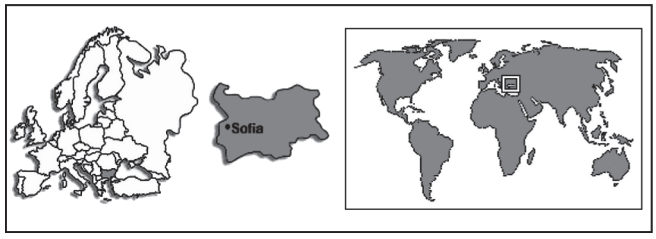
Bulgaria (BG)
Amounts shown are expressed in Bulgarian Lev (BGN)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Sofia (SOF)
- Local Time : GMT + 2
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT + 3: Starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.
- ☎ Country Code : + 359
- Local Currency : Bulgarian Lev (BGN)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Mar 2015
10 Apr 2015
11 Apr 2015
12 Apr 2015
13 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
06 May 2015
24 May 2015
06 Sep 2015
22 Sep 2015
01 Nov 2015
24 Dec 2015
25 Dec 2015
26 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.

- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: Live
  - System name: Import Control System (ICS) and Export Control System (ECS)
  - Pre-registration to file data: Required
  - Scope: Import, Export, Transit, Transhipment cargo
  - Party responsible for filing: For imports, the incoming carrier. For exports, when an Exit Summary Declaration (EXS) is required, the outgoing carrier.
  - Deadline - shorthaul (imports): For flights less than four hours, the deadline is before take-off from foreign airport
  - Deadline - longhaul (imports): At least four hours prior to arrival
  - Deadline (exports): At least 30 minutes prior to departure
  - How to submit information: For imports, an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) is sent electronically through the ICS. For exports, an AEI transmission of data for security risk assessment of cargo may be incorporated into the export declaration. If the security data has not been included in the export declaration, an exit AEI declaration (EXS) is required.
  - Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/ecip/

  Note:
  If data are not sent in advance, goods have to be declared immediately on arrival at the border, which can delay the customs clearance of consignments at the border pending the results of risk analysis for safety and security purposes.

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

- **Security**
  ACC3
  (EC Regulation 185/2010 on Cargo Security)

  Since February 1, 2012, all air carriers carrying cargo or mail from a non-EU country to the EU must be designated as an ‘’Air Cargo or Mail Carrier operating into the Union from a Third Country Airport” (ACC3) by an EU Member State. A list of exempted countries is relieved from this requirement.

  In order to obtain ACC3 designation, a carrier should
  - Ensure its security program integrates necessary EU security requirements for cargo and mail loaded onto its aircraft at any third country airport for carriage into the EU.
  - Nominate a person who has overall responsibility for implementation of cargo and mail security.
  - Submit a “Declaration of Commitments” to the appropriate EU Member State authority.

  ACC3 designation is to be obtained for every non-EU airport station from which the air carrier flies cargo and/or mail into the EU, unless an exemption applies.

  Carriers are responsible for ensuring all cargo or mail is screened or comes from a secure supply chain regulated agent (RA), known consignor (KC), account consignor (AC) before entering EU airspace.

  For designation as ACC3, carriers should contact the appropriate authority, as follows:
  - For EU carriers - the Member State that issued the AOC.
  - For non-EU carriers - the Member State listed in the Annex to Regulation 394/2011 (ETS).
  - For non-listed carriers - the Member State in which you have your major base of operations in the EU.

  By July 1, 2014, air carriers need to
  - Ensure that on-site airport station verification of cargo and mail security measures has been carried out by an EU aviation security validator.
  - Ensure that its business relations with regulated agents and known consignors are independently validated by an EU aviation security validator, after which a database should be maintained with details of the RA, KC and AC they are accepting cargo from.
    This regulation includes additional measures for High Risk Cargo, defined as cargo originating from a list of specific countries.

