

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS

(Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

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The report has 3 parts:

- 1) Monthly- Trade in Goods and Qualitative;
- 2) Quarterly- Services, Investment and Logistics; and
- 3) Annually- Trade in Goods and Services overall

Name of the Mission (Country): MOROCCO

MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2023

A. Trade in goods

(a) Total trade in goods

	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)
Country's trade with India (Jan-Dec 2022)	2 728	1 395
Country's total global trade (Jan-Dec 2022)	42 861	73 744

Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

During the calendar year 2022, both exports and imports from/to India have registered a healthy growth via-a-vis the corresponding period last year 2021. Figures show a new record of exports in the current calendar year 2022 from USD 1080 million in CY 2021 to USD 1395 million in CY 2022, registering a growth of 29.16%. In the same period the imports to India rose from USD 1825 million USD in CY 2021 to USD 2728 million USD, registering a growth of 49.5%. India imports a large number of phosphates, fertilizers and derivatives, whose prices have increased significantly in year 2022.

S.No	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
1	N.A.		
2	N A		

c) Top 10 items of import from India during **(Jan-Dec 2022) HS Code Basis**

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1.	27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	296
2.	87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and	140

		parts and accessories thereof	
3.	84	Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers; parts thereof	89
4.	54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	80
5.	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers; television image and sound recorders and reproducers, parts and accessories of such articles	75
6.	39	Plastics and articles thereof	67
7.	30	Pharmaceutical products	66
8.	55	Man-made staple fibers	62
9.	52	Cotton	61
10.	9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	52

* *Source: Exchange Office, Morocco*

(d) Top 10 items of export to India during **(Jan-Dec 2022)**

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity (HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)
1.	31	Fertilizers	1741
2.	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; Phosphoric Acid of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	618
3.	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	312
4.	76	Aluminum and articles thereof	20
5.	72	Iron and steel	9
6.	74	Copper and articles thereof	6
7.	47	Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard	6
8.	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	5

9.	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	4
10.	79	Zinc and articles thereof	2

* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India.

Financial year (Apr 2022- Feb 2023)

<https://tradestat.commerce.gov.in/meidb/cntcom.asp?ie=e>

	Name of goods -HSN Code	Export from India Apr- Feb 2022 USD Million	Export from India Apr – Feb 2023 USD Million	% change
1	Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87	96.61	168.70	74.62
2	Mineral Fuel/Petroleum Chapter 27	2.56	106.81	4,067.69
3	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof Chapter 84	40.96	64.33	57.06
4	Man Made filaments Chapter 54	55.25	54.30	-1.73
5	Electrical Machinery and Equipment and parts thereof; Chapters 85	105.30	44.66	-57.58
6	Plastic and articles thereof Chapter 39	49.30	44.35	-10.03
7	Cotton Chapter 52	44.12	43.78	-0.77
8	Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30	49.84	42.13	-15.47
9	Man Made staple fibers. Chapter 55	42.09	33.42	-20.58
10	Coffee, tea, spices Chapter 9	38.80	32.13	-17.18

Source: DGFT.

On a consolidated basis, heavy engineering goods cotton, automotive, defense, rice, organic and inorganic chemicals are key items of export from India to Morocco. There has been some demand

slow down in electronic goods, pharmaceuticals and coffee, tea and spices. Due to inflation and high freight tariff, the export got impacted. Despite the headwinds, the gross merchandise export from India has touched all time high. It is expected that this trend is likely to continue in the calendar year 2023 as well.

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India – Consolidated basis sector wise

Financial year (Apr 2022- Mar 2023)

	Commodity View	Total Exports Apr'22- Mar 23 (\$M)
1.	Engineering Goods	342.89
2.	Petroleum Products	195.71
3.	Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups Etc.	101.13
4.	Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	61.21
5.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc	57.27
6.	Plastic And Linoleum	57.11
7.	Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	41.29
8.	Spices	38.35
9.	Mica, Coal and other Ores, Minerals	37.57
10.	Electronic Goods	33.69

Source: Niryat, Government of India

In the current financial year, while demand for engineering goods, petroleum and agri commodities remained strong, there has been some demand slow down in chemicals, pharma and electronic goods. Indian exports have diversified from the traditional exports like textiles, cotton and spices and new commodities /goods are being exported to Morocco, signifying the broadening base of the Indian exports in the Moroccan market.

(ii) Qualitative Feedback

Market Access Alerts:

Mission has come across of some fraudulent activity faced by Indian companies regarding export shipment of marble from India. The importer released the documents fraudulently. Mission has taken suitable steps in this regard including liaison with importer and informing the local MoFA requesting

that the necessary action against these importers may kindly be taken including resolution of the complaints of the Indian exporters and payment of their dues.

