

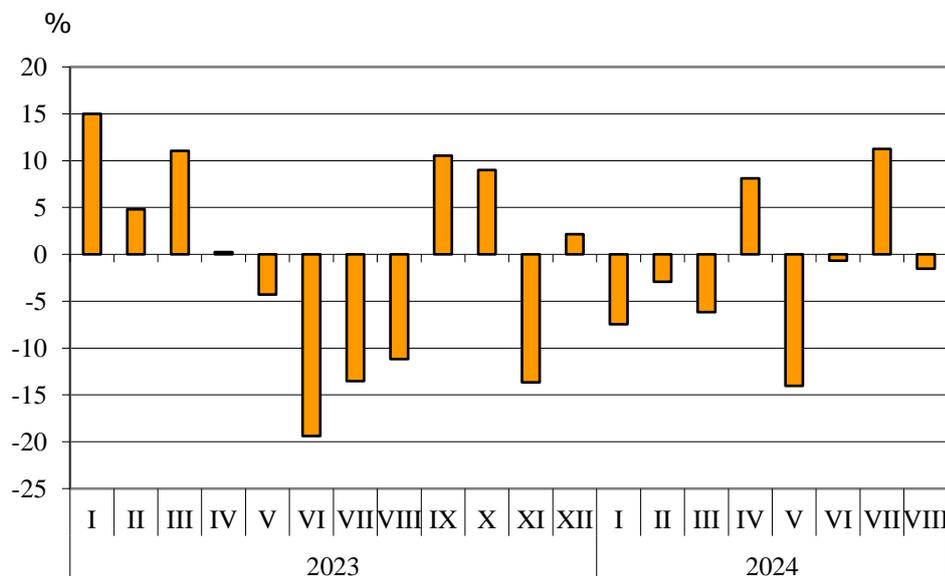


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In the period January - August 2024, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 1.8% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 20 233.1 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, China, Egypt and the United Kingdom, which accounted for 51.6% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In August 2024 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 1.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 531.0 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (10.3%) (Annex, Table 4). The most

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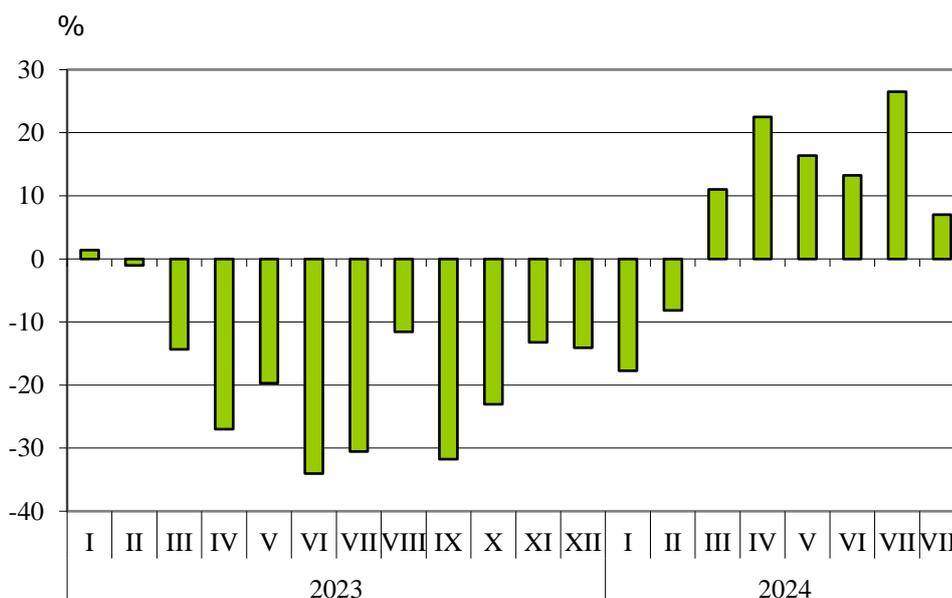
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notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (33.7%).

**Imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in the period **January - August 2024** increased by 8.1% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and added up to 27 651.6 million BGN (at CIF prices)<sup>1</sup> (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Egypt and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

**In August 2024 the imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** increased by 7.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 606.6 million BGN.

**Figure 2. Nominal value<sup>2</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (26.4%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (10.2%).

