

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January - March 2023

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13.6 bn
 balance in PLN

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January - March 2023 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 418.1 bn, while in imports - PLN 404.5 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 13.6 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to PLN 21.3 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of last year exports increased by 12.5%, while imports by 3.0%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 95.3 bn, while imports amounted to USD 92.2 bn (an increase in exports of 2.8% and decrease in imports of 6.0%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 3.1 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to USD 5.4 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 88.7 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 85.9 bn (an increase in exports of 8.5% and decrease in imports of 0.7%). The positive balance reached EUR 2.9 bn, compared to a negative balance of EUR 4.7 bn in the same period of 2022.

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 87.1% (of which EU 75.5%) and in imports – 64.9% (of which EU 53.3%), in comparison with 88.3% (of which EU 76.9%) and 62.0% (of which EU 53.4%) in the corresponding period of 2022. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 4.9%, and in imports – 3.2%, in comparison with 4.2% and 9.1% in January - March 2022.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 95.9 bn (minus USD 21.8 bn, minus EUR 20.4 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with other groups of countries, i.e. Central and Eastern Europe PLN 7.5 bn (USD 1.7 bn, EUR 1.6 bn) and with developed countries PLN 101.9 bn (USD 23.2 bn, EUR 21.6 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 99.9 bn (USD 22.8 bn, EUR 21.2 bn).

Note. Due to the rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item "total".

¹ Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs and INTRASTAT declarations. Data for January - March 2023 have been amended to include unregistered customs declarations for earlier months of this year.

Table 1. Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

SPECIFICATION	I-III 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-III 2022 = 100			I-III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	418.1	95.3	88.7	112.5	102.8	108.5	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	364.3	83.0	77.3	111.0	101.4	107.1	88.3	87.1
of which EU	315.6	71.9	67.0	110.5	100.9	106.6	76.9	75.5
of which euro-zone	250.1	57.0	53.1	110.8	101.3	106.9	60.7	59.8
Developing countries	33.5	7.6	7.1	120.4	109.9	116.0	7.5	8.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	20.3	4.6	4.3	130.2	119.3	125.9	4.2	4.9
Imports (country of origin)²	404.5	92.2	85.9	103.0	94.0	99.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	262.4	59.8	55.7	107.8	98.3	103.9	62.0	64.9
of which EU	215.7	49.1	45.8	102.8	93.8	99.1	53.4	53.3
of which euro-zone	172.4	39.3	36.6	99.1	90.4	95.5	44.3	42.6
Developing countries	129.4	29.5	27.5	114.1	104.1	110.0	28.9	32.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	12.8	2.9	2.7	35.6	32.4	34.3	9.1	3.1
Balance	13.6	3.1	2.9	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	101.9	23.2	21.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	99.9	22.8	21.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	77.7	17.7	16.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-95.9	-21.8	-20.4	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	7.5	1.7	1.6	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January - March 2023 among the main trade partners of Poland increases in exports were observed compared to January - March 2022. However, in January - March 2023 imports decreased with Belgium by 7.8%, Italy by 5.7%, China by 4.5% and Germany by 1.3% in comparison with the same period of 2022.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.4% (65.1% in the same period of 2022 year), while in total imports – 60.1% (in comparison with 59.4% in January - March 2022).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2022 year by 0.1 pp and amounted to 28.2% and in imports decreased by 0.9 pp and accounted for 20.0%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 36.8 bn (USD 8.3 bn, EUR 7.8 bn) in comparison with PLN 22.3 bn (USD 5.6 bn, EUR 4.9 bn) in the same period of 2022.

² Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

SPECIFICATION	I-III 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-III 2022 = 100			I-III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	117.8	26.8	25.0	112.8	103.0	108.8	28.1	28.2
2. Czechia	27.0	6.2	5.7	116.6	106.4	112.5	6.2	6.5
3. France	26.1	6.0	5.5	118.8	108.6	114.7	5.9	6.2
4. United Kingdom	20.8	4.7	4.4	112.6	102.8	108.6	5.0	5.0
5. Italy	19.0	4.3	4.0	103.3	94.4	99.7	5.0	4.5
6. Netherlands	18.5	4.2	3.9	109.5	100.0	105.6	4.6	4.4
7. United States	12.6	2.9	2.7	114.8	104.8	110.7	3.0	3.0
8. Ukraine	12.1	2.8	2.6	195.5	179.1	189.0	1.7	2.9
9. Slovakia	12.0	2.7	2.6	113.3	103.4	109.3	2.9	2.9
10. Spain	11.6	2.6	2.5	117.6	107.4	113.4	2.7	2.8
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	81.0	18.5	17.2	98.7	90.1	95.2	20.9	20.0
2. China	54.5	12.4	11.6	95.5	87.2	92.1	14.5	13.5
3. Italy	18.7	4.3	4.0	94.3	85.9	90.7	5.1	4.6
4. United States	17.3	3.9	3.7	135.8	123.8	131.0	3.2	4.3
5. Netherlands	15.1	3.4	3.2	107.4	98.0	103.5	3.6	3.7
6. France	13.5	3.1	2.9	105.8	96.5	101.9	3.3	3.3
7. Czechia	12.8	2.9	2.7	100.4	91.7	96.8	3.2	3.2
8. South Korea	11.1	2.5	2.4	135.5	123.7	130.6	2.1	2.8
9. Saudi Arabia	9.7	2.2	2.0	245.8	224.1	236.7	1.0	2.4
10. Belgium	9.2	2.1	1.9	92.2	84.2	88.9	2.5	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - March 2023 amounted to PLN 7.3 bn, USD 1.7 bn and EUR 1.5 bn

Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 302.6 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 268.8 bn, compared to PLN 278.9 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 257.7 bn in the same period of 2022.

Table 3. Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of countries

SPECIFICATION	I-III 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-III 2022 = 100			I-III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	404.5	92.2	85.9	103.0	94.0	99.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	302.6	68.9	64.2	108.5	99.0	104.6	71.0	74.8
of which EU	268.8	61.2	57.0	104.3	95.2	100.6	65.6	66.5
of which euro-zone	219.9	50.1	46.7	100.8	92.0	97.1	55.6	54.4
Developing countries	89.2	20.3	18.9	115.7	105.7	111.6	19.6	22.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	12.6	2.9	2.7	34.3	31.3	33.1	9.4	3.1
Balance	13.6	3.1	2.9	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	61.7	14.1	13.1	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	46.8	10.7	9.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	30.2	6.9	6.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-55.7	-12.7	-11.8	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	7.7	1.7	1.6	.	.	.	.	.

Imports by country of consignment – countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was higher by 5.4 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.6 pp, Belgium by 1.5 pp, Czechia by 0.9 pp and France by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I-III 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-III 2022 = 100			I-III	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	102.9	23.4	21.8	100.9	92.1	97.3	26.0	25.4
2. China	33.7	7.7	7.2	90.1	82.3	86.9	9.5	8.3
3. Netherlands	25.3	5.8	5.4	106.7	97.4	102.8	6.0	6.3
4. Italy	18.9	4.3	4.0	96.1	87.7	92.6	5.0	4.7
5. Czechia	16.5	3.8	3.5	110.9	101.3	107.0	3.8	4.1
6. Belgium	15.5	3.5	3.3	97.7	89.2	94.2	4.1	3.8
7. France	15.5	3.5	3.3	107.4	98.0	103.5	3.7	3.8
8. United States	12.4	2.8	2.6	139.7	127.3	134.6	2.3	3.1
9. South Korea	9.8	2.2	2.1	159.0	145.1	153.2	1.6	2.4
10. Sweden	9.6	2.2	2.0	111.7	101.8	107.6	2.2	2.4

Imports from China in January - March 2023 according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.2 pp

³ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

In January - March 2023 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature reported an increase in most commodity sections in exports and in 5 commodity sections in imports compared to the same period of 2022.

In exports the largest increase concerned animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 66.3%), beverages and tobacco (by 35.4%), food and live animals (by 27.1%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 25.3%), machinery and transport equipment (by 19.1%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 8.9%), chemicals and related products (by 2.8%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 0.7%). There was a decrease in crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 10.8%) and commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 37.0%).