(a) Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	Circular No. 6450/311 April 25 th , 2023	Investments and special regimes for legal uses of cannabis.	-----	From April 25 th , 2023	- Import and export of Cannabis seeds and plants are subject to authorization issued by the National Agency of Regulation of Cannabis Related Activities (ANRAC) - Import and export of cannabis and its related products, under any regime whatsoever, cannot be authorized by ANRAC only for medical, pharmaceutical or industrial purposes.
2.	Circular No. 6446/232 April 10 th , 2023	Classification in the import duty tariff of the product called "Multi functional toilet cover seat"	3922.20	From April 10 th , 2023	- The product named "Multi functional toilet cover seat", classified by application of RGI 3b and 6, under subheading 3922.20 of the Harmonized System, item 3922.20.00.00 of the import duty tariff.
3.	Circular No. 6445/232 April 10 th , 2023	Classification in the import duty tariff of the products named "silk plaster".	3214.90	From April 10 th , 2023	- The product named "silk plaster", classified by application of RGI 2 and 6, under subheading 3214.90 of the Harmonized System, item 3214.90.00.00 of the import duty tariff.

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

- Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures: **NIL**
- Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: *(Safeguards including special safeguard, anti-dumping, CVD or anti- subsidy):* **NIL**

(iii) Other Feedback

(a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country : **NIL**

(b) Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation): **NIL**

(c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM: **NIL**

(d) Number of Business Visas issued in April: 30

30 Business Visas issued for the Month of April 2023 showing a very good number of business exchanges between the both countries as compared to same period last year where only 26 business visas were issued in April 22, which indicates that there is renewed interest from Moroccan side. Also there is significant increase in normal tourist visas, indicating that there is ample interest from Moroccan side to visit India for tourism and business purposes.

(e) Participation from Morocco was encouraged in these expos/fairs.

S.No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1	India Steel 2023	19-21 April in Mumbai				
2	IMC India Calling Conference 2023	29 April in Hybrid Format				

B. Trade and Investment:

(a) Significant trends in trade and investment (Sources: Exchange Office)

Trade Scoreboard – Kingdom of Morocco

Trade in goods

Year	Jan-Mar 2023 Billion USD	Jan-Mar 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	18.2	16.5	+10.1
Exports FOB	10.9	10.1	+8.0
Balance of Trade	-7.3	-6.4	-

Trade in services

Year	Jan-Mar 2023 Billion USD	Jan-Mar 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	2.7	2.2	+19.9
Exports FOB	6.0	3.9	+56.4
Balance	+3.3	+1.6	-

Imports of goods by main products

Products	Jan-Mar 2023 Billion USD	Jan-Mar 2022 Billion USD	% increase/ decrease
Equipment (Parts of airplanes and other aerial vehicles, Seagoing vessels and other floating devices, Automatic information processing machines.)	3.8	3.2	+22.0
Finished consumer products (Passenger cars, plastics and articles thereof, Seats, furniture, mattresses)	3.9	3.4	+15.1
Energy products (Coals; cokes and similar solid fuels, Gas oils and fuel oils, Petroleum gas and other hydrocarbons)	3.3	2.8	15.7
Foodstuffs (Wheat, Barley, Milk, dairy products other than butter/cheese)	2.4	2.0	+16.9
Raw products (Crude and unrefined sulfurs, Crude or refined soybean oil)	0.9	1.0	-6.5
Semi-finished products (Ammonia, Chemicals, Plastics)	3.7	4.0	-6.7

Exports of goods by main sectors

Products	Jan-Mar 2023 Billion USD	Jan-Mar 2022 Billion USD	% increase/decrease
Automobile (Construction Wiring, Interior vehicles and seats)	3.4	2.3	+44.8
Textile and Leather (garments, footwear, hosiery articles)	1.2	1.0	+16.6
Electronics and Electricity (Electronic components, wire, cables)	0.5	0.4	+34.0
Other mining extractions	0.5	0.4	+5.5
Agriculture and Agri-food	2.52	2.51	+0.1

Aeronautics	0.526	0.525	+0.2
Phosphates and derivatives	1.8	2.4	-25.3
Other industries (Metallurgy and Metalworking,Plastic and rubber industry,pharmaceutical industry)	0.7	0.6	+8.3

Source " Exchange Office Kingdom of Morocco

(b) Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

AMDIE, the government authority to promote Morocco Now is emphasizing a lot to attract investment in Morocco and several Indian businesses have shown interest in various segments including plastics, poly-films packaging, automotive ancillaries and so on. Tangier Med and freezone are seen as a preferred destination in Morocco due to its locational advantage and availability of land and resources.

