

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS

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

<https://www.oc.gov.ma/>

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 AUGUST 2023

A. Trade in goods

(a) Total trade in goods

| | Export (US\$ million) | Import (US\$ million) |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Country's trade with India (Jan-Mar 2023) | 292 | 337 |
| Country's total global trade (Jan-Mar 2023) | 11 109 | 18 198 |

Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

The first four months of the FY 23-24 has seen a total export of USD 300 million as compared to USD 370 million registered in the same period last financial year. The slowdown is in line with the global export figures from India. In the period of April-June 2023, the import from Morocco to India have also declined due to lower offtake of phosphate and derivatives alongwith softening of prices as compared to last year.

Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(b)

| 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-Mar 2023) HS Code Basis**

| | HS tariff chapter | Commodity | Value (US\$ million) |
|----|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | 87 | Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof | 45.7 |

| | | | |
|-----|----|---|------|
| 2. | 96 | Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 44 |
| 3. | 84 | Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers; parts thereof | 33 |
| 4. | 39 | Plastics and articles thereof | 20 |
| 5. | 52 | Cotton | 16.8 |
| 6. | 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 | 15.9 |
| 7. | 29 | Organic chemicals | 15.7 |
| 8. | 54 | Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials | 15.3 |
| 9. | 30 | Pharmaceutical products | 13.1 |
| 10. | 73 | Articles of iron or steel | 12.5 |

* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(d) Top 10 items of export to India during **(Jan-Mar 2023)**

| | HS tariff chapter | Commodity (HS tariff line) | Value (US\$ million) |
|----|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. | 28 | Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; Phosphoric Acid of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes | 119 |
| 2. | 31 | Fertilizers | 91 |
| 3. | 25 | Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 64 |
| 4. | 76 | Aluminum and articles thereof | 4 |
| 5. | 81 | Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof | 3 |
| 6. | 72 | Iron and steel | 2 |
| 7. | 74 | Copper and articles thereof | 1.4 |
| 8. | 85 | Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of | 1.2 |

| | | | |
|-----|----|--|-----|
| | | such articles | |
| 9. | 84 | Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | 0.6 |
| 10. | 47 | Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard | 0.5 |

* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

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

| | Name of goods -HSN Code | Export from India Apr-Jun 2022 USD Million | Export from India Apr-Jun 2023 USD Million | % change |
|----|---|--|--|----------|
| 1 | Cotton Chapter 52 | 12.13 | 17.16 | 41.42 |
| 2 | Articles of Iron or Steel Chapter 73 | 2.48 | 16.41 | 560.66 |
| 3 | Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87 | 36.38 | 16.32 | -55.14 |
| 4 | Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30 | 12.35 | 14.71 | 19.06 |
| 5 | Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof Chapter 84 | 11.87 | 13.89 | 16.95 |
| 6 | Plastic and Articles Thereof Chapter 39 | 10.48 | 12.07 | 15.17 |
| 7 | Man Made filaments Chapter 54 | 14.58 | 11.17 | -23.40 |
| 8 | Coffee, tea, mate and spices Chapter 9 | 13.28 | 10.83 | -18.41 |
| 9 | Cereals Chapter 10 | 4.53 | 9.41 | 107.99 |
| 10 | 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 Chapter 85 | 12.51 | 8.73 | -30.24 |
| 11 | Organic Chemicals Chapter 29 | 6.92 | 8.73 | 26.05 |

Source: DGFT.

On a consolidated basis, cotton, Iron or Steel, heavy engineering goods specially automotive and defense, petroleum and pharmaceutical products are key items of export from India to Morocco during the first three months of the new Financial Year 2023-2024.

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

| | Commodity View | Total Exports Apr 2023- Jul '23 (\$M) |
|-----|---|--|
| 1. | Engineering Goods | 84.85 |
| 2. | Petroleum Products | 40.69 |
| 3. | Man-made Yarn / fabs. /madeups Etc. | 27.26 |
| 4. | Drugs and Pharmaceutical products | 25.42 |
| 5. | Cotton Yarn/Fabs./madeups, Handloom Products Etc. | 21.58 |
| 6. | Plastic and Linoleum | 21.43 |
| 7. | Organic and Inorganic Chemicals | 13.59 |
| 8. | Others | 11.41 |
| 9. | Spices | 11.32 |
| 10. | Rice | 11.08 |

Source: Niryat, Government of India

In the first trimester of the current financial year, the demand for engineering goods and Petroleum Products remained very strong. As regards exports of man-made yarn, Cotton Yarn, drugs and pharmaceuticals commodities and Plastic and Linoleum, are recording a good overall growth in all segments. However there has been some demand slow down in organic and inorganic chemicals, spices, rice and electronic goods.

(ii) Qualitative Feedback

Market Access Alerts:

There has been no specific issues in the month of August 2023 as regards market access alert for the Indian products in the Kingdom of Morocco except Mission has come across a case in Marble sector where the Indian company has received a fraudulent order from a Moroccan company. Mission has taken suitable steps in this regard including informing and warning the Indian company and issuing an new advisory.