  On-site validations will take place either at each airport from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU, or, with conditions applied, at a representative number of airports from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU. Each successful security validation will require revalidation on a 5 year cycle.

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Burgas - BOJ, Gorna Oryahovitsa - GOZ, Plovdiv - PDV, Sofia - SOF, Varna - VAR.

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment

Burgas
Burgas Int'l Airport (BOJ)
8007 Burgas, Bulgaria
Cargo handling agent
Fraport Twin Star Airport Management AD
Phone: +359 56 870246
+359 56 870270
Fax: +359 56 870271
E-mail: cargo@burgas-airport.bg
Web site: http://www.burgas-airport.bg
Sita: BOJFFXH
Operating hours: 24 hours
Max. Aircraft size: AN124
Number of runways: 1
Highloader, max. 20,000 kg.
Forklift, max. 7,000 kg.
Conveyor belt vans.

Gorna Oryahovitsa
Gorna Oriahovitsa Int'l Airport (GOZ)
Bulgaria
5100 Gorna Oryahovitsa
4 Georgy Izmirliev sqr
P.O. Box 52
Tel.: (+359 618) 600 31
(+359 618) 989 64
Fax: (+359 618) 600 21
AFTN: LBGOYDYX
SITA: GOZAPXH
E-mail: goryahovitsaairport@abv.bg
ops@gornaoryahovitsa-airport.bg
Web site: www.gornaoryahovitsa-airport.bg
Executive manager-eng. Petar Petrov
Operating hours:
Airport Administration and transportation servicing:
04.00 - 20.00 (03.00 - 19.00) utc.
Outside these hours AD is available after PPR submitted to Fax: (+359 618)60 021 or SITA: GOZAPXH, sent from Monday to Friday not later than 8 hours before the end of the working time and after an approval granted by the AD administration.
Number of runways: 1
Forklift: 3.5 and 4 tons
Bell propelled conveyor-belt loader
Towing tractor, light, for baggage trailers
Loader capacity - not available

Plovdiv
Plovdiv Int'l Airport Ltd. (PDV)
Plovdiv Airport EAD,
4009 Plovdiv,
Bulgaria
OPS tel.: +359 32 601122
OPS fax: +359 32 601124
E-mail: operations@plovdivairport.com
SITA: PDVAPXH
Cargo Handling
Tel.: +359 32 601127
Fax: +359 32 601126
E-mail: cargo@plovdivairport.com
Web site: www.plovdivairport.com

Operating hours: 24 hours
Max. aircraft size: all types
Number of runways: 1
Loader capacity 5/7 tons.
Forklift: available up to 3 tons.

Sofia
Sofia Int'l Airport (SOF)
1. Chr.Columbus blvd., Sofia - 1540, Bulgaria
Phone: (+359 2) 945 9494;
(+359 2) 937 2003
Fax: (+359 2) 937 2010;
(+359 2) 945 9051
E-Mail: public@sofia-airport.bg
Web site: http://www.sofia-airport.bg
SITA: SOFLDXH
Cargo Terminal
Export dept.
Tel.: +359 2 937 2474
Import dept.
Tel.: +359 2 937 2472
+359 2 937 2473
Fax: +359 2 937 2460
SITA: SOFFFXH
Operating hours: 24 hours
Max. aircraft size: all types
Number of runways: 1
Loader capacity: 7,000 kg.
Loader-transporter: 3,500 kg.
Forklift: available, maximum capacity 8,000 kg.
Coveyor belt vans.

Varna
Varna Int'l Airport (VAR)
9000 Varna, Bulgaria
Cargo Handling Agent - Fraport Twin Star Airport Management AD
Phone: +359 52 573488
Fax: +359 52 573461
E-mail: cargo@varna-airport.com
Web site: http://www.varna-airport.com
SITA: VARFFXH
Operating hours: 24 hours
Max. type of aircraft: code E (B747-400) if handling is concerned.
Number of runways: 1
Loader capacity 5/7 tons.
Forklift: available

1.2.2. Storage
Uncleared goods will be stored up to 1 month. After a further period of 7 days goods will be confiscated and auctioned.