There are ample scope of investment in Morocco in the field of renewable energy, automobiles and OEMs, chemicals, textiles and so on

(c) Information on tender Notices for projects and procurement of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 15 million & above)

- Open Tender in Morocco: www.marchespublics.gov.ma
 - Open tender for works :
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=706489&orgAcronyme=d4q>
 - Open tender for stationery:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=706125&orgAcronyme=g3hs>
 - Open tender for Works ONEEBE:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=702078&orgAcronyme=d4q>
- Indian Trade Portal: <https://www.indiantradeportal.in/20tt15/index.jsp>

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender / procurement
1.	Ref: SP4120926 Design, supply of materials and equipment, construction, testing and commissioning and long-term	Works / Electrical work / Installation work for industrial use	589 690 920.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 58 M

	<p>maintenance of two gas turbine units of 450 MW ±10% each in open cycle running on natural gas in the site of 'Al-Wahda, Ouezzane</p> <p>National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch</p> <p>Deadline: 11/07/2023 09:00</p>		
2.	<p>Ref: 02/2023/GAMDU</p> <p>Services for the realization of the ticketing system Project of the first line of BHLS in Agadir city, Agadir Ida Ou Tanane</p> <p>Local development company "Grand Agadir Pour La Mobilite Et Les Deplacements Urbains"</p> <p>Deadline : 13/06/2023 11:00</p>	<p>Stationery/ Electrical, electronic, electromechanical equipment and supplies and spare parts / Audio visual equipment; communications, telecommunications</p>	<p>3 972 636.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 0.4 M</p>
3.	<p>Ref: SP4120926</p> <p>TDrinking water supply works in the territorial municipality of Sidi Laaroussi - first tranche (Province of Essaouira) Lot 1: Pipeline 1</p> <p>ONEEBE - National Office for Electricity and Drinking Water - Water Branch</p> <p>Deadline : 15/06/2023 10:00</p>	<p>Works / Sanitation, drinking water and miscellaneous network works / Laying of drinking water pipes</p>	<p>34 742 940.00 DH equivalent to \$ 3.4 M</p>

(d) Trade Queries for Imports / Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal)

S.No	Enquiry Originator	Hs Code	Product	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken
1	Amiteakshi Exim Private Limited.	19	Gorgon Nut Fox Nut Makhana	Export	Information Supplied
2	M/S – Pooja Agro Overseas	07	Vegetable, Fruit, Bee Honey & Indian Gooseberries Fresh	Export	-do-
3	Shri Balaji Exim	07	Agricultural products, food products, Imitation Jewellery Fashion and cloths, Engineering Machineries	Export	-do-
4	Atithi Paper LLP	48	Kraft paper packaging	Export	-do-
5	Austere Exim	96	Baby Diaper	Export	-do-
6	Viva Agtech Products	53	Cocopeat	Export	-do-

7	C&S Electric Ltd	85	Low Voltage Products	Export	-do-
8	Kuber Enterprises	30	Ayurvedic Medicines & Herbs	Export	-do-
9	Mass Exim	07	Onion	Export	-do-
10	Cottonex Industries	52	Cotton yarn	Export	-do-
11	Poorva Enterprises	07	Rice Banana Vegetables	Export	-do-
12	Siddhi Engineers	84	Submersible pumps & Motors	Export	-do-
13	Raj Cooling Systems	84	Evaporative Air Cooler Pedestal Fans	Export	-do-
14	A&S Company	61	Tshirt	Export	-do-
15	Scud Exim	09	Spices	Export	-do-
16	Sevastu Global	10	Yellow maize Cattle feed oil cake Cattle feed Rice bran	Export	-do-
17	Allwell Healthcare Enterprises	33	Fenugreek, Ginger, Pepper, Turmeric, Cardamom, Celery seed and Nutmeg Oleoresins, Celery seed Oleoresins Essential Oils And Resinoids, Perfumery, Cosmetic or Toilet Preparations. Pharmaceutical Products. Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered. Apples Cereals	Export	-do-
18	PDN Formulations	30	Ayurvedic Products	Export	-do-
19	Prince Enterprise	83	Cabinet Handles Door Handles Furniture Fittings Glass Support Sofa Legs	Export	-do-
20	Lonar Daily Solutions Pvt Ltd	28	Flakes Millets Spices Healthy Snacks Dry Fruits Nuts	Export	-do-
21	Chakraborty Overseas	84	Valves, fittings, Faucet, Extinguisher	Export	-do-
22	Shree Natural Body Care	15	CastorOil	Export	-do-
23	The Woman's Company	38	Organic feminine hygiene care products	Export	-do-
24	Shreeram Global	09	Dry turmeric, Turmeric powder	Export	-do-
25	Ronak Healthcare pvt ltd	30	Pharmaceutical, Herbal, Veterinary and Cosmetics	Export	-do-