In imports an increase was recorded in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 33.7%), beverages and tobacco (by 25.8%), food and live animals (by 24.3%), machinery and transport equipment (by 10.9%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 6.8%). The largest decrease was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 49.6%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 12.6%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 4.9%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 0.8%) and chemicals and related products (by 0.3%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - March 2023

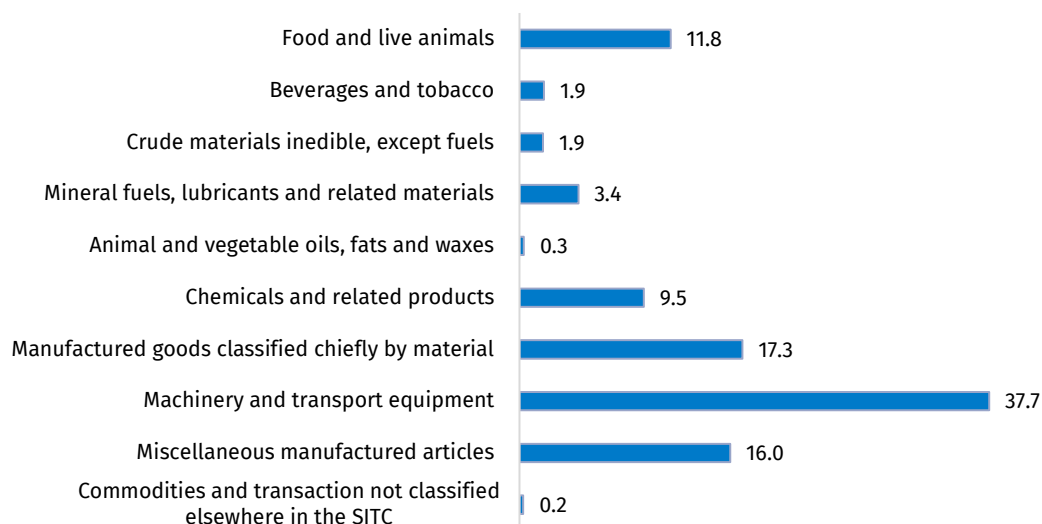
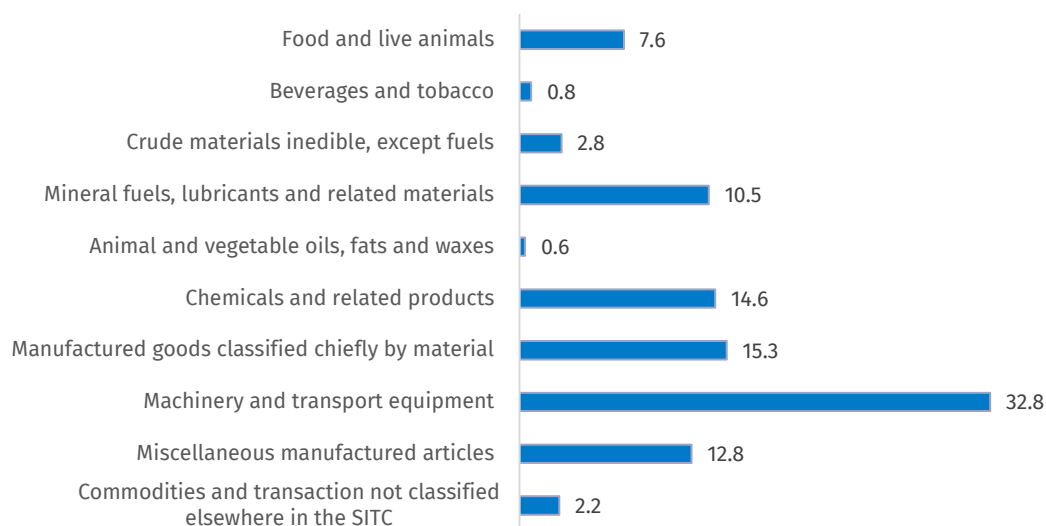


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - March 2023



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