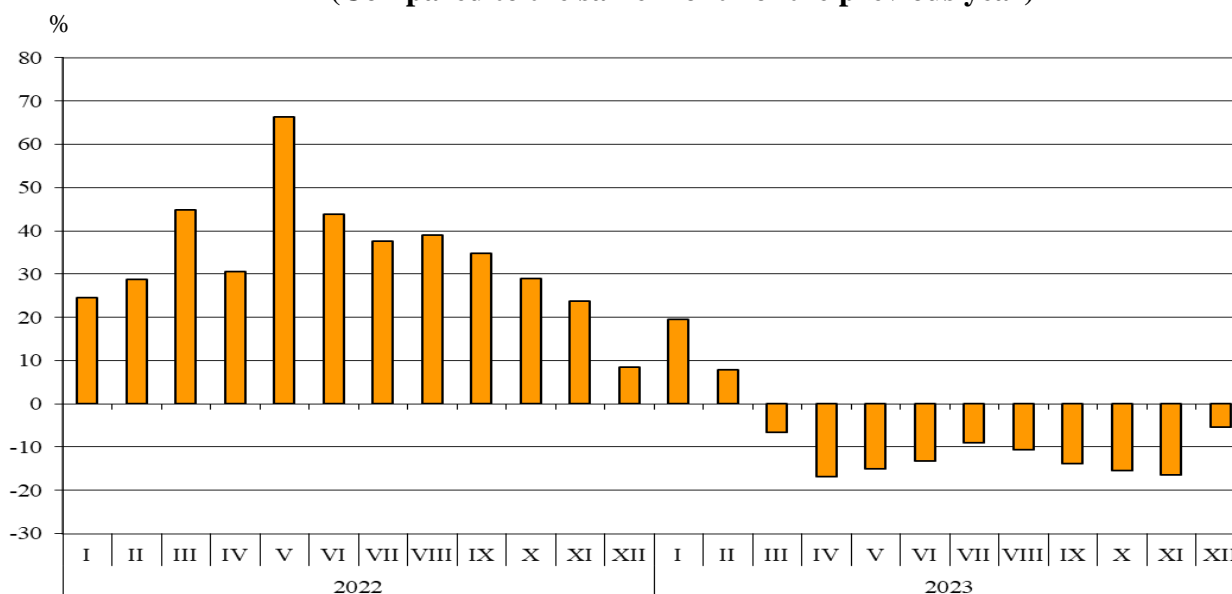


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU decreased by 9.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022 and added up to 55 142.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.0% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

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 exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (10.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (63.8%).

In **December 2023**, the exports to the EU decreased by 7.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 898.2 million BGN.