			products		
26	Paavan exports	61	t-shirts	Export	-do-
27	Bharat Hydraulic Industries LLP	84	PVCPaving, Tiles, Elevation, Ventilation Moulds, Cement Brick Machine, Block Making Machinery	Export	-do-
28	Pulse Enterprises	30	Dietary Supplements and Nutraceuticals	Export	-do-
29	Mozocare Sinodia Healthcare Private Limited	30	Healthcare	Export	-do-
30	I Beej Food PVT LTD	20	Peanut Butter	Export	-do-
31	Guru Engineers	84	Food Processing Equipment	Export	-do-
32	Xnglore Impex LLP	38	Chemicals	Export	-do-
33	KMS Corporation	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
34	Hanscure Life science Private Limited	40	Surgical Disposable Products	Export	-do-
35	Akshar foods exports	07	Fresh onion	Export	-do-
36	Evergreen Carpets	57	Carpet	Export	-do-
37	M/S. Dononman International	61	Sanitary Pads	Export	-do-
38	Rybo Faucets	39	Bath Faucet	Export	-do-
39	H2O Management Services Pvt Ltd.	84	Water and waste water treatment systems	Export	-do-
40	Sashiem Globalized	85	Electronic, integrated, circuits as processors and controllers	Export	-do-
41	RD Global Enterprises	54	Readymade Garments Fabrics	Export	-do-
42	Yogendra Singh Raghuwanshi	09	Spices	Export	-do-
43	Square impex	68	Granite	Export	-do-
44	Kirloskar Brothers Limited	98	Leading-edge solutions for Total Fluidity Management for water supply, power generation, irrigation, oil & gas and marine & defense to small pumps for domestic and agricultural use.	Export	-do-
45	Pavittar Pharmaceuticals	30	Generic Medicines (Tablets, Injections, Capsules, Syrups)	Export	-do-
46	Sawm Overseas	38	Bio Agri chemical products	Export	-do-

47	Alfa Laval India Private Limited	15	Edible vegetable oil	Export	-do-
48	JBS Industries	73	Kitchenware & tableware items	Export	-do-
49	O.H.P Food Products Pvt.Ltd	20	Juice arbonated Drink Confectionary Bakery Tobacco & Tobacco Related Coconut Powder Spices	Export	-do-
50	SEAP Impex Private Limited	09	Agricultural Products, Spices, Pharma and Engineering Products	Export	-do-
51	Narico Bioenergy Limited	23	Poultry feed, fish feed, maize/corn Basmati /Non- Basmati Rice, Maize (Yellow corn) & sugar & spices	Export	-do-
52	Microvit ceramic	69	Ceramic Sanitaryware	Export	-do-
53	Moonshine Trading	63	Home textile and rice	Export	-do-
54	Brinda Exports	57	Carpets	Export	-do-
55	Pakaj Plast	48	Packaging box	Export	-do-
56	Safco Trading Company	39	Plastic Casseroles	Export	-do-
57	Agpulse Pvt Ltd	31	Urea46, DAP, MOP and MAP fertilizer	Import	-do-
58	Yuvraj Enterprise	80	Dates, Figs, Pineaples,Avocados, Guavas,Mangoes fresh or dried	Export	-do-
59	Medvay Pharma	30	Medicine	Export	-do-
60	MerchEx Co.	08	Cashew Kernels Whole	Export	-do-
61	Royal Wings Export Import	09	Spices & Vegetables	Export	-do-
62	Agropac Pvt. Ltd	39	Packaging material for Foods Products	Export	-do-
63	Infinite Polytech Pvt Ltd	39	Polypropylene Strips, Twine and Ropes	Export	-do-
64	Shreeji Agro and Fertilizers	31	Organic liquid fertilizers	Export	-do-
65	MD Aayuush Overseas	09	Spices	Export	-do-
66	Simpolo ceramics	69	Ceramic and porcelain tiles	Export	-do-
67	Genesis gobal impex	10	Milletts	Export	-do-
68	GKB Optics Technologies Pvt. Ltd	90	Optical Lenses	Export	-do-

