



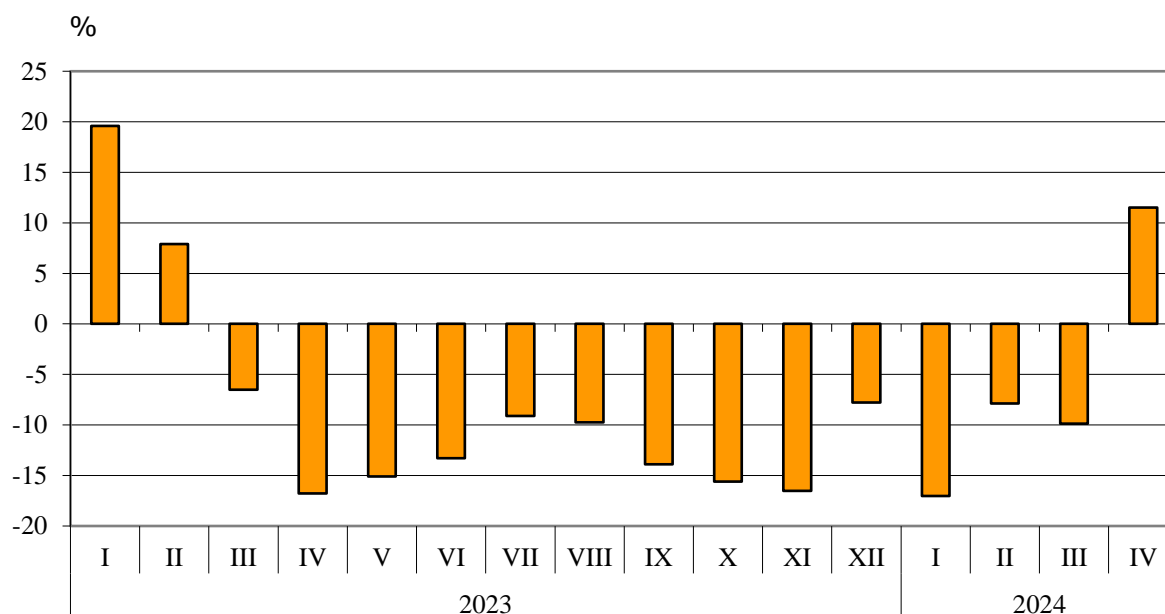
**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
THE PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 2024**

(PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period **January - April 2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 6.4% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 17 680.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 62.0% 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 2023 - 2024**

(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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (30.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (32.2%).

In **April 2024**, the exports to the EU grew by 11.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 770.5 million BGN.

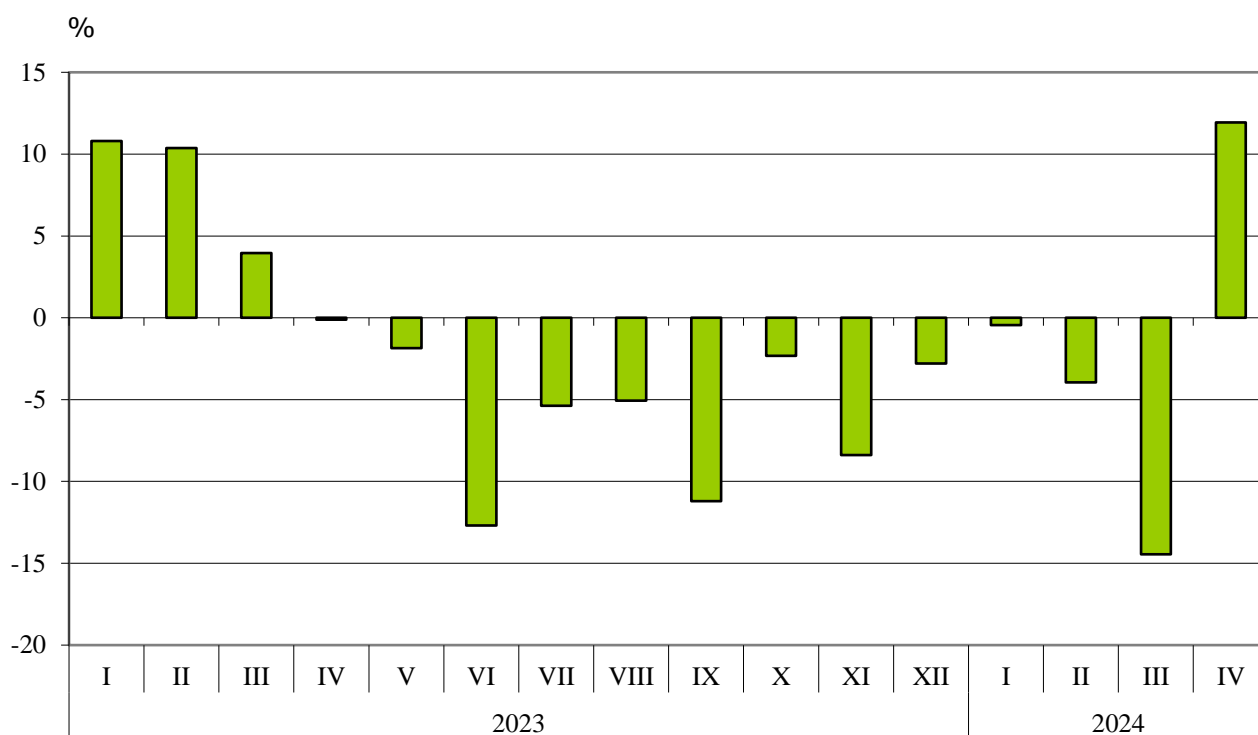
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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - April 2024** decreased by 2.4% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 19 019.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and the Netherlands (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU
in the period 2023 - 2024**

