

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
January 2023

A. Trade in Goods

a) **Total trade in goods during**

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	Export (US \$ Million)	Import (US \$ Million)	Status Provisional (P) / Final (F)
Country's Trade with India	21.72	63.03	P
Country total global trade	1102.75	1237.82	P

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

b) **Preferential trade in goods during**

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S. No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
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(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S. No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
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(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

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c) **Top 10 items of Import from India during**

S No	Commodity (6 Digit HS code)	Value (US \$ million)	Quantity	Unit of Measurement	% share in the total import of the commodity
1	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	6.44	7,037,429	KG	87
2	Smartphones 85171300	3.84	10,500	NO	9
3	FERRO-SILICO-MANGANESE 72023000	2.32	2,168,000	KG	100
4	REFINED SUGAR CRYSTALS 17019911	2.20	3,877,988	KG	36
5	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	2.08	527,934	KG	79
6	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.84	11,091	G	12
7	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	1.63	157	NO	27
8	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel. 72159090	1.59	625,300	KG	84
9	OTHER POLYMERS 39079900	1.51	1,480,000	KG	50
10	FEMALE DRESSES, OF OTHER TEXTILES, NOT KNITTED 62044900	1.19	58,183	NO	29

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Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

d) Top 10 items of export to India

S No	Commodity (6 Digit HS Code)	Value (Us \$ Million)	Quantity	Unit Of Measurement	% Share In The Total Export Of The Commodity
1	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	9.58	3,604,923	KG	3
2	WASTE AND SCRAP OF	4.87	11,360	T	92

	TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000				
3	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	2.62	1,543	T	97
4	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.81	932,899	KG	15
5	OTHER ALUMINIUM FOIL BACKED 76072090	0.56	149,953	KG	66
6	POWDERS OF NON- LAMELLAR STRUCTURE, ALUMINUM 76031000	0.54	160,000	KG	34
7	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.45	5,004,390	KG	100
8	FITTINGS FOR TUBES AND PIPES 39174000	0.24	960,000	KG	44
9	OTHER LIFTING, HANDLING AND LOADING MACHINERY 84289000	0.22	6	NO	93
10	OTHER LUBRICATING OILS 27101919	0.21	520,000	L	60

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

e) Potential item of imports from India

S No	Commodity (6 Digit HS code)	Rationale (Max 200 words)
1	Engineering Goods & Projects Exports (401180)	- In view of upcoming Infrastructure, and Energy projects including renewable Energy in Bahrain, there is a considerable scope to increase Engineering goods & project exports. There is export target of USD 350 million for engineering goods in which we have already exported products worth USD 293.01 million till January 2023. Mission has commissioned a market study on engineering goods to understand and to identify the opportunities to increase export of engineering goods to Bahrain to realize target set for 2022-23.
2	Jewellery of gold (71131910)	- Bahrain is famous for its lustrous original pearl and the purity of gold, as these commodities are in great demand in Bahrain. There is a target of USD 70.63 million for export of Gem & jewellery in which we have already exported products worth USD 78.31 million till January 2023.
3	- Pharmaceuticals (300220) - Medical And Surgical Instruments (902214)	- India's share in Bahrain's pharma market has remained less than 2% of its import. Patented medicines and foreign drug companies dominate the Bahraini pharmaceutical market. However, the generic drug

		sector is expected to grow as the government is looking to raise health awareness and control costs. This provides Indian pharma companies opportunity to make inroads in Bahraini market. The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) recognition, taken up by the Mission, in Bahrain will also help in boosting the pharma exports and in supporting the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.
4	Agro products (070960)	- There is considerable scope to increase export of organic food, processed cereals, protein bars, healthy beverages, dairy products etc.
5	Renewable Energy (850231) (854370)	- Bahrain has set target of net zero carbon emission by 2060 and has accordingly revised the renewable energy target to 20% by 2035. Hence, there is scope to increase our export of renewable energy products & services.
6	Rmg of all Textile Items (600320)	- There is a target of USD 16 million for export of Ready made garments textile in which we have already exported products worth USD 15.34 million till January 2023.

B. Qualitative

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- Month : Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
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NIL during the period.

- Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.):

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Effective from	Remarks if any
	-	D) It has been reported that some consignment of small Indian cardamom have been rejected by Bahraini Authorities. The issue was taken up by Bahraini side conveyed that these consignments were rejected due to presence of undeclared artificial colors.	-	We have not received any complaints from Indian Exports in this regard in recent times.