(a) Alerts on customs tariff changes:

| S. No | Notification no./ date | Measure | HS Codes | Effective from | Remarks if any |
|--------------|--|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Circular No. 6492/232 August 17 th , 2023 | Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the products called the article called "1-CH Passive Video Balun" under the reference "DH-PFM800-4K" | 8525.50 | From August 17 th , 2023 | - The item called "1-CH Passive Video Balun", under the reference "DH-PFM800-4K", is classified by application of GIRs 1 and 6 under subheading 8525.50 of the System harmonized, item 8525.50.00.00 of the import duty tariff. |
| 2. | Circular No. 6491/211 August 11 th , 2023 | Tariff studies: modification of the nomenclature of the tariff of customs duties | ----- | From August 10 th , 2023 | - The revision of the definition of calves in the additional note to chapter 01 of the tariff of customs duties, raising the weight limit for these calves from 220 kg to 350 kg; And □- The individualization in the nomenclature of the tariff of the customs duties of nitrous oxide in capsules, polyester staple fibers, electric ovens and gas stoves. |
| 3. | Circular No. 6489/211 August 9 th , 2023 | Tariff studies: Revision and extension of the definitive anti-dumping duty applied to imports of polyvinyl chloride originating in the European Union, the United Kingdom and the Mexico. | | From August 09 th , 2023 | - The circular is informing that the joint decree of the Minister of Industry and Trade and the Minister of Economy and Finance, provides for the extension, until 03 August 2027, of the definitive anti-dumping measure applied to imports of polychloride of vinyl, in primary form not mixed with other substances, produced by polymerization in suspension, under tariff heading 3904.10.90.00 and originating in the Union European Union, the United Kingdom and Mexico, as well as the revision of the anti-dumping duty rate. |
| 4. | Circular No. 6490/232 August 9 th , 2023 | Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the products called of an article called "Rozzos Straw" | 1401.90 | From August 9 th , 2023 | - The article called "Rozzos Straw" is classified, by application of RGI 1 and 6, under subheading 1401.90 of the Harmonized System, heading 1401.90.00.90 of the import duty tariff. |
| 5 | Circular No. 6487/232 August 8 th , 2023 | Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the products called "Dry Vitamin E 50% CWS/S" | 2936.28 | From August 8 th , 2023 | - Due to its composition and its use, the product called "Dry Vitamin E 50% CWS/S" is classified, by application of GIRs 1 (Note 1) c) of Chapter 29) and 6, in subheading 2936.28 of Harmonized System, item 2936.28.00.00 of the import duty tariff |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|------------------------------------|--|
| 6 | Circular No. 6488/232 August 8 th , 2023 | Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the products called "Ascorbic Acid 95% Granulation". | 2936.27 | From August 8 th , 2023 | - Due to its composition and its use, the product called "ASCORBIC ACID 95% Granulation" is classified, by application of GIR 1 (Note 1) c) of Chapter 29) and 6, under subheading 2936.27 of the Harmonized System, item 2936.27.00.00 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 August: 49

49 Business Visas issued for the Month of August 2023 showing a very good number of business exchanges between the both countries as compared to **33** business visas issued in August 22, 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 | The 9th India International MSME Expo & Summit | 10 th to 12 th August, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi | | | | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | India MedTech Expo | 18 th to 20 th August 2023 at Gandhinagar | | | | |
| 3 | 2nd Khilona - India toys & games Fair | 18 th to 20 th August, 2023 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi | | | | |

B. Trade and Investment:

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

Trade Scoreboard – Kingdom of Morocco

Trade in goods

| Year | Jan-Jul 2023 Billion USD | Jan-Jul 2022 Billion USD | % terms |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Imports CIF | 41.9 | 42.9 | -2.3 |
| Exports FOB | 25.0 | 24.8 | +0.8 |
| Balance of Trade | -16.9 | -18.1 | - |

Trade in services

| Year | Jan-Jul 2023 Billion USD | Jan-Jul 2022 Billion USD | % terms |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Imports CIF | 6.9 | 6.1 | +13.3 |
| Exports FOB | 14.3 | 11.0 | +30.1 |
| Balance | +7.3 | +4.8 | - |

Imports of goods by main products

| Products | Jan-Jul 2023 Billion USD | Jan-Jul 2022 Billion USD | % increase/ decrease |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Energy products (Coals; cokes and similar solid fuels, Gas oils and fuel oils, Petroleum gas and other hydrocarbons) | 6.9 | 8.7 | -20.9 |
| Semi-finished products (Ammonia, Chemicals, Plastics) | 8.7 | 10.0 | -13.1 |
| Raw products (Crude and unrefined sulfurs, Crude or refined soybean oil) | 2.1 | 2.8 | -23.4 |
| Foodstuffs (Wheat, Barley, Milk, | 5.3 | 5.4 | -2.7 |

