

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

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Foreign trade turnover¹ in January - August 2023 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1 070.5 bn, while in imports - PLN 1 029.4 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 41.1 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to PLN 60.1 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of last year exports increased by 3.2%, while imports decreased by 6.2%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 252.3 bn, while imports amounted to USD 242.6 bn (an increase in exports of 3.5% and decrease in imports of 5.9%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 9.7 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to USD 14.2 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 232.4 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 223.5 bn (an increase in exports of 3.7% and decrease in imports of 5.7%). The positive balance reached EUR 8.9 bn, compared to a negative balance of EUR 13.0 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 – 86.6% (of which EU 74.8%) and in imports – 65.6% (of which EU 53.8%), in comparison with 87.7% (of which EU 76.2%) and 62.2% (of which EU 52.2%) 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 5.0%, and in imports – 2.4%, in comparison with 4.4% and 7.2% in January - August 2022.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 239.8 bn (minus USD 56.5 bn, minus EUR 52.1 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with other groups of countries, i.e. Central and Eastern Europe PLN 28.6 bn (USD 6.8 bn, EUR 6.2 bn) and with developed countries PLN 252.3 bn (USD 59.4 bn, EUR 54.7 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 247.9 bn (USD 58.3 bn, EUR 53.8 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".

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¹Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs and INTRASTAT declarations. Data for January - August 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

	I-VIII 2023							2023
SPECIFICATION	bn	bn	bn	on I-VIII 2022 = 100			I-VIII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structu	re in %
Exports	1070.5	252.3	232.4	103.2	103.5	103.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	927.3	218.5	201.3	102.0	102.2	102.5	87.7	86.6
of which EU	801.2	188.7	173.9	101.4	101.5	101.9	76.2	74.8
of which euro-zone	635.6	149.7	137.9	102.6	102.8	103.1	59.7	59.4
Developing countries	89.9	21.2	19.5	110.0	110.8	110.7	7.9	8.4
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	53.2	12.6	11.6	115.4	116.7	116.3	4.4	5.0
Imports (country of origin) ²	1029.4	242.6	223.5	93.8	94.1	94.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	675.0	159.1	146.6	98.9	99.2	99.5	62.2	65.6
of which EU	553.3	130.4	120.1	96.6	96.7	97.0	52.2	53.8
of which euro-zone	442.9	104.3	96.1	93.3	93.5	93.8	43.2	43.0
Developing countries	329.7	77.7	71.6	98.2	98.8	98.8	30.6	32.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	24.7	5.8	5.3	31.1	30.6	31.0	7.2	2.4
Balance	41.1	9.7	8.9					
Developed countries	252.3	59.4	54.7		•			
of which EU	247.9	58.3	53.8		•			
of which euro-zone	192.7	45.3	41.8					
Developing countries	-239.8	-56.5	-52.1					
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	28.6	6.8	6.2		•			

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January - August 2023 among the main trade partners of Poland increases in exports were observed compared to January - August 2022, except Czechia and Netherlands where exports decreased by 0.7% in each country and Slovakia by 4.2%. However, in January - August 2023 imports decreased with China by 10.9%, Germany by 9.8%, Italy by 5.4%, Czechia by 3.0%, Netherlands by 3.6% and Belgium by 2.2% in comparison with the same period of 2022.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.2% (65.3% in the same period of 2022 year), while in total imports – 60.4% (in comparison with 59.2% in January - August 2022).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2022 year by 0.3 pp and amounted to 28.2% and in imports decreased by 0.8 pp and accounted for 19.9%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 96.3 bn (USD 22.7 bn, EUR 20.9 bn) in comparison with PLN 61.5 bn (USD 14.4 bn, EUR 13.3 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

	I-VIII 2023							2023	
SPECIFICATION	bn	bn	bn	I-VIII 2022 = 100			I-VIII		
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD EUR		structure in %		
EXPORTS									
1. Germany	301.4	71.0	65.4	104.3	104.6	104.9	27.9	28.2	
2. Czechia	68.2	16.1	14.8	99.3	99.7	99.9	6.6	6.4	
3. France	65.5	15.4	14.2	111.6	111.4	112.0	5.7	6.1	
4. United Kingdom	53.5	12.6	11.6	105.7	106.1	106.3	4.9	5.0	
5. Italy	48.4	11.4	10.5	100.3	100.1	100.7	4.7	4.5	
6. Netherlands	47.4	11.2	10.3	99.3	99.8	99.9	4.6	4.4	
7. United States	33.1	7.8	7.2	109.1	109.6	109.8	2.9	3.1	
8. Ukraine	32.7	7.7	7.1	127.1	129.7	128.5	2.5	3.1	
9. Slovakia	29.3	6.9	6.3	95.8	95.9	96.2	2.9	2.7	
10. Spain	29.1	6.8	6.3	108.6	108.6	109.1	2.6	2.7	
	IM	PORTS (co	untry of ori	gin)					
1. Germany	205.1	48.3	44.5	90.2	90.4	90.7	20.7	19.9	
2. China	141.0	33.2	30.6	89.1	89.5	89.6	14.4	13.7	
3. Italy	49.5	11.7	10.7	94.6	94.5	95.0	4.8	4.8	
4. United States	44.7	10.5	9.7	101.9	103.0	102.7	4.0	4.3	
5. Netherlands	40.0	9.4	8.7	96.4	96.8	96.9	3.8	3.9	
6. France	33.4	7.9	7.3	101.0	100.8	101.3	3.0	3.2	
7. Czechia	33.2	7.8	7.2	97.0	97.1	97.4	3.1	3.2	
8. South Korea	29.6	7.0	6.4	121.7	122.6	122.5	2.2	2.9	
9. Belgium	23.9	5.6	5.2	97.8	97.6	98.2	2.2	2.3	
10. Norway	23.0	5.4	5.0	207.8	213.0	210.6	1.0	2.2	

