

Foreign trade in August 2025

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Both imports and exports decreased in August, with a trade balance remaining in surplus for the fourth consecutive month

During the second holiday month, the value of both imports and exports decreased year-on-year. Exports experienced a minor drop, but imports hit their lowest level since December 2023, mainly due to lower imports of energy sources. Slovakia's foreign trade maintained a surplus for the fourth consecutive month and for the sixth time this year.

In August 2025, according to preliminary results, goods worth ¹⁾ EUR 8 billion were exported from Slovakia, which represents a year-on-year decrease by 0.4%. Imports of goods decreased more significantly, by 2.1% to EUR 7.8 billion, reaching the lowest value in the last 20 months. The foreign trade balance thus remained in surplus, reaching EUR 225.4 million, which is by EUR 136.5 million more than in the corresponding period in 2024.

Within the export structure, 4 out of 10 traded sections experienced a year-on-year decline, including the two most traded ones. The greatest impact on the decrease in exports was the decrease of over 40% in the Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials section (SITC 3), which includes energy sources. However, the decrease in exports was partially mitigated by the more than 26% growth in the Miscellaneous manufactured articles section (SITC 8).

As for the imports, 5 out of 10 sections decreased year-on-year. Imports were dragged down by an almost 26% decrease in the Mineral fuels (SITC 3) section, which includes oil, electricity and natural gas.

The most traded SITC section in the Slovak foreign trade was Machinery and transport equipment, with a share of more than 59% in total exports and 47% in total imports.

In August, almost 79% of the value of Slovakia's exports were directed to the EU member states. Imports from these states represented 66%. Exports to the EU increased by 1.8% year-on-year and imports increased by 0.6%. Exports to the non-EU countries decreased by 7.6% year-on-year and imports from these countries were lower by 6.9%.

Slovakia had August's trade balance surplus of almost EUR 1.2 billion in with the EU member states, while it recorded a deficit of almost EUR 1 billion with the non-EU countries.

Preliminary data for January to August 2025

In total, for the first 8 months of this year, exports increased by 3.4% to EUR 72 billion compared to the corresponding period in 2024. Imports increased by 5% to EUR 70.4 billion. The foreign trade balance was in surplus in the amount of EUR 1.6 billion. For the corresponding period in 2024, there was a surplus of almost EUR 2.6 billion.

Adjusted detailed data for January to July 2025

For January to July 2025, exports increased by 3.9% year-on-year to EUR 64 billion and imports increased by 6% to EUR 62.6 billion. The foreign trade balance was in surplus in the amount of EUR 1.4 billion. In the first 7 months of last year, the foreign trade balance ended with a surplus of EUR 2.5 billion.

- ¹⁾ The data are at current prices in the FOB type values, i.e. they include a transactional value of goods and value of services (e.g. transport, insurance, transshipment, storage of goods, etc.) performed to deliver the goods to the border of the exporting country. All data of foreign trade were prepared by the Statistical Office of the SR on the basis of data from the Customs Section of the Financial Directorate of the SR obtained within the customs procedure and from the INTRASTAT-SK statistical surveys (declarations provided by EU importers and exporters of goods)

Data source: DATAcube.:

Preliminary data

- Foreign trade by months [\[zo0001ms\]](#)
- Seasonally adjusted foreign trade data [\[zo0005ms\]](#)
- Foreign trade by Sections of SITC Rev. 4 [\[zo0006ms\]](#)
- Foreign Trade by Broad Economic Categories (BEC) [\[zo0020ms\]](#)

Detailed data

- Foreign trade with selected countries by Sections of SITC Rev. 4 [\[zo0018ms\]](#)
- Foreign trade by countries, continents and economic groupings [\[zo0011ms\]](#)
- Foreign trade by Sections in Harmonized system [\[zo0012ms\]](#)
- Foreign trade by Chapters in Harmonised System [\[zo0010ms\]](#)
- Foreign trade by Statistical Classification of Products by Activity (CPA) [\[zo0009ms\]](#)

Another source of detailed data

Detailed data according to the classification of the Harmonized System (HS4) are published outside the DATAcube. database, as predefined tables - [Foreign trade by items of the harmonized system \(HS4\)](#).

Outputs on the topic of foreign trade

Classifications of foreign trade

Foreign trade statistics are compiled in four different classifications. The Combined Nomenclature (CN) is the primary nomenclature used by all EU member states to report foreign trade in goods when collecting data. It is based on the Harmonized System (HS) of description and numbering of goods and is subject to annual revisions that ensure their timeliness. It is divided into sections (indicated by Roman numerals), chapters (HS2), headings (HS4) and sub-headings (HS6) of the Harmonized System of which a sub-heading of the combined nomenclature (CN8) is created by adding two more digits.

Converters allow to transpose detailed data collected under the CN to other classifications, such as:

- Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), which correlates with sub-headings of the Harmonized System,
- Classification according to the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), which categorizes goods into economic categories with regard to their final use,
- Statistical Classification of Products by Activity (CPA), which allows linking products that have common characteristics with activities defined by NACE.

Preliminary data

They are published monthly no later than 6 weeks after the end of the reference month, according to the [First Release Calendar](#) in the SITC classification, Rev. 4. (at the level of 10 basic sections) and in the classification by Broad Economic Categories (BEC Rev. 4).

Adjusted detailed data

They are published monthly with shifting the deadline by 1 month (about 70 days after the end of the reference month) according

to the Harmonized System (in the HS4 structure - approximately 1,200 headings of goods) and according to partner countries.

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