

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
December 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	40.74	69.01	P
Country total global trade	971.51	1225.44	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	PETROLEUM COKE CALCINED 27131200	9.3	21000000	KG	51
2	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	6.7	6812737	KG	82
3	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	2.7	225	NO	26
4	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	2.0	548096.8	KG	69
5	OTHER poly(ethylene terephthalate) 39076900	1.5	1562000	KG	40
6	GENERATING SETS OF COMPRESSION ENGINES, OVER 375 KVA 85021300	1.4	13	NO	15
7	REFINED SUGAR CRYSTALS 17019911	1.2	1633452	KG	22
8	BLOW MOLDING MACHINES 84773000	1.1	2	NO	97
9	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.1	6165.53	G	2
10	TUBES, PIPES AND HOLLOW PROFILES, OF CAST IRON 73030000	1.0	1437061.443	KG	81

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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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	SEMI-FINISHED IRON AND STEEL, UNDER 0.25 PERCENT CARBON, RECT. 72071100	14.5	29297586	KG	48
2	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	9.5	3884104	KG	5

3	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	3.9	10820	T	81
4	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	2.2	797459	KG	30
5	AMMONIA IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION 28142000	2.1	4217.983	L	100
6	(U, I, H) SECTIONS, PARTIALLY-WORKED, UNDER 80 MM HIGH 72161000	2.0	2820961	KG	18
7	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	1.0	646	T	100
8	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	0.5	98	T	23
9	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.4	942772.74	KG	9
10	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.4	4711040	KG	100

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 366 million for engineering goods in 2023-24
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 91.3 million for export of Gem & jewellery in 2023-24
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 20.3 million for export of Ready made garments textile in 2023-24

Source : Nirayat, Government of India

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B. Qualitative

- 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
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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 codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
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	HS:(850610)		WANA Division Ministry of Commerce has been notified of this.

		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.			
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
4		As per Press Release dated 27 th August 2023 by Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Govt of Bahrain, the Office of the Technical Secretariat to Combat Harmful Practices in international trade of the Gulf Cooperation Council(GCC-TSAIP) will investigate import of porcelain sanitary ware products, falling under customs items 69101000-69109000 of the GCC Unified Customs Tariff(GCC Tariff), originated in or exported from China & India.	HS:(69101000-69109000)		
5		Mission has received a representation from All India Buffalo and Sheep Meat Exporters Association(AIMLEA), regarding recent rejections of frozen halal buffalo meat shipments from its member exporters in the Kingdom of Bahrain.			Mission has sent a Note Verbale dated 30 th November 2023 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)
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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
1	Arab International cyber security conference and exhibition	5-6 December 2023	- Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (Second Secretary)	Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob visited Arab International Cybersecurity Conference & Exhibition organised in Bahrain from 05-06 Dec 2023 and met representatives of Indian companies participated in the event under umbrella of Data Security Council of India(DSCI). Four Indian companies participated in the event.
2	50 th Session of WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones(PTC-50)	19-23 December 2023	- Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, 3 rd vice president and PR of India to WMO - Dr. D R Pattanaik, Scientist F - Mrs. Monica Sharma, Scientist D	The 50 th Session of WMO/ESCAP PTC is organised on 19-23 December in the Kingdom of Bahrain with the participation of Member countries, WMO and UNESCAP. The PTC Session was inaugurated on 19 th December by Mr. Mohammed Bin Thamer AlKaabai, the Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Telecommunications, Kingdom of Bahrain. Indian delegation to this Session is led by Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM IMD, PR of India to WMO and 3 rd Vice President of WMO.
3	34 th Edition of Autumn Fair 2023	21-29 December 2023		H.E. Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, opened the 34 th edition of the Autumn Fair at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir, in the presence of Dr. Nasser Ali Qaedi, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), and a prestigious list of ambassadors, diplomats, businessmen and businesswomen from the Kingdom of Bahrain and abroad. The Autumn Fair 2023 attracts over 557 exhibitors from 16 countries around the world. There were couple of participants from India including from Kashmir. Ministry of

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) nominated federation of small and medium industries, West Bengal to participate in the event, however they conveyed their inability to participate due to lack of response from their members.