(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 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (82.5%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (15.0%).

In **April 2024**, the imports from the EU grew by 11.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 5 111.1 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - April 2024** was negative and added up to 1 339.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

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ANNEX

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - April 2023¹ and 2024¹ by months**

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	общо	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
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
I - IV.2023	29188.1	18892.4	10295.7	32157.2	19478.5	12678.7	-2969.1	-586.1	-2383.0
I.2024	6327.2	4091.2	2236.0	7465.4	4558.6	2906.8	-1138.2	-467.4	-670.8
II.2024	6637.3	4245.7	2391.6	7628.7	4654.4	2974.3	-991.4	-408.7	-582.7
III.2024	7208.9	4572.7	2636.2	8149.5	4695.0	3454.5	-940.6	-122.3	-818.3
I - III.2024	20173.4	12909.6	7263.8	23243.6	13908.0	9335.6	-3070.2	-998.4	-2071.8
IV.2024	7302.6	4770.5	2532.1	8573.6	5111.1	3462.5	-1271.0	-340.6	-930.4
I - IV.2024	27476.0	17680.1	9795.9	31817.2	19019.1	12798.1	-4341.2	-1339.0	-3002.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of July 10, 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 the period
January - April 2024¹ 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	-14.0	-17.0	-7.9	-8.3	-0.4	-18.3
II	-6.6	-7.9	-4.1	-5.4	-4.0	-7.7
III	-9.5	-9.9	-8.8	-5.2	-14.4	11.2
I - III	-10.1	-11.7	-7.0	-6.3	-6.7	-5.6
IV	8.0	11.5	2.0	16.5	11.9	24.1
I - IV	-5.9	-6.4	-4.9	-1.1	-2.4	0.9

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Countries and groups of countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	29188.1	27476.0	-5.9	32157.2	31817.2	-1.1	-2969.1	-4341.2
EU	18892.4	17680.1	-6.4	19478.5	19019.1	-2.4	-586.1	-1339.0
Austria	650.5	452.8	-30.4	864.0	794.5	-8.0	-213.5	-341.7
Belgium	806.8	663.1	-17.8	773.3	641.6	-17.0	33.5	21.5
Croatia	243.3	409.4	68.3	83.9	103.1	22.9	159.4	306.3
Cyprus	102.4	80.4	-21.5	44.8	25.7	-42.6	57.6	54.7
Czechia	569.0	550.0	-3.3	910.8	880.5	-3.3	-341.8	-330.5
Denmark	139.6	128.6	-7.9	286.3	165.6	-42.2	-146.7	-37.0
Estonia	54.8	31.5	-42.5	91.5	117.8	28.7	-36.7	-86.3
Finland	66.0	56.3	-14.7	87.0	76.0	-12.6	-21.0	-19.7
France	989.0	944.8	-4.5	888.7	836.3	-5.9	100.3	108.5
Germany	4109.1	4248.0	3.4	4015.6	3707.1	-7.7	93.5	540.9
Greece	1591.0	1424.9	-10.4	1508.7	1538.7	2.0	82.3	-113.8
Hungary	411.6	388.4	-5.6	1091.7	1121.1	2.7	-680.1	-732.7
Ireland	87.0	87.4	0.5	129.7	119.7	-7.7	-42.7	-32.3
Italy	2347.2	2029.8	-13.5	2170.6	1966.3	-9.4	176.6	63.5
Latvia	38.6	31.5	-18.4	24.3	32.6	34.2	14.3	-1.1
Lithuania	86.7	70.5	-18.7	77.6	82.6	6.4	9.1	-12.1
Luxembourg	7.2	10.4	44.4	27.9	24.6	-11.8	-20.7	-14.2
Malta	14.4	12.3	-14.6	9.9	9.2	-7.1	4.5	3.1
Netherlands	583.0	528.0	-9.4	1360.8	1259.6	-7.4	-777.8	-731.6
Poland	744.2	737.3	-0.9	1316.0	1167.8	-11.3	-571.8	-430.5
Portugal	67.0	80.2	19.7	62.0	73.6	18.7	5.0	6.6
Romania	2659.7	2315.7	-12.9	2094.4	2456.4	17.3	565.3	-140.7
Slovakia	351.7	293.1	-16.7	373.3	421.0	12.8	-21.6	-127.9
Slovenia	200.0	154.5	-22.8	302.1	311.5	3.1	-102.1	-157.0
Spain	734.6	534.2	-27.3	559.0	570.4	2.0	175.6	-36.2
Sweden	273.7	268.9	-1.8	255.1	221.9	-13.0	18.6	47.0
Not specified	964.3	1148.1	19.1	69.5	293.9	322.9	894.8	854.2