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - August 2023 amounted to PLN 17.8 bn, USD 4.2 bn and EUR 3.9 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 781.2 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 693.9 bn, compared to PLN 784.8 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 708.6 bn in the same period of 2022.

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

	I-VIII 2023							2023	
SPECIFICATION	bn	bn bn bn			III 2022 = 1	I-VIII			
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN USD EUR			structure in %		
Imports (country of consignment) ³	1029.4	242.6	223.5	93.8	94.1	94.3	100.0	100.0	
Developed countries	781.2	184.1	169.6	99.5	99.8	100.1	71.5	75.9	
of which EU	693.9	163.5	150.6	97.9	98.1	98.4	64.6	67.4	
of which euro-zone	569.4	134.2	123.6	95.0	95.2	95.5	54.6	55.3	
Developing countries	224.0	52.8	48.6	96.4	97.1	97.0	21.2	21.8	
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	24.2	5.7	5.2	30.3	29.8	30.2	7.3	2.3	
Balance	41.1	9.7	8.9	•			•		
Developed countries	146.2	34.4	31.7	•		•	•		
of which EU	107.4	25.2	23.2			•			
of which euro-zone	66.1	15.5	14.3						
Developing countries	-134.1	-31.6	-29.1						
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	29.0	6.9	6.3						

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 5.5 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.5 pp, Belgium by 1.8 pp, Czechia by 0.9 pp and France by 0.6 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

		2022	2023							
SPECIFICATION	bn	bn	bn	I-VI	II 2022 = 1	I-VIII				
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	PLN USD EUR			structure in %		
IMPORTS (country of consignment)										
1. Germany	261.7	61.7	56.8	91.9	92.1	92.3	26.0	25.4		
2. China	87.5	20.7	19.0	84.8	85.3	85.4	9.4	8.5		
3. Netherlands	66.3	15.6	14.4	98.1	98.5	98.6	6.2	6.4		
4. Italy	49.9	11.7	10.8	94.4	94.3	94.8	4.8	4.8		
5. Czechia	41.8	9.8	9.1	102.1	102.2	102.5	3.7	4.1		
6. Belgium	41.7	9.8	9.1	103.2	103.2	103.7	3.7	4.1		
7. France	39.1	9.2	8.5	102.5	102.4	102.9	3.5	3.8		
8. United States	30.6	7.2	6.7	94.0	95.0	94.7	3.0	3.0		
9. South Korea	25.3	6.0	5.5	133.2	134.5	134.1	1.7	2.5		
10. Spain	24.4	5.7	5.3	103.9	103.8	104.3	2.1	2.4		

Imports from China in January - August 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 - August 2023 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period in 2022, exports increased in four commodity sections, while imports increased in three ones.

In exports the largest increase concerned beverages and tobacco (by 22.8%), machinery and transport equipment (by 12.5%), food and live animals (by 9.9%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 4.0%). The decrease concerned commodities and transactions not classified in SITC (by 41.0%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 15.8%), crude materials inedible except fuels (by 14.6%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 7.7%), chemicals and related products (by 6.7%) and animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 4.1%).

In imports an increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 20.9%), food and live animals (by 9.1%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 6.1%). The largest decrease was recorded in commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC (by 61.2%), vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 26.6%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 17.3%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 17.1%), chemicals and related products (by 7.5%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 6.5%) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 2.6%).

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

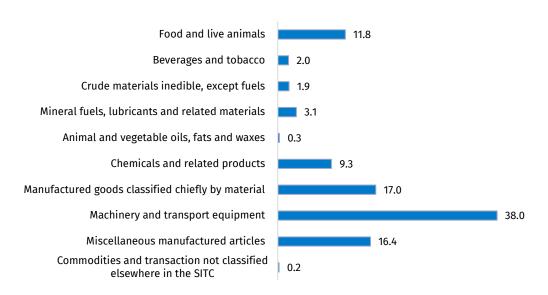
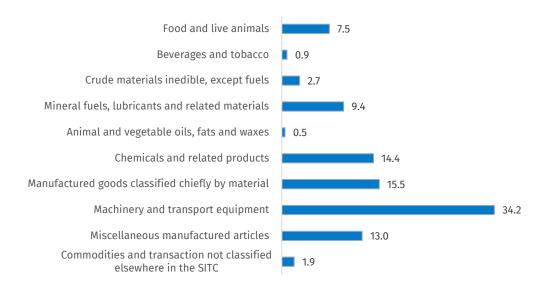


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - August 2023



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