NIL during the period

- Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
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NIL during the period.

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS)	Effective from	Remarks if any
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			codes)		
1	6.6.2020	Imposed Anti - Dumping Duty on Ceramic, Porcelain and Tiles imports of Origin or Export from China and India with effect from 6.6.2020.	HS:(250700)	6.6.2020	--
2	01.10.2022	Anti- Dumping on Motor Batteries - Ministry of Industry and Commerce in Bahrain has imposed anti-dumping duty on motor batteries capacity of 32 to 225 amps from Turkey and India effective from 01st October 2022 . Duties imposed on the engine batteries will be based on the dumping rate of the products. However, AGM and EFB battery types are exempted from the duties. Earlier Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism in Bahrain on 07.05.2021 had initiated an anti-dumping investigation into imports of engine batteries from India, Turkey and Spain.	HS:(850610)		WANA Division Ministry of Commerce has been notified of this.
3		Gulf Cooperation Council's Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-Injurious Practices in International Trade has initiated anti-dumping investigation in respect of imports of semi-chemical fluting paper, fluting and test liner (recycled liner board) ("container board paper" or "subject merchandise") from Germany, France and India.	HS:(48081000)		Mission has sent a Note Verbale dated 29 th December 2022 to MoFA

NIL during the period.

e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
-	Nil	NA	NA	NA	-

NIL during the period.

2. Feedback

a). Feedback from major Indian Industries/ other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to Bahrain.

S No.	Name of Business House	Activity Sector	Trade barriers Issues if any	General Feed Back (Max 200 words)
1	FIEO- Super Sourcing 8 th - 9 th January 2023	Food and Stationary	-	Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Super sourcing Arab organized by FIEO in association with Verifair Dubai. The multi- sector expo brings 36 Indian Companies representing various sectors such as food & agri, FMCG stationery, paper products, packaging, health care, cosmetics, home & living, safety equipment to met sourcing needs of importers from Bahrain and the Region.

b). Feedback from major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/ BSM including Indian participation) -

S No.	Activity (Trade fair)	Date and Venue	Name(s) of large / key participants	Feedback received

c). Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM, number of Business Visas issued. :

No	Activity (trade fair)	Date and Venue	List of large / key participants from Bahrain	Number of Business Visa issued	Feed Back received (Max 200 words)
1	TPCI Indus food	Hyderabad from 8 th - 10 th January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Aziz • Ali Foodstuff Store W.l.l • Saleh Al-saleh Co. W.l.l. • Chunilal • Purshottam & Co. W.l.l. • Somco • Bahrain W.l.l • Gulf • Consumer • Babasons • Wll • Lulu Group • International • Khalil Ali • Akbar Lari Group • Mohammad • Ali Zainal Abdulla • Bakemate • Trafco • Group • Fair N 		Trade Promotion Council of India had organized the 6 th edition of 'IndusFood' on 8-10 January 2023 at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad (Telangana). Around 22 members from 16 companies from Bahrain had participated in the event.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh Food Industry Wll • Mia Holdings • Marmaris Group Wll • Nesto Hypermarkets • Abdul Aziz Ali Foodstuff Store W.l.l • Saleh Al- saleh Co. W.l.l. • Chunilal Purshottam & Co. W.l.l. • Somco Bahrain W.l.l • Gulf Consumer • Babasons Wll • Lulu Group International • Khalil Ali Akbar Lari Group • Mohammad Ali Zainal Abdulla • Bakemate • Trafco Group • Fair N Fresh Food Industry Wll • Mia Holdings • Marmaris Group Wll • Nesto Hypermarkets 	
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D) Total business visa issued during the month of January , 2023 – 23

3. Trade & investment:

a. Significant Trends in trade & investment

S No	Category	Details of Significant Trends (200 Words)
1	Trade in Goods	<p>I) Global Trends for the period (April to December-2021 April to January 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain 11% ◆ Rise in Global Exports by Bahrain 12% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (April to December 2021 April to January 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import from India 18% ◆ Rise in Export to India 13%