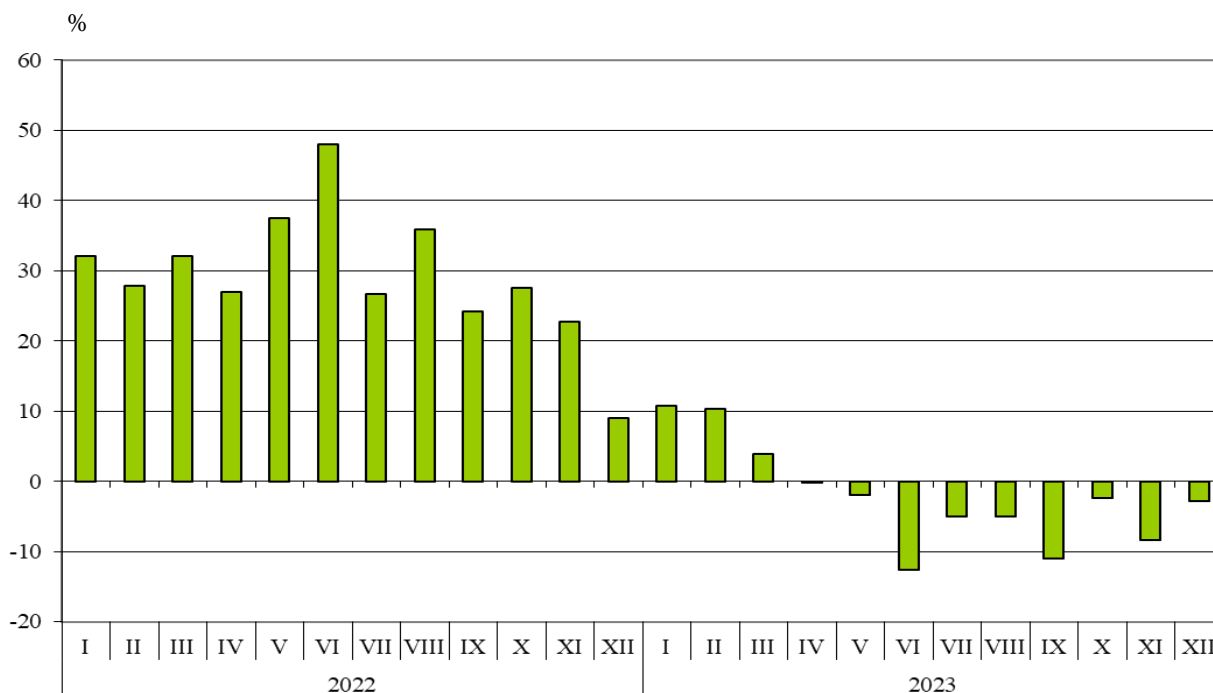
Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in **2023** decreased by 2.5% in comparison with 2022 and is worth to 58 124.8 million BGN (at CIF prices)² (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

**Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (15.7%). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (60.7%).

In **December 2023**, the imports from the EU decreased by 2.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 763.6 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in 2023 was negative and added up to 2 982.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



ANNEX

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in
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
IX.2022	7803.3	5313.9	2489.4	10043.6	5178.1	4865.5	-2240.3	135.8	-2376.1
VII - IX.2022	23799.3	15495.6	8303.7	28092.5	14903.6	13188.9	-4293.2	592.0	-4885.2
I - IX.2022	69325.4	45497.0	23828.4	80081.6	43902.4	36179.2	-10756.2	1594.6	-12350.8
X.2022	8296.5	5445.2	2851.3	9821.0	5262.9	4558.1	-1524.5	182.3	-1706.8
XI.2022	8559.4	5414.7	3144.7	9603.7	5546.6	4057.1	-1044.3	-131.9	-912.4
XII.2022	6736.5	4226.6	2509.9	8406.5	4900.5	3506.0	-1670.0	-673.9	-996.1
X - XII.2022	23592.4	15086.5	8505.9	27831.2	15710.0	12121.2	-4238.8	-623.5	-3615.3
I - XII.2022	92917.8	60583.5	32334.3	107912.8	59612.4	48300.4	-14995.0	971.1	-15966.1
I.2023	7359.5	4931.8	2427.7	8138.4	4578.7	3559.7	-778.9	353.1	-1132.0
II.2023	7103.6	4609.3	2494.3	8067.4	4845.9	3221.5	-963.8	-236.6	-727.2
III.2023	7964.9	5073.0	2891.9	8595.1	5487.7	3107.4	-630.2	-414.7	-215.5
I - III.2023	22428.0	14614.1	7813.9	24800.9	14912.3	9888.6	-2372.9	-298.2	-2074.7
IV.2023	6760.1	4278.3	2481.8	7356.3	4566.2	2790.1	-596.2	-287.9	-308.3
V.2023	7353.3	4740.6	2612.7	8145.0	4973.5	3171.5	-791.7	-232.9	-558.8
VI.2023	7308.0	4728.8	2579.2	7865.9	4852.2	3013.7	-557.9	-123.4	-434.5
IV - VI.2023	21421.4	13747.7	7673.7	23367.2	14391.9	8975.3	-1945.8	-644.2	-1301.6
I - VI.2023	43849.4	28361.8	15487.6	48168.1	29304.2	18863.9	-4318.7	-942.4	-3376.3
VII.2023	7295.6	4790.3	2505.3	7873.2	4748.1	3125.1	-577.6	42.2	-619.8
VIII.2023	6922.6	4391.7	2530.9	7854.2	4485.4	3368.8	-931.6	-93.7	-837.9
IX.2023	7411.1	4579.8	2831.3	7919.6	4606.0	3313.6	-508.5	-26.2	-482.3
VII - IX.2023	21629.3	13761.8	7867.5	23647.0	13839.5	9807.5	-2017.7	-77.7	-1940.0
I - IX.2023	65478.7	42123.6	23355.1	71815.1	43143.7	28671.4	-6336.4	-1020.1	-5316.3
X.2023	7626.0	4600.7	3025.3	8638.2	5135.9	3502.3	-1012.2	-535.2	-477.0
XI.2023	7055.5	4520.0	2535.5	8607.4	5081.6	3525.8	-1551.9	-561.6	-990.3
XII.2023	6336.7	3898.2	2438.5	7822.6	4763.6	3059.0	-1485.9	-865.4	-620.5
X - XII.2023	21018.2	13018.9	7999.3	25068.2	14981.1	10087.1	-4050.0	-1962.2	-2087.8
I - XII.2023	86496.9	55142.5	31354.4	96883.3	58124.8	38758.5	-10386.4	-2982.3	-7404.1