69	Mundra Agro Pvt Ltd	10	Rice	Export	-do-
70	DM Africa Holding	84	Fire fighting facilities	Import	-do-
71	Nihar impex	69	Ceramic and porcelain tiles	Export	-do-
72	VS Pap Chem	10	Wheat, Basmati, Non-Basmati Rice, Mustard seeds and Onion	Export	-do-
73	Gulmohar Boutique International	07	Kabuli Chana Black Chana	Export	-do-
74	Labaiders	70	Laboratory instruments	Export	-do-
75	The Global Exporters	10	Basmati Rice cooking oils	Export	-do-
76	3SHUL Exports and Imports private limited	10	Rice, Chilli Powder, Turmeric, & Spices	Export	-do-
77	Nectar Meditech	90	Orthopedic Implants & Surgical Devices	Export	-do-
78	Divyaan Synergies and Exports Private Limited	04	Raw Honey	Export	-do-
79	Premium Global Exporters	10	Parboiled Rice and Basmati Rice	Export	-do-
80	ARB Export Import	08	Dried raisins	Export	-do-
81	KK Internationals	10	Rice	Export	-do-
82	Mahale Exim	07	Fruit and Fresh Vegetable	Export	-do-
83	M/S Krity Enterprises	10	Rice	Export	-do-
84	Deepak panigrahi	10	Yellow Maize	Export	-do-
85	Auctave Automation Pvt. Ltd.	85	Electrical products	Export	-do-
86	Spice nest	09	Spices, dehydrated vegetables ,pulses, oil seeds, spices powder , cooking paste, dry fruits .	Export	-do-
87	Ingenuity Global Services	07	Fruits, vegetables, and spices	Export	-do-
88	Saviyaa Impex	95	Baby products	Export	-do-
89	Quintess international	87	Tractors	Export	-do-
90	R1 Exim	07	Onion, Dehydrated Onion Powder, Turmeric, Cow Peas, Chana, Kabuli Chana	Export	-do-
91	Klm System	85	Electronics	Import	-do-
92	MII Foods PVT LTD & Your	03	Fresh, Chilled sea foods	Export	-do-

	Buzzling Kitchen				
93	Dispotech Papers	48	Paper cups	Export	-do-
94	Rana Foods	58	Textile raw materials and machinery parts	Export	-do-
95	National Agro Industries	84	Agricultural Machinery	Export	-do-

There is significant increase in trade queries from India, which means that there is renewed interest in export from India to Morocco.

(e) Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.: (Max. 500 words)

Pl see para 10 below

C. Tourism

(a) Tourist Visa issued in April 2023

S.No.	No. of tourist visa issued during the month Apr 2023	No. of tourist visa issued during the same month last year Apr 2022	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the year Jan- Apr 2023	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the last year Jan-Dec 2022
1.	36	20	171	628

(b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events held / organized: **NIL**

(c) Use of Social Media/Print Media/Electronic Media for promoting Tourism:

Activity	Print	Electronic	Twitter	Facebook	Instagram	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts			14	7	0		
No. of impressions			38	0	0		
No. of likes			114	178	0		

(d) Any advisory issued by the country for traveling to India:

Morocco issues E-visas for nationals from India, Guatemala, Azerbaijan and Jordan, started from January 10, 2023. Following this, there has been great increase of tourist inflow from India to Morocco in the last couple of months

(e) Interactions held with Tour Operators for promoting tourism in India: On March 1, 2023, Mission interacted with the tour operators during India Morocco Business Conference in Casablanca.

(f) Any other information: NIL

D. Transfer of Technology to India

(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press: NIL

(b) Any interest received from Foreign companies for technology transfer: NIL

(c) Any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions: NIL

(d) Any science/technology exhibition held: NIL

(e) Any press coverage on new patents/designs/IPR filed/granted: NIL

(f) Any other information: NIL

E. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing: NIL

F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget: NIL

G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.: NIL

H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/imp	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	<p>M/s. Krishna Entreprises</p> <p>01, floor- , Rajeshree Apt, Near Bharat College, Thane, Maharashtra, 421503.</p> <p>GST NO: 27AAOFK1765A1ZE</p> <p>buyersenquiry00@gmail.com, +91 80978 83667</p> <p>India</p> <p>Le contact: Mr HEBERT.</p>	<p>M/s. KLM System</p> <p>KLM SYSTEM</p> <p>Country: MOROCCO</p> <p>Add: 24 hectares Imm 30 Appt 5 Temara</p> <p>City: TEMARA</p> <p>Zip code: 12000</p> <p>Tel: + <u>212 6 75 70 92 29</u></p> <p>Contact: Ali Khouitir</p>	<p>The Moroccan company ordered video conference products from Krishna Entreprises. The Indian company asked to be paid 100% in advance. The Moroccan company sent the amount of \$ 1808.60 through AttijariWafa Bank on April 05th 202, and as per swift tracker, the payment was received by HDFC Bank in India on 10th April 2023, however the Krishna Entreprises didn't send the goods until today. This caused very big problems to the Moroccan company with their client.</p>	<p>The Mission sent an email and a reminder to the Indian company requesting explanations about the case and to take necessary action.</p>	<p>The Indian company didn't respond to our several calls and emails.</p>
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I. Complaints of Indian exporter / Moroccan importer:

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/impo	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	<p>M/s. Shreedeeep Shipping Services</p> <p>Mr. Vinay Parmar Managing Partner +91-9173933393 info@shreedeeepshipping.com;</p>	<p>M/s. Jawhara Ceram</p> <p>Mr. Karim</p> <p>Bin Lamdoune Rue 12 N28 Bis, Casablanca, 20000 Casablanca Morocco</p> <p>+212661192077 dkisusini@gmail.com;</p>	<p>They Indian Company sold their services of Ocean Freight Forwarding to their Moroccan client Jawhara Ceram on 30 April 2022 the amount of the invoice number SDS/EXP/BOS/0019 and Amount 61,389.00 \$ is still pending. The Indian company informed that in the duration of the whole year their client has created many disputes and they have given many offers of cooperation but everything was in vain.</p>	<p>The Embassy contacted through email and phone the Moroccan importer.</p>	<p>The Moroccan company informed the Mission that the case is the court.</p>
2	<p>M/s. Mahavir Health</p> <p>Viraj Tolia Mahavir Health M: <u>+91 94093 81970</u></p>	<p>M/s. F. G. Branding Sarl</p> <p>Mr. Gul Vaswani +212645501513 rohimex@yahoo.com;</p>	<p>Mahavir Health sent 2 containers to F G Branding Sarl. Co. an Indian living and operating in Morocco. Morocco, which total invoices value is US \$1,00,473.17. The Indian company informed us that they have received US \$57,000 against the two invoices and the payment still pending is US \$43,473.17.</p>	<p>The Embassy of India Rabat sent an email to F. G. Branding Sarl asking to make the payment to the exporter. As we didn't received any reply we Mr. Gul Vaswani asking explanations.</p>	<p>On the phone, Mr. Vaswani informed us that the company was in holiday and they have well received the email. He replied by email that they have been in touch regularly with their supplier in India and they will copy the email of Embassy in all further correspondence to this matter.</p>

3	<p>M/s. Shahi Exports</p> <p>Syed Yasar Managing Director</p> <p>No.100, Jani Jahan Khan Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014 Tamil Nadu, India</p> <p>shahiexport.india@ gmail.com</p> <p>+919962657353</p>	<p>M/s. Solar One</p> <p>Mr. Hamoude Zahran</p> <p>Lot Zhar N 1 RD Av ibn Badiss, El Jadida, Morocco</p> <p><u>+212 6 63 76 9367</u> <u>hamoude_n@ya hoo.com</u></p>	<p>The Indian company had a business transaction with Sté Solar One. the Moroccan company failed to make the payment for the goods received. The outstanding amount overdue for over 6 months is USD 11,993.56.</p> <p>The Indian company informed us that despite numerous attempts to contact the Moroccan company requesting payment, they have not received any proper response from them.</p>	<p>The Mission contacted the Moroccan company requesting to make the payment at earliest. We had also many telephone conversations with the Moroccan and the Indian company in order to find a suitable solution for both parts.</p>	<p>The owner of the Moroccan company informed us that he is facing financial difficulties which unable him to make full payment for the time being. He suggested to make the payment in installments.</p>
4	<p>M/s. Alam Marble</p> <p>+919916774433 alammarble@gmail. com</p>	<p>M/s. Stragemac</p> <p>Mr. Youssef El Ammari</p> <p>61, Av Lalla Yacout, El Maani, 2^{ème} étage Casablanca</p> <p><u>+212771-590866</u> <u>+212 645-514540</u></p> <p>ouazzanigranite @gmail.com</p>	<p>The Indian company, M/s. Alam Marble had supplied 2 containers of black galaxy granite worth 25064.00 US\$ to M/s. Stragemac.</p> <p>The payment terms were 100% CAD bank to bank. The importer took the papers from the bank (Al Barid Bank which is not an international bank) and released the cargo without making the payment.</p>	<p>The Indian Embassy visited a branch in Rabat requesting information about their services and the financial transaction they may operate. Also the regional directorate of Al Barid Bank has been visited requesting more information and</p>	<p>The director of the branch of Al Barid Bank as well as a director at the regional directorate in Rabat informed us that branches of Al Barid Bank are unable to deal with companies and to make payments for international commercial transactions.</p> <p>The Embassy is preparing a letter addressed to General Directorate of AL Barid Bank informing about all fraudulent cases received.</p>