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)
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D) Total business visa issued during the month of December, 2023 - 13

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 (December 2022 to December 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Global Imports by Bahrain -3% ◆ Fall in Global Exports by Bahrain -30% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (December 2022 to December 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import from India -18% ◆ Fall in Export to India -17% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (November 2023 to December 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import by Bahrain 1% ◆ Rise in Export by Bahrain 22% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (November 2023 to December 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Imports from India 17% ◆ Rise in Exports to India -13% <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) as on 22nd October 2020</p> <p>2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US\$ 185.88 mn from APRIL 2000 TO September 2023)</p>

Source : (<https://dipp.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics>)

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 120 trade queries from India during December 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.

(Gulf Daily News 02.12.2023) India resumes imports of oil from Venezuela: Indian refiners have resumed Venezuelan oil purchases through intermediaries, with Reliance set to meet executives from state firm PDVSA next week to discuss direct sales following the easing of US sanctions on the South American country, people familiar with the matter said.

(The Daily Tribune 02.12.2023) “Time-Tested” India and Bahrain friendship hailed: Hon. Minister of Commerce & Industry of India, H.E. Mr. Piyush Goyal, gave the keynote address virtually to the 15th Annual Conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India held in Bahrain on 01.12.2023.He said that the theme of the conference, ‘ABOVE & BEYOND’, demonstrates the self -confidence of Indians today. He remarked that the famed Bahraini pearls and Indian spices kept the connection between the two countries for thousands of years.

(The Daily Tribune 09.12.2023) India’s central bank holds rates as inflation eases: India’s central bank again left interest rates unchanged, saying that easing inflation and a stable financial outlook had tempered economic headwinds. The Indian economy “presents a picture of resilience”, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said in a press conference. “Fundamentals remain strong” and Inflation spiked at 74 percent in July but was now five percent, Das said, adding that the bank had raised its GDP growth forecast for 2023-24 to seven percent, up from an earlier 6.5 percent.

(Gulf Daily News 16.12.2023) India’s palm oil imports jump to three-month high: India’s palm oil imports in November jumped nearly 23 per cent from the previous month to hit their highest in three months as refiners preferred the tropical oil over rival soy oil and sunflower oil due to steep discounts, a leading trade body said on 15.12.2023. India’s palm oil imports in November rose 22.8pc from the previous month to 869,491 metric tonnes, the Mumbai-based Solvent Extractors’ Association of India (SEA) said in a statement. Imports of soyoil increased 10.8pc to 149,894 tonnes and those of sunflower oil fell 16.3pc to a 17-month low of 128,707 tonnes. Higher palm oil imports lifted India’s total vegetable oil imports in November by nearly 13pc from the month before to 1.16 million tons, the association said.

(Gulf Daily News 17.12.2023) India to allow diversion of sugar for ethanol: India has decided to allow sugar mills to divert up to 1.7 million tonnes of sugar for ethanol production, government and industry officials said, as New Delhi aims to reduce disruptions in its ambitious biofuel programme

(Gulf Daily News 18.12.2023) Oman and India set to deepen economic ties: The economic and trade relations between Oman and India are set to strengthen further as both nations recently signed multiple agreements and memorandums of understanding across various sectors. The deals were formalised during

the visit of the ruler of Oman, Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, to India on 15.12.2023, where he held discussions with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as reported by Oman News Agency.

(Gulf Daily News 20.12.2023) India may need sugar imports in 2025: India’s sugar output this crop year, hit by weak rains, is set to lag consumption for the first time in seven years, according to traders and a survey of farmers, and lower plantings may even force the world’s No.2 producer to import in the following year. Driven by falling yields in two key producing states, Maharashtra and Karnataka, the sluggish outlook for the crop year that began in October reinforces expectations India will ban sugar exports in 2024. Sugar output could be even lower in the next crop year, which runs to September 2025.

(Gulf Daily News 21.12.2023) Asia hit by India’s onion export ban: India’s ban on the export of onions has driven up prices of the vegetable for Asian buyers, who are scrambling for cheaper alternatives, particularly as New Delhi is unlikely to lift the curbs before general elections next year. The world’s biggest exporter of onions banned shipments on December 8 after domestic prices more than doubled in three months following a drop in production. India exported a record 2.5 million metric tonnes of onions in the financial year that ended on March 31, with 671,125 tonnes going to neighbouring Bangladesh, its biggest buyer of the vegetable.

