

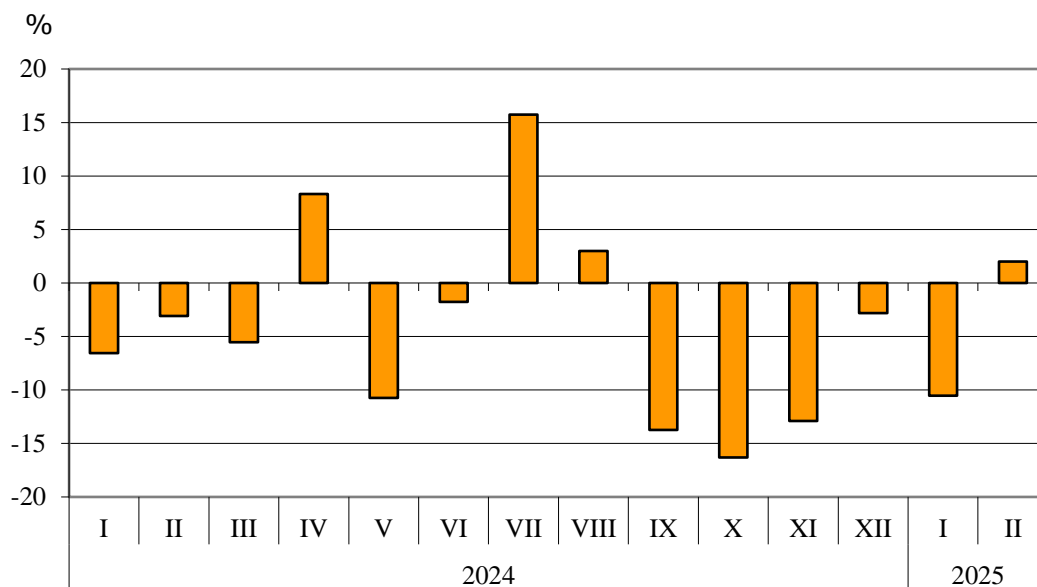


**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES
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(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the period January - February 2025, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 4.1% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and added up to 4 526.3 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, Algeria, the Republic of North Macedonia, Ukraine and Gibraltar, which accounted for 53.1% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2025 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 2.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 487.7 Million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2024 - 2025
(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 'Beverages and tobacco' (105.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (88.7%).

The imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - February 2025 increased by 17.2% in comparison with the same period of 2024 and

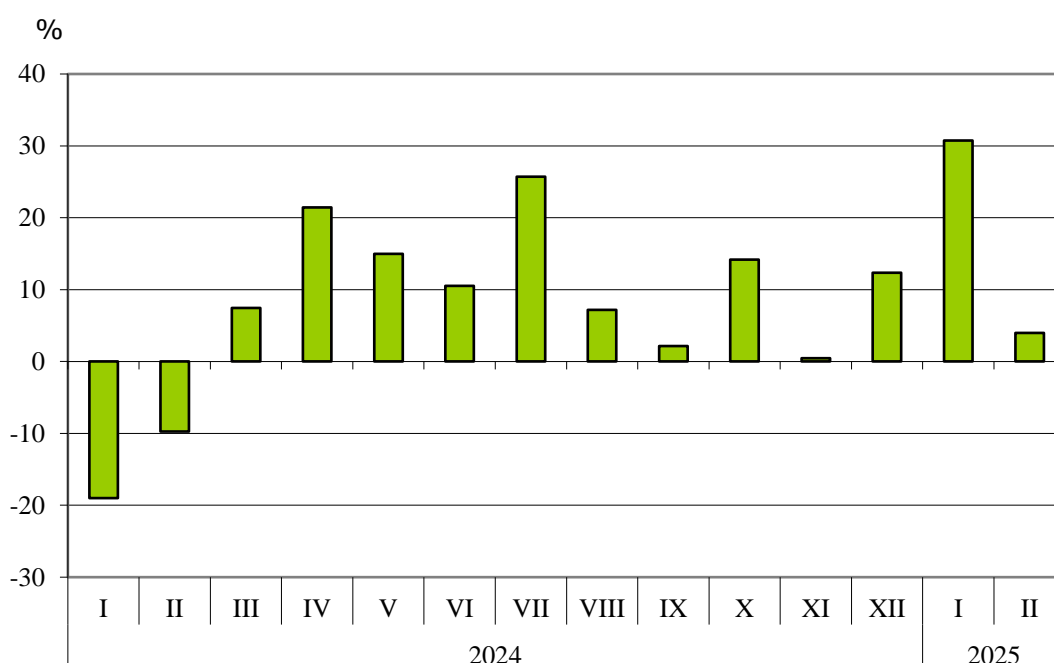
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added up to 6 840.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, Kazakhstan and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In February 2025 the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 4.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 068.8 Million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2024 - 2025
(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 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (50.7%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)' (13.2%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **the period January - February 2025** was negative and added up to 2 313.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

In February 2025 the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 581.1 Million BGN.

