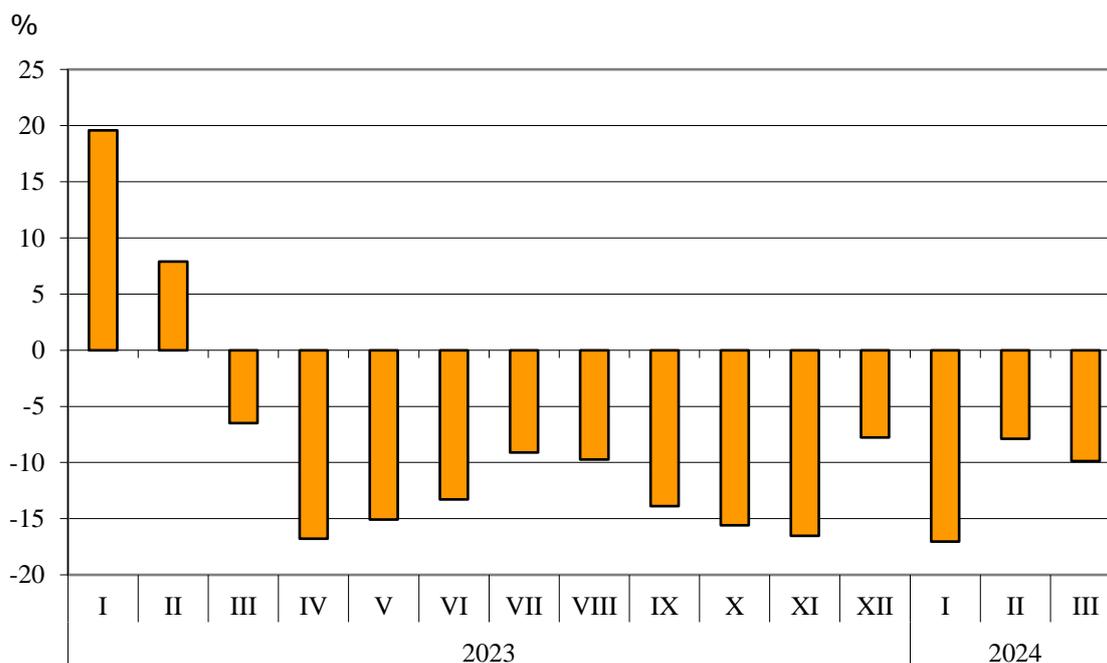




**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period **January - March 2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria **to the EU** decreased by 11.7% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 12 909.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.5% 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' (12.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (45.8%).

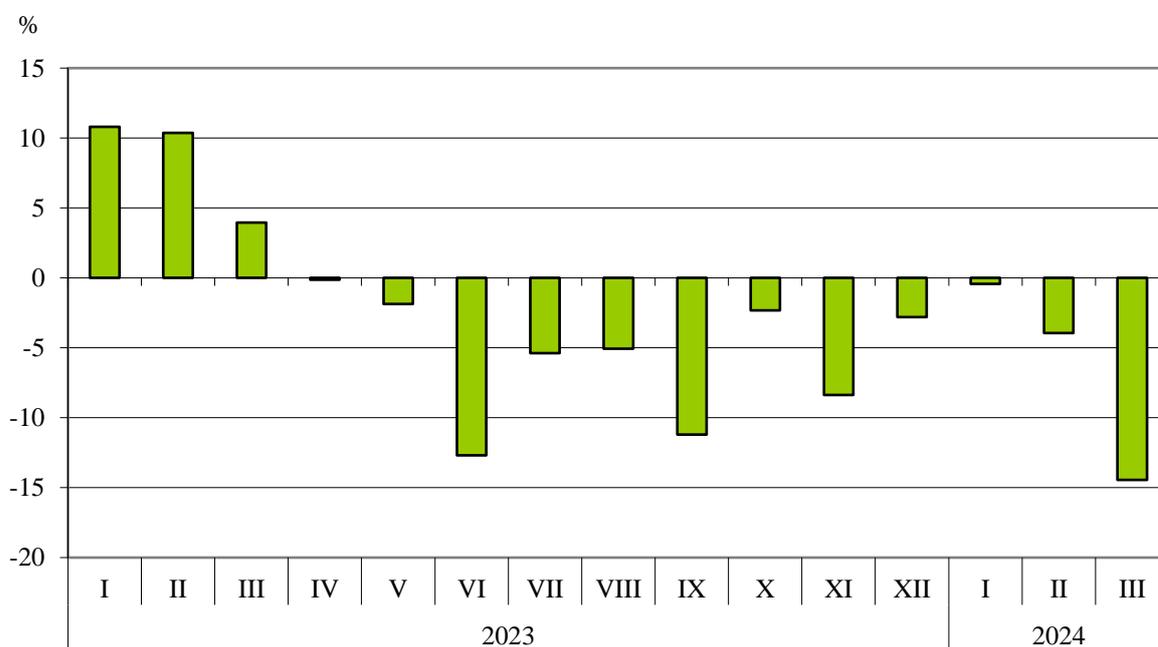
In **March 2024**, the exports to the EU decreased by 9.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 4 572.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
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Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in the period **January - March 2024** decreased by 6.7% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 13 908.0 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' (78.7%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (19.4%).