(The Daily Tribune 23.12.2023) World’s highest railway bridge to open soon in India: Indian Railways will soon connect Jammu & Kashmir to the rest of India! The national transporter is executing the extremely challenging Udhampur-Srinagar- Baramula Rail link Project, also called the USBRL in Jammu & Kashmir. The last 111 kilometres long stretch of the USBRL project includes the crucial Chenab river bridge - the world’s highest railway bridge, and the Anji Khad bridge which is Indian Railways’ first cable-stayed bridge.

(The Daily Tribune 24.12.2023) Oman Sultan’s India visit will elevate strategic partnership, boost trade and cooperation: The ongoing visit of Sultan Haitham bin Tarik of Oman to India is poised to elevate the existing strategic partnership between the two nations, emphasising the promotion of trade, investment, and cooperation across diverse sectors, according to the Oman News Agency. The discussions between Sultan Haitham and the Indian leadership in New Delhi aim to foster integration and cooperation, paving the way for enhanced collaboration. As of the end of the third quarter of 2023, the commercial exchange between Oman and India amounted to RO 1.447 billion. On exports to India, valued at RO 699.218 million, encompassed products such as oil, minerals, LNG, polyethene, propylate, aluminium, and urea. Conversely, Omani imports from India reached RO 747.883 million, involving items like rice, motor fuel, natural gasoline, wheat, ignition control of vehicles, and iron ore.

(Gulf Daily News 21.12.2023) Russia ‘exports almost all its oil to China and India’: Almost all of Russia’s oil exports this year have been shipped to China and India, Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said yesterday, after Moscow responded to Western economic sanctions by quickly rerouting supplies away from Europe. Russia has successfully circumvented sanctions on its oil and diverted flows from Europe to China and India, which together accounted for around 90 per cent of its crude exports.

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	India Electronics Expo 2024	17-19 January 2024	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain

2	2 nd Edition of Reverse Buyer seller Meet – SOURCEX India 2024	17-19 January 2024	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
3	7th edition of Indusfood 2024	08 – 10 January 2024	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
4	Bharat Tex 2024	26-29 February 2024	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
5	10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024	9 to 13 January 2024	Disseminated the information to importers in Bahrain
6	57 th IHGF Delhi Fair (Spring) 2024	06 th -10 th February 2024	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 upto December 2023	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,50,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)		Rs. 1,75,747.97	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditure towards purchase of Kashmiri products for branding box for distribution to promote rich touristic destination of Jammu & Kashmir during Itec day event. - Expenditure towards payment for printing branding boxes of Jammu & Kashmir tourism and exquisite products. - Expenditure towards setting up Kashmir culinary specialty branding and promotion center to promote rich touristic products of Indian states by choosing J&K
Rs 7,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity		Rs. 3,96,052.88	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenditure towards releasing 30% payment to the company regarding market study on the “Manufacturing sector in Bahrain” - Expenditure towards releasing balance payment of 20% to the company regarding market study on the “Manufacturing sector in Bahrain” - Expenditure towards sticker printing and affixing Rajasthan tourism and ODOP for the state tourism wall in the consular hall of the chancery

			<p>-Expenditure towards payment of making roll up banner with stand for Jammu & Kashmir tourism</p> <p>- Expenditure towards payment for brochure printing of jammu & Kashmir tourism and exquisite products</p> <p>- Expenditure towards sticker printing and affixing Jammu & Kashmir tourism and ODOP for the state tourism wall in the consular hall of the chancery.</p> <p>- Expenditure towards setting up millet corner on 25th November during public speech of Dr. A Sivathanu Pillai, Former Chief Controller(R&D) DRDO.</p> <p>- Expenditure towards setting up millet and Jammu & Kashmir exquisite products corner during the ITEC Alumni meet</p>
Rs 3,00,000 Funds provided in State facilitation		Rs. 2,23,893.47	- Expenditure towards purchase of digital screen with stand/trolley for consular hall for promoting state tourism, culture and ODOP products.

7. Action taken on previous JWGs' 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

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

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