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-------|
| dairy products other than butter/cheese) | | | |
| Finished consumer products (Passenger cars, plastics and articles thereof, Seats, furniture, mattresses) | 9.2 | 8.1 | +14.5 |
| Equipment (Parts of airplanes and other aerial vehicles, Seagoing vessels and other floating devices, Automatic information processing machines.) | 9.5 | 7.7 | +22.9 |

Exports of goods by main sectors

| Products | Jan-Jul 2023 Billion USD | Jan-Jul 2022 Billion USD | % increase/decrease |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Automobile (Construction Wiring, Interior vehicles and seats) | 8.2 | 5.9 | +37.4 |
| Electronics and Electricity (Electronic components, wire, cables) | 1.3 | 1.0 | +34.6 |
| Textile and Leather (garments, footwear, hosiery articles) | 2.8 | 2.5 | +11.5 |
| Aeronautics | 1.21 | 1.22 | -1.0 |
| Agriculture and Agri-food | 5.18 | 5.19 | -0.3 |
| Other mining extractions | 1.57 | 1.44 | -6.7 |
| Phosphates and derivatives | 4.0 | 6.8 | -40.2 |
| Other industries (Metallurgy and Metalworking, Plastic and rubber industry, pharmaceutical industry) | 1.8 | 1.6 | +8.1 |

Source “ Exchange Office Kingdom of Morocco

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

AMDIE, the government authority to promote Morocco, has been emphasizing a lot to attract investment in Morocco after pandemic. Subsequently, several Indian businesses have shown interest in various segments including plastics, poly-films packaging, automotive ancillaries and so on. Tangier Med and free economic zones are seen as a preferred destination in Morocco due to its locational advantages and availability of land and resources.

The Embassy has assisted an Indian investor who is planning to setting up an Import/export packaging plants for processed food specially cashew in the region of Casablanca, Morocco, in order to export the product to other countries, by providing information about commercial and investment policies of Morocco and as well as the government of India. The Mission established the liaison between the investor with the local trade bodies AMDIE and arranged a meeting with the Head of Agribusiness Department in AMDIE for discussing in-depth information about investment steps to follow in Morocco, the Moroccan market and sector concerned.

There are ample scope of investment in Morocco in the field of renewable energy, automobiles and OEMs, chemicals, textiles, processed food 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 for Stationery:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=734699&orgAcronyme=z6n>
- Open tender for Development and management of tourism projects :
 - https://docs.googleusercontent.com/docs/securesc/02e1fbbss0ha0gk00qvvvsqdpbk2sqdq/g4tngm5idmv54kj6iu13g9srkv6areb5/1692627075000/11600788321905527418/06670983030665619611Z/1M7bQ4UiKJZhytowCtfbZR XKRYynHy5_g?e=download&uuiid=b9b18a8a-de34-4cb1-9399-4da320b7db3a&nonce=nbtlcs656ndro&user=06670983030665619611Z&hash=v41gbi88to16r9fbtnstus4u7kcs0kr
- Open tender for Services:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=733009&orgAcronyme=q9t>
- 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: 13/2023 Acquisition of office supplies and printing intended for the Financial Jurisdictions in a single lot Court of Accounts, Rabat Deadline: 27/09/2023 11:00 | Stationery, Supplies / Office equipment, furniture and supplies / Office supplies | 8 075 472.00 Dhs equivalent to \$0.8 M |
| 2. | Ref: 02/2023 Selection of an investor for the development of an entertainment and leisure project in the province of Benslimane, Casablanca- Settat Region | Development and management of tourism projects | 400 000 000.00 DH equivalent to \$ 40 M |

| | | | |
|----|--|---|--|
| | Regional Investment Center Casablanca-Settat and Moroccan Company of Touristic Engineering Deadline: 24/08/2023 4:30 PM | | |
| 3. | Ref: 21/2023 Guarding – Surveillance and Security of hospital buildings in the Regional Hospital Center of Fez (Al Ghassani Hospital-Ibn Al Khatib Hospital-Ibn Al Baitar Hospital, Bensouda Hospital, Regional Blood Transfusion Center, and Ain Chkef Hemodialysis Center). Fes Regional Hospital Center Deadline: 24/10/2023 10:30 | Services / Cleaning, security, upkeep and maintenance / Security and surveillance of administrative buildings | 5 211 280. 00 DH equivalent to \$ 0.52 M |

(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 | Green Global Export And Import | 94 | Clinical Cabinet / Autoclav / Laboratory Refrigerator Biosafety Cabinet / Blood Donor Couch / Treatment Couch / Humidty Chamber / Hot Air Oven | Export | Information Supplied |
| 2 | 10x Exports | 68 | Zebra Black Granite | Export | -Do- |
| 3 | Elvina International Pvt Ltd | 20 | Agriculture Product Include Fresh Vegetables And Fruit | Export | -Do- |
| 4 | S K Global Enterprises | 44 | Wooden handicrafts Products | Export | -Do- |
| 5 | Shree India | 59 | Home Textiles, Bags, Floor Covers & Other Textile Items | Export | -Do- |
| 6 | Champaexpert | 83 | Brass Parts Product | Export | -Do- |
| 7 | Mahavir Medical Agency | 30 | Medicines | Export | -Do- |
| 8 | Dramor Exports | 68 | Granite | Export | -Do- |
| 9 | Nebula Surgical Private Limited | 90 | Orthopedic / Trauma Implants, Surgical Instruments | Export | -Do- |
| 10 | Aparajita Natural Products India | 09 | Spices / Seasoning | Export | -Do- |