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.

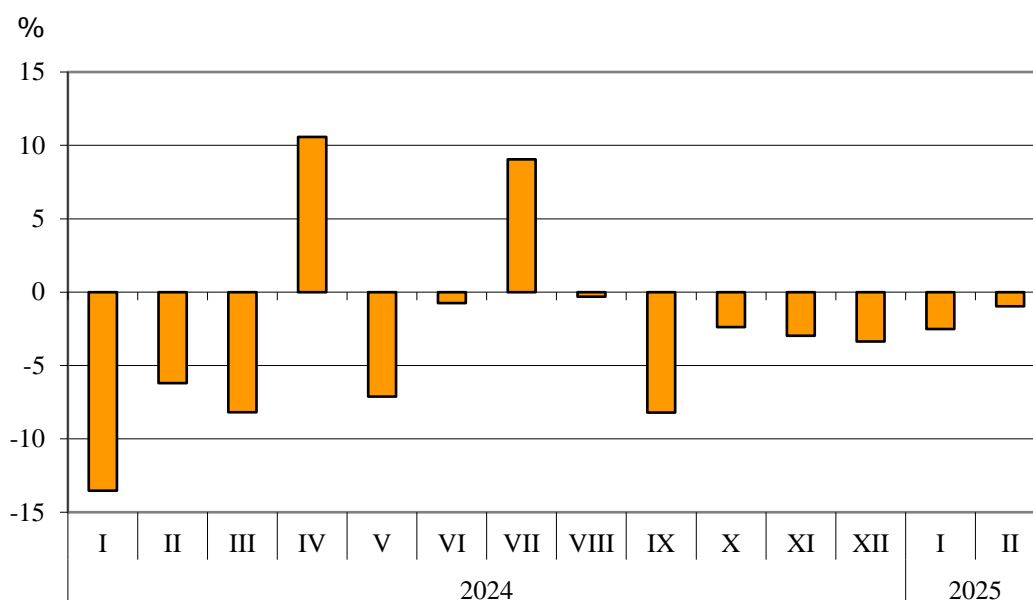
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Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total

In **the period January - February 2025**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 12 832.9 million BGN, which is a decrease of 1.7% compared to the same period of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In February 2025 the total exports of goods added up to 6 619.8 Million BGN and decreased by 1.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria
in the period 2024 - 2025
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **the period January - February 2025** amounted to 15 776.5 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 5.2% more than the same period of 2024 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In February 2025 the total imports of goods increased by 0.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 588.9 Million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

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Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria
in the period 2024 - 2025
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **the period January - February 2025** and amounted to 2 943.6 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 3).

In February 2025 the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 969.1 Million BGN.

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Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period January - February
2024¹ and 2025¹ 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.2024	6373.9	4095.0	2278.9	7418.2	4534.1	2884.1	-1044.3	-439.1	-605.2
II.2024	6684.5	4245.6	2438.9	7575.8	4624.0	2951.8	-891.3	-378.4	-512.9
I - II.2024	13058.4	8340.6	4717.8	14994.0	9158.1	5835.9	-1935.6	-817.5	-1118.1
I.2025	6213.1	4174.5	2038.6	8187.6	4416.4	3771.2	-1974.5	-241.9	-1732.6
II.2025	6619.8	4132.1	2487.7	7588.9	4520.1	3068.8	-969.1	-388.0	-581.1
I - II.2025	12832.9	8306.6	4526.3	15776.5	8936.5	6840.0	-2943.6	-629.9	-2313.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of April 11, 2025.