¹ Partner country:

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(Continued)

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	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Non-EU countries	10295.7	9795.9	-4.9	12678.7	12798.1	0.9	-2383.0	-3002.2
CIS³	604.1	577.8	-4.4	2195.1	1073.7	-51.1	-1591.0	-495.9
of which:								
Kazakhstan	60.0	54.4	-9.3	6.7	2.2	-67.2	53.3	52.2
Russian Federation	316.6	231.0	-27.0	1880.0	787.1	-58.1	-1563.4	-556.1
OECD⁴	3745.5	3690.8	-1.5	4286.1	4668.1	8.9	-540.6	-977.3
of which:								
Canada	58.7	103.2	75.8	33.6	120.8	259.5	25.1	-17.6
Chile	8.7	16.8	93.1	119.2	180.0	51.0	-110.5	-163.2
Israel	176.0	76.8	-56.4	111.6	36.3	-67.5	64.4	40.5
Japan	41.4	46.5	12.3	145.9	114.5	-21.5	-104.5	-68.0
Korea, Republic of	68.0	196.2	188.5	126.5	108.9	-13.9	-58.5	87.3
Türkiye	1790.7	1724.1	-3.7	2706.3	2936.6	8.5	-915.6	-1212.5
United Kingdom ⁵	449.1	482.2	7.4	266.6	287.4	7.8	182.5	194.8
United States	754.0	662.3	-12.2	464.5	312.3	-32.8	289.5	350.0

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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; Colombia; 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.

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	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
EFTA³	286.1	270.7	-5.4	241.4	513.1	112.6	44.7	-242.4
of which:								
Norway	39.3	47.3	20.4	18.7	227.9	1118.7	20.6	-180.6
Switzerland	244.8	221.5	-9.5	220.5	283.6	28.6	24.3	-62.1

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	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	87.0	280.2	222.1	33.7	32.1	-4.7	53.3	248.1
Algeria	591.3	203.5	-65.6	75.3	28.3	-62.4	516.0	175.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.0	60.9	3.2	27.4	46.0	67.9	31.6	14.9
Brazil	23.1	21.5	-6.9	260.0	224.6	-13.6	-236.9	-203.1
China	710.9	569.3	-19.9	1672.9	1556.6	-7.0	-962.0	-987.3
Egypt	357.8	419.7	17.3	162.0	895.3	452.7	195.8	-475.6
Georgia	117.2	234.9	100.4	268.1	65.8	-75.5	-150.9	169.1
India	160.2	95.2	-40.6	182.8	145.4	-20.5	-22.6	-50.2
Indonesia	30.5	49.6	62.6	197.7	250.6	26.8	-167.2	-201.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	64.6	103.2	59.8	36.0	37.7	4.7	28.6	65.5
Peru	21.3	5.3	-75.1	212.8	201.3	-5.4	-191.5	-196.0
Republic of North Macedonia	561.7	546.3	-2.7	301.7	351.4	16.5	260.0	194.9
Serbia	698.0	631.9	-9.5	737.0	721.4	-2.1	-39.0	-89.5
Singapore	18.1	25.7	42.0	26.6	16.1	-39.5	-8.5	9.6
South Africa	83.3	55.8	-33.0	90.6	23.5	-74.1	-7.3	32.3
Taiwan	76.7	24.1	-68.6	116.4	89.3	-23.3	-39.7	-65.2
Tunisia	91.8	88.3	-3.8	17.1	65.2	281.3	74.7	23.1
Ukraine	676.0	335.4	-50.4	587.0	789.0	34.4	89.0	-453.6
United Arab Emirates	77.3	98.5	27.4	29.4	30.1	2.4	47.9	68.4
Viet Nam	24.2	28.2	16.5	79.6	109.6	37.7	-55.4	-81.4