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.

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 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	17.9	19.6	14.5	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.9	4.8	10.4	-2.5
III	-0.9	-6.5	10.8	-4.1	4.0	-15.7
I - III	7.0	5.7	9.6	2.0	8.0	-5.8
IV	-10.9	-16.8	1.3	-12.9	-0.1	-28.0
V	-11.6	-15.1	-4.6	-9.7	-1.9	-19.7
VI	-15.6	-13.3	-19.6	-23.0	-12.6	-35.4
IV - VI	-12.8	-15.0	-8.6	-15.6	-5.3	-28.1
I - VI	-3.7	-5.5	-0.2	-7.3	1.1	-17.9
VII	-10.9	-9.0	-14.2	-17.2	-5.1	-30.7
VIII	-11.4	-10.6	-12.5	-8.0	-5.1	-11.6
IX	-5.0	-13.8	13.7	-21.1	-11.0	-31.9
VII - IX	-9.1	-11.2	-5.3	-15.8	-7.1	-25.6
I - IX	-5.5	-7.4	-2.0	-10.3	-1.7	-20.8
X	-8.1	-15.5	6.1	-12.0	-2.4	-23.2
XI	-17.6	-16.5	-19.4	-10.4	-8.4	-13.1
XII	-5.9	-7.8	-2.8	-6.9	-2.8	-12.7
X - XII	-10.9	-13.7	-6.0	-9.9	-4.6	-16.8
I - XII	-6.9	-9.0	-3.0	-10.2	-2.5	-19.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in 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	92917.8	86496.9	-6.9	107912.8	96883.3	-10.2	-14995.0	-10386.4
EU	60583.5	55142.5	-9.0	59612.4	58124.8	-2.5	971.1	-2982.3
Austria	1849.2	1790.7	-3.2	2370.4	2586.3	9.1	-521.2	-795.6
Belgium	2397.4	2724.5	13.6	2027.7	2165.6	6.8	369.7	558.9
Croatia	739.9	625.7	-15.4	240.4	258.4	7.5	499.5	367.3
Cyprus	390.3	276.4	-29.2	117.4	118.7	1.1	272.9	157.7
Czechia	1526.5	1636.1	7.2	2402.3	2733.1	13.8	-875.8	-1097.0
Denmark	439.1	397.1	-9.6	463.0	623.7	34.7	-23.9	-226.6
Estonia	131.5	133.8	1.7	89.8	187.9	109.2	41.7	-54.1
Finland	213.0	192.5	-9.6	224.8	246.1	9.5	-11.8	-53.6
France	3080.3	2838.5	-7.8	2351.1	2596.7	10.4	729.2	241.8
Germany	13083.4	11839.7	-9.5	11663.9	12031.9	3.2	1419.5	-192.2
Greece	6053.4	4786.6	-20.9	6347.9	4252.7	-33.0	-294.5	533.9
Hungary	1636.8	1103.6	-32.6	3392.1	3381.5	-0.3	-1755.3	-2277.9
Ireland	215.2	259.9	20.8	427.3	386.4	-9.6	-212.1	-126.5
Italy	6974.1	6213.8	-10.9	6443.4	6518.7	1.2	530.7	-304.9
Latvia	100.4	111.0	10.6	111.0	85.3	-23.2	-10.6	25.7
Lithuania	274.3	236.4	-13.8	238.3	251.6	5.6	36.0	-15.2
Luxembourg	21.6	29.7	37.5	87.7	68.4	-22.0	-66.1	-38.7
Malta	33.3	38.1	14.4	38.1	27.4	-28.1	-4.8	10.7
Netherlands	2450.4	1740.1	-29.0	4453.3	3966.1	-10.9	-2002.9	-2226.0
Poland	2098.0	2033.4	-3.1	3572.2	3781.9	5.9	-1474.2	-1748.5
Portugal	239.3	242.1	1.2	231.1	213.1	-7.8	8.2	29.0
Romania	9444.9	7973.2	-15.6	7384.8	6592.2	-10.7	2060.1	1381.0
Slovakia	879.1	1014.5	15.4	1104.9	1164.8	5.4	-225.8	-150.3
Slovenia	517.2	470.8	-9.0	798.5	883.2	10.6	-281.3	-412.4
Spain	2433.6	2266.8	-6.9	2192.7	1842.2	-16.0	240.9	424.6
Sweden	697.6	789.6	13.2	690.6	800.2	15.9	7.0	-10.6
Not specified	2663.7	3377.9	26.8	147.7	360.7	144.2	2516.0	3017.2