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 - February 2025¹ 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	-2.5	1.9	-10.5	10.4	-2.6	30.8
II	-1.0	-2.7	2.0	0.2	-2.2	4.0
I - II	-1.7	-0.4	-4.1	5.2	-2.4	17.2

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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 - February 2024² and 2025²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	4717.8	4526.3	-4.1	5835.9	6840.0	17.2	-1118.1	-2313.7
of which:								
Albania	124.3	38.3	-69.2	16.6	19.8	19.3	107.7	18.5
Algeria	92.0	259.3	181.8	25.4	1.4	-94.5	66.6	257.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30.2	25.5	-15.6	8.5	10.2	20.0	21.7	15.3
Brazil	15.4	11.9	-22.7	58.6	161.7	175.9	-43.2	-149.8
Canada	65.4	33.4	-48.9	29.8	61.3	105.7	35.6	-27.9
Chile	9.4	6.2	-34.0	141.5	1.7	-98.8	-132.1	4.5
China	257.7	135.4	-47.5	636.1	1084.1	70.4	-378.4	-948.7
Egypt	169.0	91.3	-46.0	345.0	74.4	-78.4	-176.0	16.9
Georgia	68.3	109.6	60.5	24.8	129.4	421.8	43.5	-19.8
Gibraltar	186.3	141.7	-23.9	0.0	0.0	x	186.3	141.7
India	43.9	52.9	20.5	80.4	65.9	-18.0	-36.5	-13.0
Indonesia	18.9	11.8	-37.6	133.2	9.4	-92.9	-114.3	2.4
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52.9	30.4	-42.5	16.0	17.3	8.1	36.9	13.1
Israel	47.2	51.4	8.9	19.0	24.8	30.5	28.2	26.6
Japan	21.4	21.4	0.0	68.9	51.2	-25.7	-47.5	-29.8
Kazakhstan	31.4	22.3	-29.0	0.7	378.4	53957.1	30.7	-356.1
Korea, Republic of	134.9	27.8	-79.4	48.9	61.4	25.6	86.0	-33.6
Libya	6.0	17.9	198.3	189.3	85.8	-54.7	-183.3	-67.9
Morocco	64.6	128.3	98.6	28.7	31.2	8.7	35.9	97.1
Namibia	0.0	1.4	x	0.0	5.2	x	0.0	-3.8
Norway	17.8	25.0	40.4	27.4	14.7	-46.4	-9.6	10.3
Peru	4.3	5.2	20.9	161.5	52.1	-67.7	-157.2	-46.9
Republic of North Macedonia	256.0	258.7	1.1	135.2	169.7	25.5	120.8	89.0
Russian Federation	103.0	101.2	-1.7	448.9	122.5	-72.7	-345.9	-21.3
Serbia	219.0	274.1	25.2	304.1	345.8	13.7	-85.1	-71.7
Singapore	17.3	18.2	5.2	6.0	8.7	45.0	11.3	9.5
South Africa	45.7	14.3	-68.7	15.0	4.9	-67.3	30.7	9.4
Switzerland	110.4	109.2	-1.1	123.2	135.9	10.3	-12.8	-26.7
Taiwan ⁴	12.4	6.6	-46.8	43.6	39.1	-10.3	-31.2	-32.5
Tunisia	64.6	119.7	85.3	62.5	9.3	-85.1	2.1	110.4
Türkiye	828.7	945.7	14.1	1453.2	1681.2	15.7	-624.5	-735.5
Ukraine	176.8	192.1	8.7	377.7	373.6	-1.1	-200.9	-181.5
United Arab Emirates	46.1	45.1	-2.2	16.1	24.9	54.7	30.0	20.2
United Kingdom ³	223.0	120.0	-46.2	110.1	117.8	7.0	112.9	2.2
United States	323.3	332.2	2.8	123.9	265.8	114.5	199.4	66.4
Viet Nam	12.3	9.1	-26.0	45.5	68.8	51.2	-33.2	-59.7

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 April 11, 2025.

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

⁴ Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - a quantity less than half of the unit of measure used.

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Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period
January - February 2024¹ and 2025¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2024	2025
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	4717.8	4526.3	-4.1	5835.9	6840.0	17.2	-1118.1	-2313.7
Food and live animals	619.1	842.9	36.1	341.2	463.7	35.9	277.9	379.2
Beverages and tobacco	31.5	64.8	105.7	45.0	53.2	18.2	-13.5	11.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	336.3	311.5	-7.4	917.4	796.4	-13.2	-581.1	-484.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	679.4	529.5	-22.1	1268.2	1453.9	14.6	-588.8	-924.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	154.2	17.4	-88.7	121.3	107.0	-11.8	32.9	-89.6
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	668.8	560.2	-16.2	518.1	601.8	16.2	150.7	-41.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	819.8	823.8	0.5	1090.3	1282.8	17.7	-270.5	-459.0
Machinery and transport equipment	930.2	856.9	-7.9	1076.4	1394.2	29.5	-146.2	-537.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	464.3	498.6	7.4	443.4	668.4	50.7	20.9	-169.8
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	14.2	20.7	45.8	14.6	18.6	27.4	-0.4	2.1

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Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 December 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 October 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 statistics of international trade in goods, 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.