Burgas
- Cold storage: not available.
- Safe for valuables: not available.
- Room for radio active materials: not available.

Gorna Oryahovitsa
- Cold storage: not available.
- Safe for valuables: not available.
- Room for radio active materials: not available.

Plovdiv
- Cold storage: not available.
- Safe for valuables: not available.
- Room for radio active materials: not available.

Sofia
- Cold storage: available with capacity of 79 m³ and temperature between 2 - 8 degrees C.
- Freezer: available with capacity of 12 m³ and temperature -20 degrees C.
- Safe for valuables: available.
- Room for radio active materials: available.

Varna
- Animal hostel: not available
- Cold storage: not available
- Room for radio active materials: not available

1.2.3. Clearance

Burgas
At the airport.
Shipments may be cleared by the consignee or his representative (agent).

Gorna Oryahovitsa
At the airport.

Plovdiv
At the airport.

Sofia
At the airport.

Varna
At the airport.

1.2.4. Customs hours

Burgas
Customs operating hours: 24 hours.

Gorna Oryahovitsa
Customs hours from 04.00 - 20.00 (03.00 - 19.00) utc.

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Plovdiv
Customs operating hours: 24 hours.
Sofia
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. and 13.00 - 17.00 hrs. Saturday 08.00 - 14.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible against payment of a special charge and subject to prearrangement.
Varna
Customs operating hours: 24 hours.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible to places beyond Sofia by air, rail or parcel post, for account of consignee.

2. Import

2.1. GENERAL
2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate and Import Licence when hay or straw is used.
2.1.2. Marking
Goods bearing marks suggestive of Bulgarian make, must show a counter indication of their true origin.
2.1.5. Other requirements
1. Importation only possible by companies and persons registered as merchants according to Bulgarian national legislation.
2. Dutiable goods temporarily:
   Deposit for duties and or taxes or not necessary if an international CARNET ATA (Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission) from local Chamber of Commerce in country in export is present.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices.
- Packing List.
- Import Licence.
- Certificate of Origin from local Chamber of Commerce.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Without commercial value: Pro Forma Invoice in duplicate.
With commercial value: 3 Commercial Invoices for definite importation; Pro Forma Invoice if for temporary importation.

Note:
Samples with commercial value may be imported duty-free under bond, or against deposit, if they are to be re-exported within 6 months. The time limit may be extended only in exceptional cases.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
Pro Forma Invoice or informal certificate in duplicate, giving exact details of the contents of the consignment and the value of each article.

Note:
Individuals may import an annual quota of articles, only, otherwise an Import Permit from the Bulgarian Customs Authorities is necessary. Articles must be for personal use only. Gifts are generally dutiable. Details can be obtained from a Chamber of Commerce.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
No documents required. Immediate after arrival passenger must complete a Customs declaration form. For special regulations about importation of personal effects refer to Consulate.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
Live animals with origin EU - Certificate of origin, health certificate.
Pets with origin EU - Passport European Specimen.
Live animals from non- EU countries are subject to veterinary inspection when entering the EU.
They must have veterinarian certificate for import in EU.
Import of birds for commercial purposes is forbidden.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Sporting arms and ammunition: Import Permit. Consignment may not contain more than 100 pieces.
2.3.6. Human remains
Import Declaration from Trade Dept. of Ministry of the Interior.

2.4. Prohibitions
Shipper should contact consignee, Bulgarian Legation or other authority.

2.5. Charges
2.5.6. Storage
Sofia
First 24 hours ..... free
For specific details contact the carrier concerned.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.2. Live animals
Live animals are subject to veterinary inspection against payment of a charge.

4. Export

4.5. Charges
4.5.6. Storage
Sofia
24 hours prior departure of booked flight ..... free
For specific details contact the carrier concerned.

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