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|----|---|--------|------|
| 11 | Tesha Corporation Pte. Ltd. | 09 | Vanilla | Export | -Do- |
| 12 | Yaj Exim | 08 | Cashew Nut, Fox Nut | Export | -Do- |
| 13 | April Impex | 27 | Packaging Products, Paper Products, Bopp Tapes | Export | -Do- |
| 14 | Viona Fibc Pvt. Ltd. | 63 | Fibc And Pp Bags | Export | -Do- |
| 15 | Imperiall Technoforge Pvt. Ltd. | 73 | Flanges | Export | -Do- |
| 16 | Sandhri Associates | 87 | Automotive Spare Parts | Export | -Do- |
| 17 | Three Brothers | 17 | Cane Jaggery | Export | -Do- |
| 18 | Ambuja Rope Industries | 56 | Ropes | Export | -Do- |
| 19 | M/S Acme Industries | 84 | Printing And Packaging Machinery | Export | -Do- |
| 20 | Srubs Overseas | 25 | Black Sand Stone | Export | -Do- |
| 21 | Bio Premier India | 48 | Paper, Paper Products | Export | -Do- |
| 22 | Swastha Chemiceuticals Llp | 30 | Pharma Products | Export | -Do- |
| 23 | Ador Group | 85 | Ador Welding Products | Export | -Do- |
| 24 | Neeli Exports & Imports | 09 | Kashmiri Saffron / Turmeric Powder & Fingers / Vegetables | Export | -Do- |
| 25 | Advait International | 09 | Textured Filament Yarn Of Polyester Cotton Yarn Ginger Turmeric (Curcuma) Cumin Seeds Coriander Seeds | Export | -Do- |
| 26 | Three Brothers | 17 | Cane Jaggery | Export | -Do- |
| 27 | Qashqai Exports Pvt. Ltd | 46 | Areca Palm Leaf Disposable Plates, Bowls And Cutleries | Export | -Do- |
| 28 | Sushen Medicamentos Pvt. Ltd. | 30 | Pharmaceutical | Export | -Do- |
| 29 | Global Plastics | 39 | Plastic Packaging Films, Reprocessed Polymers And Masterbatches Compounds | Export | -Do- |
| 30 | Reya International | 30 | Pharmaceuticals (Medicines) | Export | -Do- |
| 31 | Al-Koshar Exports. | 84 | Hospital And Surgical Item | Export | -Do- |
| 32 | D Export | 09 | Spices Like Chili Powder, | Export | -Do- |

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|----|---|--------|------|
| | | | Turmeric Powder, Cumin, Coriander, Clove | | |
| 33 | Phriesotic International | 30 | Ayurvedic And Herbal Products | Export | -Do- |
| 34 | The Arogyam International | 17 | Sugarcane Jaggery | Export | -Do- |
| 35 | Dominus Impex Llp | 48 | Coated Duplex Board Paper, Folding Box Board Paper, Kraft Paper, A4 Copy Paper | Export | -Do- |
| 36 | Pankaj Trading Co. | 59 | Fabrics & Made-Ups | Export | -Do- |
| 37 | Herbojit International | 12 | Herbs, Herbal Extracts, And Herbs Powders, Spices, And Other Agriproducts | Export | -Do- |
| 38 | Mohit Agrawal And Sons | 07 | Edible Vegetables And Certain Roots And Tubers Animal Feed | Export | -Do- |
| 39 | Ultraautosonic Llp | 84 | Ultrasonic Machines | Export | -Do- |
| 40 | Monolith Surfaces Llp | 70 | Large Size Slab Tiles | Export | -Do- |
| 41 | Ocean Agro Impex Llp | 12 | Peanuts, Sesame Seeds , Whole Spices, Ground Spices, Pulses, Raisins, Grains Basmati Ricenon-Basmati Rice Dehydrated Products | Export | -Do- |
| 42 | Vamika International | 10 | Basmati Rice, Parboiled Rice, Rice Flakes, Puffed Rice, And Makhana (Fox Nuts) | Export | -Do- |
| 43 | Sahaj Enterprises | 09 | Cumin Spice | Export | -Do- |
| 44 | Spinswan Private Limited | 30 | Veterinary And Human Medicine | Export | -Do- |
| 45 | <i>Rn Imports & Exports</i> | 09 | Green / Roasted Coffee Beans, Finished Leather Products & Metal Antique Handicraft | Export | -Do- |
| 46 | Sterlite Power Transmission Ltd | 84 | Transmission Vertical Including Mv, Hv & Ehv Underground Power Cables | Export | -Do- |
| 47 | Panthera Exim | 69 | Ceramic Tile | Export | -Do- |
| 48 | Bdex Private Limited | 08 | Foxnut Cashew | Export | -Do- |
| 49 | Dura Moto | 87 | Auto Parts Of Vehicles 2 & 3 Wheeler Parts | Export | -Do- |
| 50 | Hempire Exports | 28 | Industrial Chemicals | Export | -Do- |
| 51 | Shaurya Meditech Pvt. Ltd | 90 | Medical Products | Export | -Do- |
| 52 | M/S Kirty Enterprises | 09 | Turmeric Finger / Powder | Export | -Do- |

| | | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|--------|------|
| 53 | W M Global | 73 | Drainage Products | Export | -Do- |
| 54 | Franco-Indian Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. | 30 | Medicine | Export | -Do- |
| 55 | Aum Metal Industry | 83 | Brass Parts Product | Export | -Do- |
| 56 | Lethium Power | 85 | Battery | Export | -Do- |
| 57 | Prime Enterprise | 82 | Kitchen Wares | Export | -Do- |
| 58 | Home & International Trade Llp | 59 | Textile Fabrics | Export | -Do- |
| 59 | Wild Oils Pvt Ltd. | 33 | Essential Oils , Spice Oils, ayurvedic Oils , Speciality Fats And Oleoresins | Export | -Do- |
| 60 | Malik Polychem Pvt. Ltd | 23 | Reaction Vessel Pressure Vessel Heat Exchanger Distillation Column Anf (Agitated Nutsche Filter) Mentha Crystal Essential Oil | Export | -Do- |
| 61 | Mepal International | 69 | Ceramic Glazed Tiles | Export | -Do- |
| 62 | Rdy Imports And Exports Pvt Ltd | 08 | Pomegranate, Banana , Grapes, Green Chilli, Onion And Spices | Export | -Do- |
| 63 | Bkrs Pharma Pvt. Ltd | 30 | Pharmaceutical | Export | -Do- |
| 64 | Induday Global Private Limited | 10 | Basmati And Non-Basmati Rice spices Nutraceuticals And Health Supplements Cosmetics Veterinary Supplements Fresh Vegetables Seasonal And Perennial Fruits | Export | -Do- |
| 65 | Bln Global | 09 | Tea | Export | -Do- |
| 66 | Beacon Industries | 38 | Industrial Ro, Softner, Etp-Stp Plants, Waste Water Treatment Plants, Alkaline Ionizer Machine | Export | -Do- |
| 67 | Aksh Composites Private Limited | 70 | Optical Fiber Cable Fiber Reinforced Plastic rod | Export | -Do- |
| 68 | K.I Group Of Companies Pvt Ltd | 85 | Solar Power System Products And Hospital Equipment And Cosmetics And Leather Products, Shoes, Salat, Carpet, Abhaya, Rice, Indian Traditional Dresses and Jewelleries, | Export | -Do- |

| | | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|--------|------|
| | | | Ladies Wear, Sports Wears, Bike Jackets, Automotive Spares Parts And Accessories, Basmati Rice, Grains, Perfumes | | |
| 69 | Eastern Exim Trading | 07 | Kabuli Chana Chickpeas | Export | -Do- |
| 70 | Nyagrodha, Gpc Food Product | 11 | Rice | Export | -Do- |
| 71 | Betasys | 21 | Food Supplements And Food Products | Export | -Do- |
| 72 | Aar Ess Enterprises | 85 | Current Transformers | Export | -Do- |
| 73 | Akshaymudra International Services Private Limited | 09 | Turmeric Powder | Export | -Do- |
| 74 | Safezone Earthing And Lightning Protection Pvt. Ltd. | 85 | Ese Lightning Arrester | Export | -Do- |
| 75 | Royal Hair | 67 | Human Hair Wigs & Hair Extensions | Export | -Do- |
| 76 | Ssp Private Limited | 84 | Solutions In Areas Of Extraction, Evaporation & Drying | Export | -Do- |
| 77 | Smit | 83 | Door Hardware And Sanitary Products | Export | -Do- |
| 78 | Prb Agro Exports | 09 | Spices, Nuts, Peanut, Seeds, Dehydrated Products, Coconut, Red Chili, Green Cardamom, Onion, Garlic, Herbs, Grains | Export | -Do- |
| 79 | Red sun dye Chem | 32 | Dyes And Food Colors | Export | -Do- |
| 80 | Vasundhara Industries | 13 | Guar Gum Powder | Export | -Do- |
| 81 | Kewin Chemicals Pvt Ltd | 17 | Dyestuffs, Colorants | Export | -Do- |
| 82 | Manisha Textiles | 54 | Yarn Wax Print Fabrics Shirting Fabric Readymade Shirt Apparels | Export | -Do- |
| 83 | Satnaam Exim India | 32 | Agricultural Products | Export | -Do- |
| 84 | Abbas Nouhaila | 94 | Luxury Furnishing | Import | -Do- |
| 85 | Ultracab (India) Limited | 85 | Cables And Electric Wires | Export | -Do- |
| 86 | Vighnaraja Exports | 68 | Graniteslabs / Steps & risers / Tiles/ Pebbles / Paving / Cubes/ | Export | -Do- |

