.0	13.2	2556.0	2982.0
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	52.9	370.0	599.4	67.9	74.7	10.0	-15.0	295.3
of which EU	32.0	34.5	7.8	57.4	60.2	4.9	-25.4	-25.7

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