5	M/s. Vemo Ceramica sachin@vemoceramica.com www.vemoceramica.com	M/s. Ouzoud Carreaux Sarl Rdc Douar Lekrakeb naaimiya, Sidi Jaber 23000, Beni Mellal, Morocco. 00212 660 728085 ouzoudcaro@gmail.com	The Indian company received an order for 2 containers From Morocco Clients and the payment terms was 30% advance the rest 70% against documents bank to bank. The Indian company confirmed reception of payment of 30% of the payment in their account from the Moroccan company. As goods was going to be dispatched in 10 to 12 days, they were requesting if you there was any concerns or any bad trade records about the Morocco company.	The Mission called several times Beni Mellal Chamber of Commerce and industry Services to check if M/s. Ouzoud Carreaux was member. Also, we have verified in our database.	We didn't get any response from Beni Mellal Chamber of Commerce as it is Eid holidays here. Also, in our database we didn't find any complaint or bad trade record against Ouzoud Carreaux Sarl. The Indian company was advised to take a call accordingly.
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J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

Macro economic indicators

(I). Foreign Direct Investments to Morocco Rise by Nearly 20%

The flow of Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) into Morocco rose by 19.8% over the first two months of 2023, according to Office d'Exchange (OE) data. In a monthly publication, OE data showed that Foreign Direct Investments in Morocco reached MAD 5 billion (\$493 million) at the end of February, up from MAD 4 billion (\$ 394 million) a year earlier. Despite the notable post-pandemic recovery, the flow of FDIs remains below pre-pandemic levels. The volume of FDI in the first two months of 2019 settled at MAD 6 billion (\$592 million), OE data indicated.

(II). IMF Approves \$5 Billion Crisis Prevention Credit Line for Morocco

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a two-year arrangement for Morocco under the Flexible Credit Line (FCL) of about US\$5.0 billion. The arrangement will enhance Morocco's external buffers and provide insurance against plausible tail risks on a temporary basis.

(III). Remittances from Moroccan Diaspora Reaches \$1.7 Billion in February 2023

Remittances from Moroccans residing abroad (MRE) totaled nearly MAD 17.3 billion (\$1.7 billion) by the end of February 2023, up from MAD 13.45 billion (\$1.3 billion) the previous year, the Office d'Echange (OE) reported. The number represents an increase of 28.6% compared to a year earlier, the office noted.

(IV). ONSSA grants import licenses to 250 farmers for 'cannabis' seeds

The National Office for Health Safety of Food Products (ONSA) has granted licenses to 10 companies to import cannabis seeds for 250 farmers and more than 20 cooperatives. The licenses granted came after applications submitted by a total of 12 importers for 330 farmers, and were submitted by the National Office for Health Safety of Food Products, while the seeding phase is expected to begin next May, planting the first legal crop in the Kingdom. The country's Customs and Indirect Tax Administration issued on a circular including conditions and measures that are part of the implementation of Law 13-21 on the legal use of cannabis.

(V). Revenue from Tourism exceeded USD 9 Billion in 2022

Morocco has experienced a very strong recovery since the opening of the borders in March 2022. Head of Government told the Parliament that between March and December 2022, Morocco received 11 million tourists, a 292% and 391% increase over 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Head of Government noted that the country's tourism revenues in foreign currency reached MAD 16 billion (\$1.5 billion) in January and February of this year 2023. The revenues show a recovery rate of 400% compared to the same period in 2022 and a 51% recovery rate compared to the same period in 2019. Domestic tourism revenues have also increased significantly, he said, mentioning that the number of overnight stays [tourist accommodation] has doubled compared to 2021, exceeding 19 million, which represents an increase of 192%.

Morocco- External

(I). Morocco-Brazil Bilateral Trade Hit 'Historic High' of \$3.13 Billion in 2022

Bilateral trade between Morocco and Brazil has reached a \$3.13 billion, attributing the change to opening up the Moroccan market to new Brazilian products. Morocco exported goods worth MAD 10.96 billion (\$1 billion) in February due to phosphates and derivatives sales. Brazil and Morocco have emphasized their determination to boost cooperation in all fields, including agriculture.