| | | | Vases / Monuments | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|----|---|--------|------|
| 87 | Srt Export | 68 | Granites, Marbles, Sandstone, Quartz | Export | -Do- |
| 88 | Jiyaa Exims | 07 | Garlic Areca Plates Kabuli Channa | Export | -Do- |
| 89 | Tvs Eurogrip | 40 | Two, Three-Wheeler Tyres And Off-Highway Tyres | Export | -Do- |
| 90 | Rsb Transmissions (I) Ltd | 87 | Auto Components | Export | -Do- |
| 91 | Caliber Agro International | 19 | Fox Nuts/ Makhana | Export | -Do- |
| 92 | Arihant Engineering Exports | 73 | Stainless Flanges / Ss Pipes And Tubes | Export | -Do- |
| 93 | Ape Overseas | 34 | Organic Surface-Active Agents | Export | -Do- |
| 94 | Abhyankar Food Products | 09 | Turmeric Powder | Export | -Do- |
| 95 | Ibnou Zahir | 40 | Tires For Vehicles And Motorcycles | Import | -Do- |
| 96 | Yantralive Parts Technology Pvt. Ltd. | 85 | Heavy Construction Equipment | Export | -Do- |
| 97 | Blink Enterprise | 69 | Ceramic Glazed Tiles | Export | -Do- |
| 98 | Soham Exim | 68 | Natural Stones | Export | -Do- |
| 99 | Ape Overseas | 34 | Organic Surface-Active Agents | Export | -Do- |
| 100 | Sv Agronico Exports Llp | 10 | Bajra | Export | -Do- |
| 101 | Ralson (India) Limited | 40 | Bicycle And Motorcycle Tyres And Tubes | Export | -Do- |
| 102 | Agro Harvest | 33 | High-Quality Indian Agricultural & Mouth Freshners Products | Export | -Do- |
| 103 | Greymax Industries Pvt Ltd | 68 | Eps Cement Solid Lightweight Wall Panels | Export | -Do- |
| 104 | Infyvent Projects Private Limited | 10 | Rice | Export | -Do- |
| 105 | V.M.Impex Good Morning | 21 | Indian Masala | Export | -Do- |
| 106 | Plicare Material Handling Pvt Ltd. | 84 | Material Handling Machinery | Export | -Do- |
| 107 | Parikshit Products | 82 | Household Products, Kitchen Gadgets | Export | -Do- |
| 108 | Adl Exim | 74 | Fastners | 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 August 2023

| S.No. | No. of tourist visa issued during the month | No. of tourist visa issued during the same month last year | No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the year | No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the last year |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| | August 2023 | August 2022 | Jan-August 2023 | Jan-Dec 2022 |
| 1. | 69 | 25 | 394 | 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 | | | 29 | 17 | 0 | | |
| No. of impressions | | | 87 | 3 | 0 | | |
| No. of likes | | | 270 | 408 | 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: Out of allocated budget of Rs. 300,000/-, till the end of August 2023, Mission has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 96,800/- in organizing promotional activities on International Year of Millets.

G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.: *Mission has been periodically following up issues/selected action points related to JWGs and JEC.*

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

| 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 |
|-------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |

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 |
|-------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
|-------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------|

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1 | <p>M/s. Badjate Exports</p> <p>Mr. Samyak Badjate</p> <p>Mobile:+917770011906/7770011908</p> <p>info@badjateexports.com</p> <p>www.badjateexports.com</p> | <p>M/s. Oasis Valley Sarl</p> <p>Mr. Ahmed & Rachid</p> <p>Mr. Rachid +212 661991777/</p> <p>Mr. Ahmed Bouanani +17272480430</p> | <p>M/s. Badjate Exports informed that he has received 15% advance from the Moroccan buyer, so the container was shipped and documents via bank. When the container reached to Casablanca port, the buyer made terrible excuses. The Indian company informed that this buyer is not credible and had done the similar thing with other Indian exporter.</p> | <p>The Mission advised to recall the documents and sell the container to an other credible company. An email has been sent to the Moroccan company as well the owner was contacted over phone. Mission also contacted Attijariwafa Bank headquarter requesting to check the payment.</p> | <p>The owner of the Moroccan company informed that he has already made the payment to M/s. Badjate Exports after giving a discount. He informed also that in coordination with the shipping company, the Indian company is blocking the cargo in the port and asking for more money. The headquarter of Attijariwafa bank confirmed the payment swift. The consignment was cleared few days later.</p> |
| 2 | <p>M/s. Soham Exim</p> <p>Mr. Sanjay Kumar</p> <p>+91-9701306600</p> <p>sohamexim@outlook.com</p> <p>www.sohamexim.com</p> | <p>M/S.Marbre Oufella</p> <p>C/O. Chez Ste A&A Khadamat No 525, Bur Nos Cite Salam Agadir, Morocco</p> <p>Representative Ms.Fati</p> <p>+212 631 480187</p> <p>06 88 86 5508</p> <p>Email; marbreoufella22@gmail.com</p> | <p>The Indian company informed that they were contacted by M/s.Marbre Oufella to supply polished Granite slabs against CAD terms. As is the Normal procedure they have applied for the companies credit report from Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) and they were informed that they cannot be contacted at the given address or numbers. The Moroccan companies representative Ms. Fati informed that they import a lot of material – about 40 containers per month. The Moroccan company placed an order for about</p> | <p>Mission made investigation about the Moroccan company on different business directories in Morocco. Also, Agadir Chamber of Commerce was called. Document sent by the Indian company was checked.</p> | <p>After checking the documents received, we noticed that the Moroccan company was sending AL Barid Bank to the Indian company. Immediately, M/s. Soham Exim was alarmed immediately over phone first and the email that Al Barid Bank is a postal agency and not a scheduled bank and not authorized for international banking. Regarding details about the company, we didn't find any information in the different business directories in Morocco. Also, we didn't get any response from Agadir</p> |

| | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|----------------------|
| | | 4 containers of Granite slabs of their choice and sizes valued at USD 46800 on CAD terms. | | Chamber of Commerce. |
| | | The Indian company requested to confirm the identity of the said Moroccan company. | | |

J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

Bilateral

(I) Visit to the leading Indian company Varun Beverages bottling in Casablanca

Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnaw visited Varun Beverages bottling plant in Casablanca, one of the large Indian Investments in Morocco & employing around 1900 people. Varun Beverage, which is Pepsico's biggest bottler in the world has a subsidiary in Morocco and has wide outreach in all the regions of Morocco. The company also has solar power capacity to meet ¼th of its energy requirement.

(II). Independence Day celebration and International Year of Millets

In furtherance of mission's actions of celebration of International Year of Millets 2023, Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnaw opened a permanent exhibition on millets in the Embassy of India Rabat to raise awareness about health benefits of millets to mark IYOM 2023 and part of week-long Independence Day celebration. The exhibition had a great success as many visitors visited the hall during this period specially in the Independence Day ceremony.

(III). Meeting with H. E Ghita Mezzour, Minister Delegate in charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform of Morocco

Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnaw met H. E Ghita Mezzour Minister Delegate in charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform of Morocco. They discussed India-Morocco partnership in Digital Public Infrastructure, existing projects and prospects for future cooperation. The meeting also discussed about India's role in the unique ID system for Morocco as being implemented by IIIT Bangalore and also possibility of re-opening of Centre of Excellence in IT Casablanca to support Morocco's capacity building programme.

(IV). Success of Chandrayaan 3- Wide coverage in local media

The local media widely covered the successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 on South Pole of the Moon. Mission also issued a press release followed by an article by the Ambassador in the local

magazine “The Libre” about the future of India’s space expeditions alongwith India’s core philosophy to take along the developing countries so that benefits could be shared by all countries.

Internal

Macro economic indicators

(I). Inflation in Morocco Eases to 5.4 %

According to a monthly report from the Higher Commission of Planning (HCP), Morocco’s inflation rate rose by an annual rate of 5.4% in the first seven months of 2023, with a month-on-month increase of 0.3% at the end of July.

(II). Automotive Industry Exports in Morocco Soar to \$11 Billion in 2022

Morocco’s car manufacturing industry exproted cars and allied items of MAD 111 billion (\$11.1 billion) in 2022. The value of automotive exports rose by a year-on-year 33%. Exports within the sector went from MAD 44.9 billion (\$4.4 billion) in 2014 to MAD 83.6 billion (\$8.3 billion) in 2021. At the end of June 2023, sales from Morocco’s automotive sector reached MAD 70.9 billion (\$7 billion), with an annual growth rate of 34%, according to data from the same source. This pace, it is expected that automotive sector is going to be shining sector in Morocco in the current year, outpacing phosphates.

(III) Tourism Industry Booms in 2023, with Border Arrivals Surging by 92%

Morocco’s tourism sector is experiencing a remarkable comeback as the country reported record-breaking 92% increase in tourist arrivals during the first half of 2023. According to the Tourism Observatory, approximately 6.5 million tourists visited the country in the first half of 2023, surpassing the figures from the same period the previous year by over 3 million tourists and registering a growth of nearly 85 % over same period last year.

(IV). Foreign Direct Investment in Morocco Drops by Nearly 30% in First Half of 2023

Morocco’s Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) revenues dropped by 29% year-on-year at the end of June 2023, according to data from Morocco’s Office d’Echange (OE). The FDI figure for the period Jan-June 2023 was 1.5 billion USD, as compared to 2.2 Billion USD same period last year.

(VI). Morocco’s Trade Deficit Narrows to 6.8% in First Half of 2023

Morocco's trade deficit stood at over 169.47 billion dirhams at the end of July 2023, down 6.5% on the same period a year earlier, according to the Exchange Office. Imports fell by 2.3% to more than 419.61 billion dirhams, while exports rose by 0.8% to 250.14 billion.