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 March 12, 2024.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹
of Bulgaria in 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	32334.3	31354.4	-3.0	48300.4	38758.5	-19.8	-15966.1	-7404.1
CIS³	1715.0	1883.1	9.8	12933.0	7269.7	-43.8	-11218.0	-5386.6
of which:								
Kazakhstan	109.9	171.3	55.9	57.5	16.2	-71.8	52.4	155.1
Russian Federation	956.3	977.3	2.2	11702.3	6345.0	-45.8	-10746.0	-5367.7
OECD⁴	11351.1	10916.4	-3.8	13983.5	12607.4	-9.8	-2632.4	-1691.0
of which:								
Canada	208.0	310.5	49.3	225.6	253.9	12.5	-17.6	56.6
Chile	41.5	28.5	-31.3	288.6	299.5	3.8	-247.1	-271.0
Israel	587.6	407.2	-30.7	116.3	227.7	95.8	471.3	179.5
Japan	149.7	172.8	15.4	458.0	383.8	-16.2	-308.3	-211.0
Korea, Republic of	258.9	436.3	68.5	388.8	362.1	-6.9	-129.9	74.2
Turkey	5553.1	4932.7	-11.2	9095.8	7957.6	-12.5	-3542.7	-3024.9
United Kingdom ⁵	1452.0	1368.8	-5.7	862.6	784.9	-9.0	589.4	583.9
United States	2068.1	2118.3	2.4	1586.3	1025.9	-35.3	481.8	1092.4
EFTA⁶	733.5	793.8	8.2	700.0	1039.3	48.5	33.5	-245.5
of which:								
Norway	112.7	129.0	14.5	70.9	327.6	362.1	41.8	-198.6
Switzerland	608.5	658.3	8.2	623.0	706.2	13.4	-14.5	-47.9

¹ Partner country:

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

² Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.