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**The foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - August 2024** was negative and added up to 7 418.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

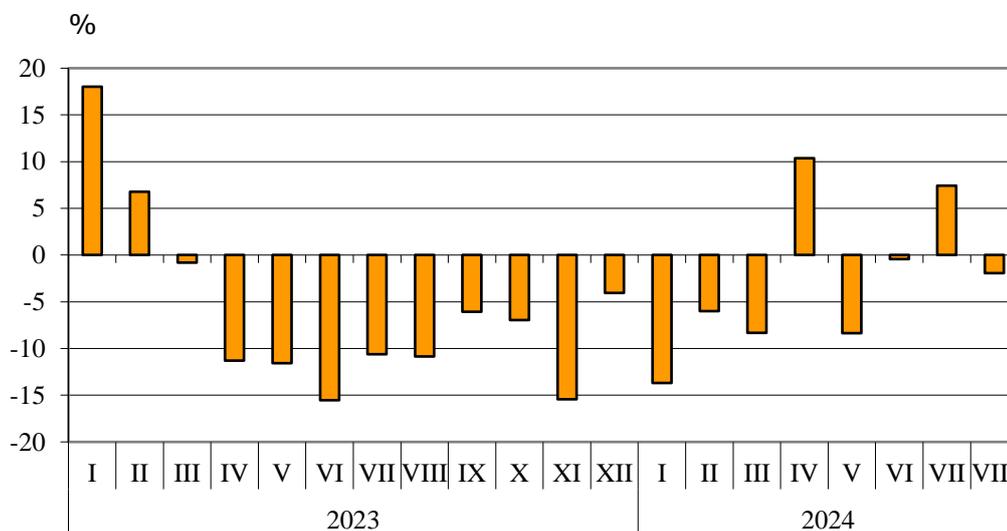
**In August 2024** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 1 075.6 million BGN.

**Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total**

In **the period January - August 2024**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 56 511.2 million BGN, which is 2.8% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In August 2024** the total exports of goods added up to 6 826.6 million BGN and decreased by 1.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



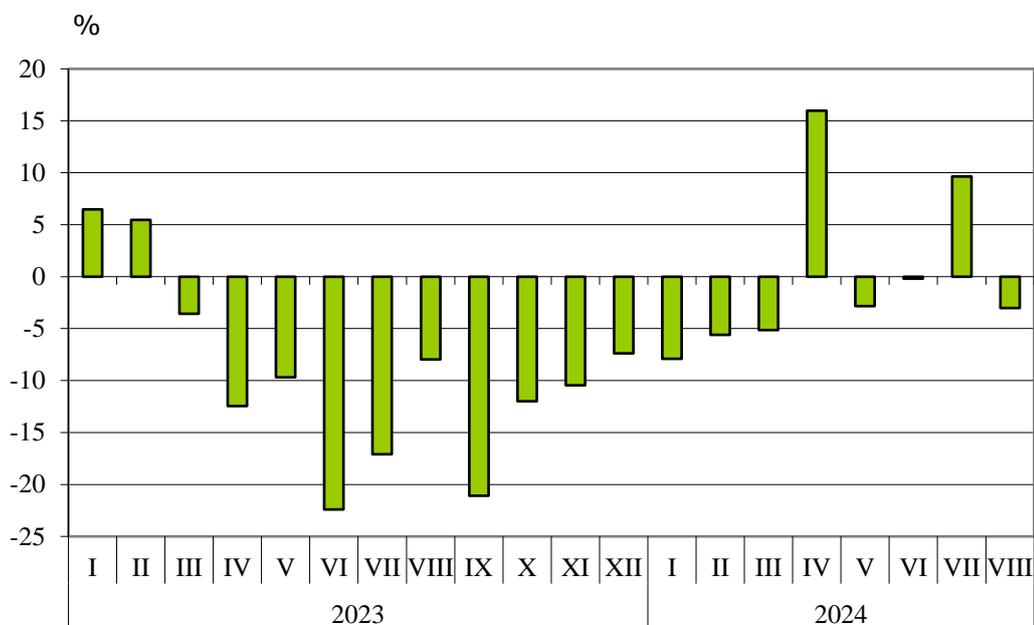
The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - August 2024** amounted to 64 027.7 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 0.1% less than the same period of 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

**In August 2024** the total imports of goods decreased by 3.0% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 619.0 million BGN.

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**Figure 4. Nominal value<sup>1</sup> change of imports of goods to Bulgaria  
in the period 2023 - 2024  
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



**The total foreign trade balance** (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - August 2024** and amounted to 7 516.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

**In August 2024** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 792.4 million BGN.

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Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period**  
**January - August 2023 and 2024<sup>1</sup> by months**