In **March 2024**, the imports from the EU decreased by 14.4% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 695.0 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in the period **January - March 2024** was negative and added up to 998.4 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.

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ANNEX

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - March 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
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

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2024.

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(<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 - March 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

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**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN
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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 - March 2023² and 2024²**

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	22428.0	20173.4	-10.1	24800.9	23243.6	-6.3	-2372.9	-3070.2
EU	14614.1	12909.6	-11.7	14912.3	13908.0	-6.7	-298.2	-998.4
Austria	500.1	336.3	-32.8	648.8	594.3	-8.4	-148.7	-258.0
Belgium	697.3	581.8	-16.6	624.2	477.9	-23.4	73.1	103.9
Croatia	200.0	292.3	46.2	66.4	75.6	13.9	133.6	216.7
Cyprus	67.0	56.1	-16.3	39.0	17.4	-55.4	28.0	38.7
Czechia	441.5	406.6	-7.9	693.0	649.8	-6.2	-251.5	-243.2
Denmark	106.0	92.3	-12.9	124.8	128.3	2.8	-18.8	-36.0
Estonia	41.2	26.3	-36.2	83.3	74.5	-10.6	-42.1	-48.2
Finland	51.9	40.7	-21.6	65.3	55.4	-15.2	-13.4	-14.7
France	782.0	686.9	-12.2	696.6	639.5	-8.2	85.4	47.4
Germany	3172.5	3003.4	-5.3	3094.2	2755.1	-11.0	78.3	248.3
Greece	1230.4	1043.1	-15.2	1157.5	1146.3	-1.0	72.9	-103.2
Hungary	320.8	291.3	-9.2	848.7	852.1	0.4	-527.9	-560.8
Ireland	68.6	54.4	-20.7	98.5	85.8	-12.9	-29.9	-31.4
Italy	1740.7	1553.0	-10.8	1651.4	1441.2	-12.7	89.3	111.8
Latvia	30.9	21.6	-30.1	18.8	24.0	27.7	12.1	-2.4
Lithuania	67.3	53.9	-19.9	59.0	49.9	-15.4	8.3	4.0
Luxembourg	5.3	8.5	60.4	23.2	19.6	-15.5	-17.9	-11.1
Malta	12.1	8.8	-27.3	7.9	7.7	-2.5	4.2	1.1
Netherlands	417.1	421.1	1.0	1035.0	913.5	-11.7	-617.9	-492.4
Poland	569.7	555.8	-2.4	1011.8	850.0	-16.0	-442.1	-294.2
Portugal	50.7	49.9	-1.6	48.8	57.9	18.6	1.9	-8.0
Romania	2060.6	1650.8	-19.9	1603.9	1721.3	7.3	456.7	-70.5
Slovakia	271.4	212.2	-21.8	283.3	308.6	8.9	-11.9	-96.4
Slovenia	167.0	112.3	-32.8	226.0	226.1	0.0	-59.0	-113.8
Spain	614.5	371.7	-39.5	446.5	421.5	-5.6	168.0	-49.8
Sweden	208.5	197.2	-5.4	201.9	157.4	-22.0	6.6	39.8
Not specified	719.0	781.3	8.7	54.5	157.3	188.6	664.5	624.0

¹ Partner country:

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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 - March 2023² and 2024²**

(Continued)

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	
Non EU countries	7813.9	7263.8	-7.0	9888.6	9335.6	-5.6	-2074.7	-2071.8
CIS³	471.2	408.8	-13.2	1762.8	955.2	-45.8	-1291.6	-546.4
of which:								
Kazakhstan	46.0	43.0	-6.5	6.3	1.0	-84.1	39.7	42.0
Russian Federation	243.9	162.7	-33.3	1523.4	743.7	-51.2	-1279.5	-581.0
OECD⁴	2909.4	2869.8	-1.4	3266.4	3344.0	2.4	-357.0	-474.2
of which:								
Canada	43.1	85.6	98.6	29.9	114.6	283.3	13.2	-29.0
Chile	6.7	15.3	128.4	117.9	179.4	52.2	-111.2	-164.1
Israel	159.3	63.1	-60.4	40.2	28.4	-29.4	119.1	34.7
Japan	31.6	33.7	6.6	119.8	92.6	-22.7	-88.2	-58.9
Republic of Korea	49.5	180.1	263.8	101.6	74.5	-26.7	-52.1	105.6
Türkiye	1383.4	1308.8	-5.4	2006.1	2154.3	7.4	-622.7	-845.5
United Kingdom ⁵	347.0	371.2	7.0	201.7	174.1	-13.7	145.3	197.1
United States	577.9	525.8	-9.0	398.1	235.3	-40.9	179.8	290.5