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in the period January - April 2023¹ and 2024¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Total	29188.1	27476.0	-5.9	32157.2	31817.2	-1.1	-2969.1	-4341.2
of which: EU	18892.4	17680.1	-6.4	19478.5	19019.1	-2.4	-586.1	-1339.0
Food and live animals	3542.7	2777.8	-21.6	2685.6	2836.3	5.6	857.1	-58.5
of which: EU	1810.2	1486.8	-17.9	1989.9	2112.8	6.2	-179.7	-626.0
Beverages and tobacco	239.8	227.2	-5.3	511.3	601.4	17.6	-271.5	-374.2
of which: EU	146.1	149.6	2.4	390.3	481.0	23.2	-244.2	-331.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1795.2	1648.3	-8.2	2786.2	2654.6	-4.7	-991.0	-1006.3
of which: EU	1122.1	883.6	-21.3	755.3	751.3	-0.5	366.8	132.3
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	2254.7	2558.5	13.5	3348.4	3899.4	16.5	-1093.7	-1340.9
of which: EU	563.2	736.3	30.7	558.0	1018.3	82.5	5.2	-282.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	561.0	445.1	-20.7	267.8	349.6	30.5	293.2	95.5
of which: EU	284.9	193.3	-32.2	120.7	136.9	13.4	164.2	56.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3189.6	3004.1	-5.8	4529.8	4312.5	-4.8	-1340.2	-1308.4
of which: EU	1989.5	1676.3	-15.7	3423.3	3167.9	-7.5	-1433.8	-1491.6

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	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2023	2024
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	6104.2	6117.2	0.2	5306.7	4806.5	-9.4	797.5	1310.7
of which: EU	4519.5	4585.4	1.5	2940.7	2499.0	-15.0	1578.8	2086.4
Machinery and transport equipment	6878.6	6432.9	-6.5	9914.4	9374.0	-5.5	-3035.8	-2941.1
of which: EU	5061.1	4607.6	-9.0	7372.0	6875.5	-6.7	-2310.9	-2267.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4417.9	4226.2	-4.3	2768.4	2831.4	2.3	1649.5	1394.8
of which: EU	3379.4	3346.6	-1.0	1894.6	1876.2	-1.0	1484.8	1470.4
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	204.4	38.7	-81.1	38.6	151.5	292.5	165.8	-112.8
of which: EU	16.4	14.6	-11.0	33.7	100.2	197.3	-17.3	-85.6

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Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics (including intra-EU trade in goods).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and rules pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704 of 14 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council by further specifying the details of the statistical information to be provided by tax and customs authorities, and amending Annexes V and VI thereof (text relevant to the EEA).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1225 of 27 July 2021 laying down the rules for data exchange pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 regarding the member country of extra-EU export and the obligations of reporting units.

Law on Statistics of Intra-EU Trade in Goods effective from 1 July 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 August 2022.

Scope and Basic Terminology

External trade in goods covers trade with third countries (Extrastat) and with EU member states (Intrastat), with detailed statistical information collected at the commodity code level (8 digits) of the Combined Nomenclature.

Imports include all goods entering the statistical territory* of the Republic of Bulgaria from other countries intended for domestic consumption, processing in the country for export after processing, as well as imports of goods processed outside the country.

Exports include all goods leaving the statistical territory of the Republic of Bulgaria intended for normal export to another country. This includes goods returned to the trading partner after processing in Bulgaria or goods exported for processing in another country with the intention of being returned to Bulgaria.

The **statistical territory of the European Union (EU)**, in the context of international trade in goods statistics, corresponds to the combined customs territories of the EU member states with one exception: unlike the customs territory, the statistical territory of Germany includes Helgoland.

Statistical volumes of imports and exports do not include imported goods placed under customs warehousing without processing, nor do exports include the re-export of these goods.

International trade statistics do not account for the transit of goods through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Main Sources of Information

Customs declaration - Single Administrative Document (SAD), which is filled out by all entities importing or exporting goods to/from third countries.

Intrastat declaration for intra-EU imports and exports to/from EU member states.

The **Customs Agency** is the institution responsible for collecting customs declarations (SAD), and the **National Revenue Agency** is responsible for Intrastat declarations.

Trade estimates are made to compensate for the impact of thresholds below which traders are exempt from submitting Intrastat declarations, as well as for those who have not responded.