		<p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (December 2022 to January 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import by Bahrain -1% ◆ Fall in Export by Bahrain -2% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (December 2022 to January 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Imports from India 2% ◆ Fall in Exports to India -56% <p>(Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)</p>
2	Trade in Services	-----
3	Investment	<p>There are about 7521 Indian companies registered in Bahrain, some with partnership. (Source : NV Ref 424/2020:MOFA,Bahrain)</p> <p>2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US\$ 182.1761 mn from APRIL 2000 TO September 2022)</p> <p>Source : (https://dipp.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)</p>

b. Information on tender Notice for projects and procurement's of Interest to Indian Project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

Tender notifications are available on: (<http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh>)

c. Trade Queries for Import / Export (Annexure attached)

No.	Enquiry originator	Products	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Indian Companies	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 131 trade queries from India during January 2023. All the queries have been replied. The queries were mainly on food, ceramic & tiles, spices etc.

4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leader, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. Significant stories/features on India related trade, Investment, services and logistic sector, publications in foreign journals/details etc.

BNA 02.01.2023 Indian shares begin 2023 on a positive note on metals boost: Indian shares rose on Monday, the first trading session of 2023, helped by an uptick in metals and financials.

Gulf Daily News 07.01.2023 India sees slower GDP growth of 7 per cent: India's government expects economic growth to slow in the financial year ending March, as pandemic related distortions ease and pent-up demand for goods levels out going into 2023

Al Watan/ The Daily Tribune / Gulf Daily News 08.01.2023 Indian exports to Bahrain at US\$ 454 million, says FIEO: Overall Indian exports to Bahrain in the first seven months (April – October) of the current fiscal reached USD \$ 454.15 million, said the Indian exports apex body, the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO).

The Daily Tribune 17.01.2023 India’s top 1% own 40% of wealth: Report: The richest 1 percent in India owned about 40 percent of the country’s total wealth in 2021, a new report showed yesterday, revealing a widening wealth disparity in the world’s second most-populated country.

Gulf Daily News 23.01.2023 UAE and India in talks to settle non-oil trade in rupees: THE UAE is in early discussions with India to trade non-oil commodities in Indian rupees, Emirati Minister for Foreign Trade Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi said.

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S. No	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max 200 words)	Details of Seminar conference (date/venue, no of participants) or research (Max 200 words)	Details of trade research(title of report executive summary, date of publication) (Max 200 words)
1	Super Sourcing Arabia 2023	08-09 January 2023	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
2	INDIA CARPET EXPO – EXHIBITION	15-18 March 2023	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
3	SOURCEX India 2023	09-11 March 2023	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain

6. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year(2022-2023)	RE for current financial year	Amount Utilized	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,00,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)		Rs 1,83,671.37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditure incurred on printing booklets of Indian coffee & GI Mangoes as a promotion material. - Expenditure incurred towards hiring of hall for organizing networking meet event & B2B meet for FIEO delegation. - Expenditure towards design and making two rollup standees on India- Bahrain Networking event on food & agri sector and hiring a photographer for the Networking event.
Rs 5,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity		Rs. 1,98,153.61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditure incurred during the B2B meeting & networking event organized during the visit of Nasscom delegation to Bahrain.

			<p>- Expenditure towards printing of booklets on GI Mangoes as a promotion material.</p> <p>- Expenditure towards purchase of coffee from Coffee board of India.</p> <p>- Expenditure incurred towards millet cookies and live demonstration of millet dosa counter was set up during Diwali mela to promote International year of Millets.</p>
Rs 2,00,000 Funds provided in State facilitation		Rs. 85,885	<p>- Expenditure incurred towards printing of banner for the promotion of tourism of Ahmedabad & Kerala.</p> <p>- Expenditure incurred towards printing of booklets on Maharashtra & Goa tourism.</p>

7. Action taken on previous JWG's Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had follow up with host Government):

S No.	Details of JWG/JEC with date & Venue	Action Point (Max 200 words)	Action Taken (Max 200 words)
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8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer/supplier	Name & address of Indian exporter/importer	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any Outcome
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9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer: -

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
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1	FG Glass Industries PVT LTD	Ashbee Industries	Outstanding payment of Rs. 1,26,32,835 was not paid by the buyer against the goods exported.	Embassy of India, Bahrain (25.01.2023)	
2	CMJ Engineering Private Limited	Manarat Alaomran Contracting WLL	Dishonored cheque of Kindom of Bahrain and the payment of BHD 65975.754 is pending	Embassy of India, Bahrain (28.01.2023)	

10. Any other issues for importance (Max 500 words)

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