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF <sup>2</sup>			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2023	7370.6	4932.1	2438.5	8138.6	4578.7	3559.9	-768.0	353.4	-1121.4
II.2023	7126.4	4609.7	2516.7	8115.4	4846.0	3269.4	-989.0	-236.3	-752.7
III.2023	7970.4	5072.6	2897.8	8646.9	5487.6	3159.3	-676.5	-415.0	-261.5
<b>I - III.2023</b>	<b>22467.4</b>	<b>14614.4</b>	<b>7853.0</b>	<b>24900.9</b>	<b>14912.3</b>	<b>9988.6</b>	<b>-2433.5</b>	<b>-297.9</b>	<b>-2135.6</b>
IV.2023	6732.9	4277.6	2455.3	7394.4	4566.0	2828.4	-661.5	-288.4	-373.1
V.2023	7359.2	4738.3	2620.9	8145.2	4973.5	3171.7	-786.0	-235.2	-550.8
VI.2023	7314.1	4729.1	2585.0	7929.2	4851.3	3077.9	-615.1	-122.2	-492.9
<b>IV - VI.2023</b>	<b>21406.2</b>	<b>13745.0</b>	<b>7661.2</b>	<b>23468.8</b>	<b>14390.8</b>	<b>9078.0</b>	<b>-2062.6</b>	<b>-645.8</b>	<b>-1416.8</b>
<b>I - VI.2023</b>	<b>43873.6</b>	<b>28359.4</b>	<b>15514.2</b>	<b>48369.7</b>	<b>29303.1</b>	<b>19066.6</b>	<b>-4496.1</b>	<b>-943.7</b>	<b>-3552.4</b>
VII.2023	7317.5	4792.5	2525.0	7888.6	4754.4	3134.2	-571.1	38.1	-609.2
VIII.2023	6962.2	4391.7	2570.5	7856.5	4486.2	3370.3	-894.3	-94.5	-799.8
<b>I - VIII.2023</b>	<b>58153.3</b>	<b>37543.6</b>	<b>20609.7</b>	<b>64114.8</b>	<b>38543.7</b>	<b>25571.1</b>	<b>-5961.5</b>	<b>-1000.1</b>	<b>-4961.4</b>
I.2024	6360.6	4104.2	2256.4	7494.4	4565.1	2929.3	-1133.8	-460.9	-672.9
II.2024	6697.8	4255.1	2442.7	7659.9	4657.0	3002.9	-962.1	-401.9	-560.2
III.2024	7305.7	4586.2	2719.5	8201.6	4694.3	3507.3	-895.9	-108.1	-787.8
<b>I - III.2024</b>	<b>20364.1</b>	<b>12945.5</b>	<b>7418.6</b>	<b>23355.9</b>	<b>13916.4</b>	<b>9439.5</b>	<b>-2991.8</b>	<b>-970.9</b>	<b>-2020.9</b>
IV.2024	7431.5	4777.4	2654.1	8575.3	5110.0	3465.3	-1143.8	-332.6	-811.2
V.2024	6744.9	4492.2	2252.7	7914.6	4223.4	3691.2	-1169.7	268.8	-1438.5
VI.2024	7282.2	4714.4	2567.8	7913.2	4428.4	3484.8	-631.0	286.0	-917.0
<b>IV - VI.2024</b>	<b>21458.6</b>	<b>13984.0</b>	<b>7474.6</b>	<b>24403.1</b>	<b>13761.8</b>	<b>10641.3</b>	<b>-2944.5</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>-3166.7</b>
<b>I - VI.2024</b>	<b>41822.7</b>	<b>26929.5</b>	<b>14893.2</b>	<b>47759.0</b>	<b>27678.2</b>	<b>20080.8</b>	<b>-5936.3</b>	<b>-748.7</b>	<b>-5187.6</b>
VII.2024	7861.9	5053.0	2808.9	8649.7	4685.5	3964.2	-787.8	367.5	-1155.3
VIII.2024	6826.6	4295.6	2531.0	7619.0	4012.4	3606.6	-792.4	283.2	-1075.6
<b>I - VIII.2024</b>	<b>56511.2</b>	<b>36278.1</b>	<b>20233.1</b>	<b>64027.7</b>	<b>36376.1</b>	<b>27651.6</b>	<b>-7516.5</b>	<b>-98.0</b>	<b>-7418.5</b>

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**Table 2**

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period  
January - August 2024<sup>1</sup> 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	-13.7	-16.8	-7.5	-7.9	-0.3	-17.7
II	-6.0	-7.7	-2.9	-5.6	-3.9	-8.2
III	-8.3	-9.6	-6.2	-5.1	-14.5	11.0
<b>I - III</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
IV	10.4	11.7	8.1	16.0	11.9	22.5
V	-8.3	-5.2	-14.0	-2.8	-15.1	16.4
VI	-0.4	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-8.7	13.2
<b>IV - VI</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>I - VI</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>
VII	7.4	5.4	11.2	9.6	-1.4	26.5
VIII	-1.9	-2.2	-1.5	-3.0	-10.6	7.0
<b>I - VIII</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>