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³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Republic of Moldova; 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; Republic of Korea; 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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Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner
countries¹ of Bulgaria in the period January - March 2023² and 2024²**

(Continued)

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	
EFTA³	225.4	202.1	-10.3	191.9	244.7	27.5	33.5	-42.6
of which:								
Norway	27.9	37.7	35.1	15.0	33.2	121.3	12.9	4.5
Switzerland	195.9	163.2	-16.7	175.1	210.3	20.1	20.8	-47.1

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³ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

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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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	67.3	217.0	222.4	27.7	24.1	-13.0	39.6	192.9
Algeria	426.6	143.4	-66.4	73.1	28.2	-61.4	353.5	115.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	45.4	45.8	0.9	21.7	27.8	28.1	23.7	18.0
Brazil	18.8	16.9	-10.1	256.4	67.0	-73.9	-237.6	-50.1
China	517.0	404.2	-21.8	1331.4	1078.2	-19.0	-814.4	-674.0
Egypt	295.1	289.8	-1.8	104.4	643.5	516.4	190.7	-353.7
Georgia	83.6	134.4	60.8	167.6	54.1	-67.7	-84.0	80.3
India	140.1	61.7	-56.0	133.1	104.9	-21.2	7.0	-43.2
Indonesia	9.8	45.8	367.3	193.2	245.8	27.2	-183.4	-200.0
Iran, Islamic Republic of	51.4	80.1	55.8	26.8	23.9	-10.8	24.6	56.2
Peru	17.5	4.1	-76.6	212.2	200.8	-5.4	-194.7	-196.7
Republic of North Macedonia	434.1	410.9	-5.3	235.9	254.1	7.7	198.2	156.8
Serbia	513.9	404.1	-21.4	566.1	544.1	-3.9	-52.2	-140.0
Singapore	14.4	21.1	46.5	20.6	10.9	-47.1	-6.2	10.2
South Africa	32.2	49.5	53.7	48.4	19.3	-60.1	-16.2	30.2
Taiwan	45.6	17.4	-61.8	93.6	64.9	-30.7	-48.0	-47.5
Tunisia	61.7	67.8	9.9	14.9	63.0	322.8	46.8	4.8
Ukraine	520.9	259.8	-50.1	476.1	581.4	22.1	44.8	-321.6
United Arab Emirates	61.1	71.6	17.2	21.2	18.4	-13.2	39.9	53.2
Vietnam	17.4	19.6	12.6	59.3	74.7	26.0	-41.9	-55.1

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in the period January - March 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	22428.0	20173.4	-10.1	24800.9	23243.6	-6.3	-2372.9	-3070.2
of which: EU	14614.1	12909.6	-11.7	14912.3	13908.0	-6.7	-298.2	-998.4
Food and live animals	2653.5	1992.5	-24.9	2070.1	2082.5	0.6	583.4	-90.0
of which: EU	1425.4	1040.3	-27.0	1543.0	1574.5	2.0	-117.6	-534.2
Beverages and tobacco	184.8	170.1	-8.0	394.6	414.6	5.1	-209.8	-244.5
of which: EU	111.7	115.7	3.6	304.4	340.8	12.0	-192.7	-225.1
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1351.4	1181.1	-12.6	2281.1	1923.7	-15.7	-929.7	-742.6
of which: EU	825.3	650.1	-21.2	592.0	562.5	-5.0	233.3	87.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	1822.5	1804.4	-1.0	2572.3	2911.5	13.2	-749.8	-1107.1
of which: EU	469.6	528.7	12.6	407.2	727.7	78.7	62.4	-199.0
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	425.9	358.3	-15.9	226.5	272.9	20.5	199.4	85.4
of which: EU	232.3	125.8	-45.8	89.8	93.1	3.7	142.5	32.7
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2483.4	2215.5	-10.8	3514.3	3188.5	-9.3	-1030.9	-973.0
of which: EU	1554.2	1220.9	-21.4	2669.2	2356.4	-11.7	-1115.0	-1135.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of June 11, 2024.

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

(Continued and end)

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	
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4710.0	4555.3	-3.3	4046.7	3454.7	-14.6	663.3	1100.6
of which: EU	3495.8	3350.1	-4.2	2261.0	1823.3	-19.4	1234.8	1526.8
Machinery and transport equipment	5249.3	4788.2	-8.8	7553.3	6805.7	-9.9	-2304.0	-2017.5
of which: EU	3872.4	3430.6	-11.4	5569.9	4974.4	-10.7	-1697.5	-1543.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3391.3	3080.7	-9.2	2112.1	2096.2	-0.8	1279.2	984.5
of which: EU	2614.5	2434.6	-6.9	1449.5	1392.8	-3.9	1165.0	1041.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	155.9	27.3	-82.5	29.9	93.3	212.0	126.0	-66.0
of which: EU	12.9	12.8	-0.8	26.3	62.5	137.6	-13.4	-49.7

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