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; Colombia, 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 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	256.2	259.2	1.2	108.6	93.5	-13.9	147.6	165.7
Algeria	1020.4	1071.2	5.0	136.0	131.2	-3.5	884.4	940.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	192.2	186.3	-3.1	53.0	71.4	34.7	139.2	114.9
Brazil	190.7	82.7	-56.6	599.3	772.9	29.0	-408.6	-690.2
China	1539.0	1996.0	29.7	6251.4	5209.0	-16.7	-4712.4	-3213.0
Egypt	1266.8	1480.4	16.9	482.9	688.6	42.6	783.9	791.8
Georgia	489.4	563.7	15.2	1018.5	585.5	-42.5	-529.1	-21.8
India	741.9	389.1	-47.6	477.7	462.6	-3.2	264.2	-73.5
Indonesia	171.3	531.3	210.2	535.7	726.7	35.7	-364.4	-195.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	249.6	234.1	-6.2	167.0	110.2	-34.0	82.6	123.9
Peru	33.1	43.1	30.2	404.4	402.0	-0.6	-371.3	-358.9
Republic of North Macedonia	1522.0	1679.5	10.3	876.8	1034.3	18.0	645.2	645.2
Serbia	2286.6	1891.9	-17.3	1861.0	2114.0	13.6	425.6	-222.1
Singapore	49.5	266.2	437.8	111.6	71.5	-35.9	-62.1	194.7
South Africa	472.5	267.2	-43.4	230.1	190.0	-17.4	242.4	77.2
Taiwan	115.5	287.8	149.2	486.1	308.1	-36.6	-370.6	-20.3
Tunisia	440.2	220.7	-49.9	78.8	68.7	-12.8	361.4	152.0
Ukraine	2252.6	1667.3	-26.0	3411.8	1906.0	-44.1	-1159.2	-238.7
United Arab Emirates	274.5	339.8	23.8	95.7	97.5	1.9	178.8	242.3
Viet Nam	100.4	106.0	5.6	335.0	288.8	-13.8	-234.6	-182.8

¹ Partner country:

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

² Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 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	92917.8	86496.9	-6.9	107912.8	96883.3	-10.2	-14995.0	-10386.4
of which: EU	60583.5	55142.5	-9.0	59612.4	58124.8	-2.5	971.1	-2982.3
Food and live animals	10064.7	11183.8	11.1	7526.5	8362.4	11.1	2538.2	2821.4
of which: EU	5605.4	5700.3	1.7	5647.3	6298.1	11.5	-41.9	-597.8
Beverages and tobacco	636.2	749.3	17.8	1468.1	1689.5	15.1	-831.9	-940.2
of which: EU	389.0	430.6	10.7	1153.8	1335.4	15.7	-764.8	-904.8
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	5281.9	5230.5	-1.0	9612.0	7387.8	-23.1	-4330.1	-2157.3
of which: EU	3266.6	3174.5	-2.8	2202.4	2094.4	-4.9	1064.2	1080.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	10658.8	6850.0	-35.7	18077.0	10803.6	-40.2	-7418.2	-3953.6
of which: EU	3437.9	1764.2	-48.7	4134.0	1626.0	-60.7	-696.1	138.2
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3369.1	1665.8	-50.6	1636.0	902.2	-44.9	1733.1	763.6
of which: EU	2139.8	774.8	-63.8	653.0	415.2	-36.4	1486.8	359.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	10995.4	9087.1	-17.4	15269.0	13028.8	-14.7	-4273.6	-3941.7
of which: EU	7145.9	5557.6	-22.2	11036.3	9729.3	-11.8	-3890.4	-4171.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	20014.9	17434.3	-12.9	17258.1	15417.7	-10.7	2756.8	2016.6
of which: EU	14869.2	12794.8	-14.0	8856.6	8256.5	-6.8	6012.6	4538.3
Machinery and transport equipment	19095.4	20453.2	7.1	28570.5	30264.5	5.9	-9475.1	-9811.3
of which: EU	14081.6	14616.4	3.8	20216.0	22303.1	10.3	-6134.4	-7686.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12673.4	13381.4	5.6	8394.2	8916.6	6.2	4279.2	4464.8
of which: EU	9605.2	10274.9	7.0	5628.1	5978.7	6.2	3977.1	4296.2
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	128.0	461.5	260.5	101.4	110.1	8.6	26.6	351.4
of which: EU	42.9	54.4	26.8	84.9	88.1	3.8	-42.0	-33.7

¹Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.