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**Table 3**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries<sup>1</sup> in the period January - August 2023 and 2024<sup>2</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries -total</b>	<b>20609.7</b>	<b>20233.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>25571.1</b>	<b>27651.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-4961.4</b>	<b>-7418.5</b>
of which:								
Albania	172.2	388.1	125.4	61.9	61.8	-0.2	110.3	326.3
Algeria	826.3	592.6	-28.3	93.2	61.2	-34.3	733.1	531.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	121.8	113.5	-6.8	71.0	80.1	12.8	50.8	33.4
Brazil	57.7	51.6	-10.6	402.0	631.5	57.1	-344.3	-579.9
Canada	184.7	193.6	4.8	195.7	153.1	-21.8	-11.0	40.5
Chile	21.3	29.8	39.9	245.1	354.0	44.4	-223.8	-324.2
China	1281.1	1000.2	-21.9	3697.3	3354.4	-9.3	-2416.2	-2354.2
Egypt	789.1	988.3	25.2	474.0	1571.9	231.6	315.1	-583.6
Georgia	271.3	448.3	65.2	356.0	185.8	-47.8	-84.7	262.5
Gibraltar	285.7	799.1	179.7	0.0	0.1	x	285.7	799.0
India	293.4	193.0	-34.2	353.6	303.5	-14.2	-60.2	-110.5
Indonesia	229.5	102.2	-55.5	403.7	740.3	83.4	-174.2	-638.1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	151.2	188.4	24.6	68.4	84.6	23.7	82.8	103.8
Israel	325.1	216.4	-33.4	187.5	84.2	-55.1	137.6	132.2
Japan	93.1	102.4	10.0	269.9	207.3	-23.2	-176.8	-104.9
Kazakhstan	110.2	114.7	4.1	7.8	1274.6	16241.0	102.4	-1159.9
Korea, Republic of	318.7	273.1	-14.3	255.7	320.8	25.5	63.0	-47.7
Libya	120.8	41.8	-65.4	3.6	567.8	15672.2	117.2	-526.0
Morocco	237.3	294.7	24.2	106.2	186.5	75.6	131.1	108.2
Namibia	52.0	5.8	-88.8	8.5	106.2	1149.4	43.5	-100.4
Norway	86.9	81.7	-6.0	108.2	613.9	467.4	-21.3	-532.2
Peru	36.3	11.9	-67.2	223.6	380.6	70.2	-187.3	-368.7
Republic of North Macedonia	1112.6	1084.6	-2.5	625.8	715.3	14.3	486.8	369.3
Russian Federation	674.5	460.5	-31.7	3969.9	1010.7	-74.5	-3295.4	-550.2
Serbia	1240.4	1317.9	6.2	1497.8	1417.0	-5.4	-257.4	-99.1
Singapore	41.7	44.3	6.2	57.5	27.5	-52.2	-15.8	16.8
South Africa	178.5	158.9	-11.0	141.2	37.1	-73.7	37.3	121.8
Switzerland	465.0	492.6	5.9	518.8	560.0	7.9	-53.8	-67.4
Taiwan	196.6	50.1	-74.5	224.2	177.8	-20.7	-27.6	-127.7
Tunisia	174.1	172.7	-0.8	29.0	112.4	287.6	145.1	60.3
Türkiye	3376.5	3714.2	10.0	5354.3	6137.2	14.6	-1977.8	-2423.0
Ukraine	1244.7	811.0	-34.8	1253.6	1547.9	23.5	-8.9	-736.9
United Arab Emirates	223.1	188.7	-15.4	70.0	51.8	-26.0	153.1	136.9
United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>	1143.8	980.7	-14.3	514.7	577.3	12.2	629.1	403.4
United States	1472.2	1362.4	-7.5	836.6	561.6	-32.9	635.6	800.8
Viet Nam	76.0	78.1	2.8	214.0	273.8	27.9	-138.0	-195.7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary as of October 11, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

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**Table 4**

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - August 2023 and 2024<sup>1</sup>**

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	
<b>Third countries - total</b>	<b>20609.7</b>	<b>20233.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>25571.1</b>	<b>27651.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-4961.4</b>	<b>-7418.5</b>
Food and live animals	3571.3	3157.0	-11.6	1331.3	1461.9	9.8	2240.0	1695.1
Beverages and tobacco	191.8	181.2	-5.5	249.5	241.6	-3.2	-57.7	-60.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	1343.2	1426.5	6.2	3284.7	4150.6	26.4	-1941.5	-2724.1
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	3157.8	3263.3	3.3	5673.6	6871.2	21.1	-2515.8	-3607.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	632.0	419.2	-33.7	322.8	387.7	20.1	309.2	31.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	2394.3	2640.0	10.3	2335.7	2496.9	6.9	58.6	143.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3021.3	3245.4	7.4	4857.4	4818.5	-0.8	-1836.1	-1573.1
Machinery and transport equipment	3821.6	3925.9	2.7	5690.2	5107.8	-10.2	-1868.6	-1181.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2114.9	1883.4	-10.9	1811.3	2054.5	13.4	303.6	-171.1
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	361.5	91.2	-74.8	14.6	60.9	317.1	346.9	30.3

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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.

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**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.