(II). China: New Step to Promote Investments in Morocco

The Moroccan Agency for the Development of Investment and Exports (AMDIE), organized 18-23 April, a roadshow in the People's Republic of China, intended to promote Morocco's destination among Chinese investors. The Moroccan delegation at this roadshow, was led by the Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Investment, Convergence and Evaluation of Public Policies, Mohcine Jazouli, accompanied by the Director General of AMDIE, Ali Seddiki. The second stage of this roadshow took place in the Chinese capital Beijing, where high-level bilateral meetings will be held with the leaders of Chinese institutions, including the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of South-West Asia and North Africa, and the Minister of Commerce.

(III). Moroccan Minister of economy held Joint Economic Committee meeting with the UAE counterpart

The Moroccan Minister of Economy and Finance Nadia Fattah, co-chaired the Ministerial meeting of the Committee's inaugural session in Rabat with Abdullah Marri, the United Arab Emirates' Minister of Economy. This meeting was preceded by a bilateral meeting between the two Ministers which resulted in

the signing of a memorandum of understanding on economic and technical cooperation between the two countries through the establishment of a joint Moroccan-Emirati Economic Committee. **Meanwhile trade between UAE and Morocco has** increased by 16% in 2022 compared to 2021, reaching \$1 billion. The data shows the UAE as Morocco's second Arab trading partner in 2021; it also puts the Gulf country among Morocco's top 20 trading partners worldwide.

(IV). Trade Between Morocco, Argentina Reaches \$1.5 Billion in 2022

Trade between Argentina and Morocco has reached \$1.5 billion in 2022, data compiled by Argentina's Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), a 48% increase compared to trade recorded between the two countries in 2021. Morocco's imports from Argentina amounted to nearly \$944 million, an increase of 39% compared to 2021. Meanwhile, Morocco's exports to Argentina reached \$548 million, an increase of over 68% from the 2021 figure of \$326 million. Argentina's main imports from Morocco include cars, salt, sulfur, cement, machinery, mechanical parts, and electrical equipment. Argentina's exports to Morocco include cereals, animal and vegetable oils, animal feed, and fish products. Trade between the two countries has tripled over the past five years, moving from \$642.9 million in 2017 to \$1.5 billion in 2022.

(V). Morocco Acquires \$524 Million HIMARS Artillery Systems from US

The United States State Department approved the sales of the Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$524.2 million to Morocco, according to a statement from the US Defence Security Cooperation Agency. The statement specifies that the Moroccan government requested to purchase 18 M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) launchers, 40 M57 Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS), and 36 M31A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) Unitary. The extensive list of equipment also includes 36 M30A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS) Alternative Warheads, 9 M1152A1 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), and 18 International Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems (IFATDS). The shipment also features camouflage screen and support systems, support equipment, communications equipment, spare and repair parts, test sets, and laptop computers among other equipment

OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news

(I) Morocco's Phosphate Exports Drop by 25% in 2023

After breaking records in 2021 and 2022, the monetary value of Morocco's phosphate exports dropped by 25% year-on-year in the first two months of 2023, according to Office d'Echange data(OE). In a monthly update, OE data shows that phosphate exports in the first two months of 2023 settled at MAD 10.9 billion (\$1 billion), down from MAD 14.6 billion (\$1.4 billion) the previous year. The drop in the monetary value coincides with the overall easing of prices on the international market.

Companies

(I). Chinese contractor to build green hydrogen project in Morocco

Chinese energy engineering procurement and construction contractor Energy China has signed a memorandum of understanding with Saudi conglomerate Ajlan Bros and Morocco's Gaia Energy to build a green hydrogen project in Morocco. The project describes a green ammonia plant with future output of 1.4

million tonnes per annum -produced from about 320,000 tonnes of green hydrogen - with a 2 gigawatt photovoltaic solar plant as well as a 4 GW wind power project.

(II). LG Energy Solution to Source Lithium From Morocco

LG Energy Solution (LGES) signed a memorandum of understanding with Yahua, a Chinese lithium compounds maker, to procure lithium from the Chinese producer based in Morocco.

(III). Octopus Energy, TAQA Invest £30 million in Morocco-UK Xlinks Power Project

British renewable energy group Octopus Energy and Abu Dhabi National Energy Company TAQA have invested £30 million (MAD 379 million) in the Moroccan-British power project, which would deliver green energy from Morocco to the UK through the Xlinks subsea cable. Xlinks is a high voltage direct current (HVDC) submarine cable between the UK and Morocco, crossing Portugal, Spain and France. It will provide UK with 3.6 GW of renewable electricity, or nearly 8% of the country's needs, to power seven million British homes by the end of the decade.