(VII). Tenders for Noor Midelt III Solar Power Project launched

Morocco’s energy efficiency agency MASEN announced launching the tender process for the Noor Midelt III Solar Project which will have an installed capacity of approximately 400 MegaWatt (MW) of photovoltaic solar and will be equipped with a storage capacity based on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) of around 400 Megawatt Hour (Mwh).

As per the press release of MASEN, Morocco has invested MAD 55 billion (\$5.6 billion) in order to supply its domestic economy with cost-effective, clean energy. Currently under construction in Morocco are a number of projects with a combined capacity of roughly 4.6 gigawatts. A total of about 203 megawatts of additional capacity from renewable sources were put into service between 2021 and 2023.

Morocco- External

(I). European Union Remains Morocco's Largest Trade Partner

The European Union remained Morocco's largest trade partner at the end of 2022, with 58% of Morocco's trade flow destined for the EU. According to a recent report from the Office d'Echange (OE), the value of trade with the European Union reached MAD 685 billion (\$68.8 billion) in 2022, 26% up from 2021's figure of MAD 543.8 billion (\$54.6 billion).

(II). Morocco Among Africa's Leading Diesel Importers from Russia in August

Morocco is among the leading diesel importers from Russia in the month of August from Africa. Russia's diesel and gasoline exports increased by 7% to reach 1.7 million metric tons only in the first 14 days of August, Reuters reported while comparing data between the months of August and July.

(III). Chinese Cobalt Supplier Huayou to Invest \$20 Billion in Morocco Plant

Chinese cobalt supplier Huayou unveiled plans to invest MAD 200 billion (\$20 billion) in a factory dedicated to manufacturing batteries for electric vehicles in Laayoune. The plant is the result of collaboration between the Regional Investment Center (CRI) of Laâyoune Sakya Al Hamra and the Moroccan Agency for Investment Development (AMD).

(IV). US Overtakes France As Top Foreign Investor in Morocco in 2022

The United States became the top investor in Morocco in 2022, overtaking France, with a net flow of investments (FDI) reaching MAD 7.4 billion (\$761 million), up from MAD 692 million (\$71 billion) in 2021. Investments from the US represented over 30% of the overall influx of foreign investments in Morocco. Meanwhile, the FDI inflow from France stood at MAD 3.3 billion (\$339 million) in 2022, a sharp drop from the MAD 7.4 billion (\$761 million) recorded the previous year.

OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news

(I). OCP Group's Turnover Reaches MAD 19.28 Billion in 2023's Q2

The turnover recorded by giant fertilizer group's OCP reached MAD 19.28 billion (\$1.90 billion) in the second quarter of 2023, new data shows. The number comes against a turnover of MAD 30.69 billion (\$3 billion) that the OCP Group recorded during the same period last year, the company said. OCP explained that decrease in revenue is because of the soft prices of phosphate products

Companies

(I). Chinese Battery Supplier Tinci Shifts Czech Republic Project to Morocco

Chinese conglomerate Tinci Group, a prominent supplier of electrolytes and chemical components for lithium batteries, has decided to relocate its project from the Czech Republic to Morocco. Tinci Materials Group had initially planned an electrolyte production project in the Czech Republic. Company has described “unfavorable circumstances,” in Czech for this decision, according to the reports.

(II). Ermazon and Aya Launches Manganese Extraction Operations in Morocco

Elcora, a Canadian mining company started manganese ore extraction and delivery operations in Morocco through its national subsidiary, Ermazon SARL. Another Canada-based silver producer Aya Gold & Silver has also announced a substantial expansion of its exploration program for 2023 in Morocco to extract massive sulfide and brecciated zones at different locations in Morocco.

(III). Aterian Locks 10 New Exploration Licenses in Morocco

The UK based mining company Aterian Plc has announced locking 10 new exploration licenses covering an area of 139.6 square kilometers in central Morocco. According to a statement issued, Aterian now holds 17 Projects covering a total of 897 square kilometers in Morocco within established mining districts. The company’s main target metals in the portfolio include copper, silver, and other base metals

(IV). Chinese Tyre Manufacturer Sentury To Begin Construction of First Morocco Factory

Chinese tyre manufacturing Company Sentury Tyre has announced setting up of a large tyre plant in Tangier with an investment of nearly \$300 million (MAD 2.9 billion) in self-raised funds. This expansion will cater to the local market and exports to EU. The plant’s projected to have annual production capacity of six million units by the end of the second year of operations.

(VI). Chariot Secures New Gas Exploration Licence in Morocco

British energy company Chariot Limited has secured a new exploration license covering the Loukos Onshore, which is located onshore Morocco. The Africa-focused transitional energy company said in a statement that it had signed a partnership with Morocco’s National office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM), a holder of 25% of the exploration license. The company, which is a holder of 75% interest in the new exploration, confident of having sufficient gas in the gas field.