

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
October 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	39.12	66.51	P
Country total global trade	927.36	1490.83	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	Smartphones 85171300	4.5	15369	NO	9
2	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	4.3	4184954	KG	69
3	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	2.3	17079.5	G	10
4	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	2.2	189	NO	29
5	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel. 72159090	2.0	734041	KG	77
6	REFINED SUGAR CRYSTALS 17019911	1.9	2566250	KG	27
7	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	1.8	491743	KG	80
8	ONIONS FOR FOOD (GREEN OR DRY RIND), FRESH OR CHILLED 07031011	1.7	2633062	KG	71
9	FERRO-SILICO-MANGANESE 72023000	1.1	1131000	KG	80
10	OTHER VEHICLES, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032290	1.0	109	NO	82

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	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	11.7	36314015	L	100
2	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	7.4	3048733	KG	4

3	FERROUS PRODUCTS FROM THE DIRECT REDUCTION OF IRON ORE 72031000	4.6	12400000	KG	17
4	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	4.3	11382	T	97
5	AMMONIA IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION 28142000	2.6	7699835	L	100
6	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	2.3	865151	KG	69
7	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	0.8	478	T	100
8	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	0.7	135	T	33
9	RESIDUES CONTAINING MAINLY ALUMINIUM 26204000	0.6	2020	T	81
10	Waste and scrap of lead-acid accumulators; spent lead-acid accumulators 85491100	0.6	625	T	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	HS:(850610)		WANA Division Ministry of Commerce has been notified of this.

		batteries capacity of 32 to 225 amps from Turkey and India effective from 01st October 2022 . Duties imposed on the engine batteries will be based on the dumping rate of the products. However, AGM and EFB battery types are exempted from the duties. Earlier Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism in Bahrain on 07.05.2021 had initiated an anti-dumping investigation into imports of engine batteries from India, Turkey and Spain.			
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)		

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	Launching ceremony of IIT Pravartak Madras	02 nd October 2023	- Officials from Bahraini Government and Indian community - Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob	IIT Madras Pravartak offers its courses in Bahrain through ed-tech platform of McIndeez Academy under formal arrangement between both organisations. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob attended the launching ceremony as Chief Guest.
2	Goa Tourism Roadshow 2023	11 th October 2023	- Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (Second Secretary)	The department of Tourism, Government of Goa is organized a road show at Bahrain on 11 th October 2023 to promote Goa tourism and attract high quality spending tourist to the state of Goa. 41 companies from Bahrain had participated in the event.
3	Meeting with M/s Janyutech	31 st October 2023	- Mr. Hemanth Sai, CEO - Mr. Rajesh, Operation Head - Mr. S.M. Pillai, Senior Sales manager, Mohammed Jalal & Sons Technology WLL - Balachandran T, Sales manager, Mohammed Jalal & Sons Technology WLL	The company is active in robotics, smart solution in high temperature environment drone technology etc. Meeting was to give them understanding of Bahraini market and to know about their plans.

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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1	CIBJO Congress	03-05 2023	October	- Noora Jamsheer, CEO(DANAT) - Mr. Ali Khalil Alatawi, Lab Director, The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT)	Both of them participated in the World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO) hosted by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) and the National Gem & Jewellery Council of India (NGJCI) supported by Ministry of Commerce and Industry and MSME Ministry, Govt. of India, is organized its annual congress at Jaipur on 3rd to 5th October 2023.
2	Interactive Session with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India	06 th 2023	October	- M/s Al Jazira Group - M/s Choithrams - M/s Megamart/ Babasons	Representatives from these three companies participated in the interactive session on the food sector, chaired by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, Government of India, held on October 6, 2023, in Dubai.
3	The Indian Property Investment Festival(IPIF) 2023	27-28 2023	October		The Indian Property Investment Festival (IPIF), The popular investment exhibition promoting properties in India, hosted by NRI One alongside Bahrain partner ExDais and in collaboration with Sony Entertainment as well as banking partner ICICI Bank is organized at Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 27-28 October 2023. More than 20 top developers from across India had participated in the event.

D) Total business visa issued during the month of October, 2023 - 32

3. Trade & investment:

a. Significant Trends in trade & investment

S No	Category	Details of Significant Trends (200 Words)
1	Trade	I) Global Trends for the period (October 2022 to October 2023)

	in Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Global Imports by Bahrain -4% ◆ Fall in Global Exports by Bahrain -33% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (October 2022 to October 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import from India -22% ◆ Fall in Export to India -19% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (September 2023 to October 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import by Bahrain 31% ◆ Rise in Export by Bahrain 18% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (September 2023 to October 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Imports from India 14% ◆ Rise in Exports to India 39% <p>(Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)</p>
2	Trade in Services	-----
3	Investment	<p>There are about 7521 Indian companies registered in Bahrain, some with partnership. (Source : NV Ref 424/2020:MOFA,Bahrain)</p> <p>2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US\$ 185.7334 mn from APRIL 2000 TO June 2023) Source : (https://dipp.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)</p>

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

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

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

No.	Enquiry originator	Products	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
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1	Indian Companies	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 143 trade queries from India during October 2023. All the queries have been replied. The queries were mainly on food, ceramic & tiles, spices etc.
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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.

(The Daily Tribune 04.10.2023) Indian economy robust, says WB: India will stay one of the world’s fastest-growing economies thanks to strong domestic demand and investment helping it weather inflation and challenging global conditions, the World Bank said yesterday. Like other countries, India has been buffeted by global headwinds including tightening financial conditions and the effects of the war in Ukraine on global food and oil markets. Its economy nonetheless grew 7.2% in the last financial year, the second-highest among G20 countries.

(BNA 06.10.2023) UAE and India sign a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the industrial and advanced technology sectors: The UAE Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, and Shri Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two countries in the areas of sustainable industrial development, enhancing investment in the industrial sector and advanced technology, developing innovative solutions and enabling their application in various fields. The industrial sector supports efforts to reduce carbon and achieve climate neutrality.

(Gulf Daily News 11.10.2023) A new chapter on Bahrain’s historic trade ties with India: The ‘golden age’ of commercial ties between Bahrain and India, dating back to the Dilmun Era, is the focus of a new book launched in Bahrain yesterday. Titled Elite Bahraini Businessmen in India, the book is co-authored by businessmen Yousif Salahuddin and Dr Wesam Al Sabae. The launch ceremony, at the Bahrain Chamber premises in Sanabis, was attended by, among others, Capital Governor Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Indian Ambassador Vinod Jacob and chamber chairman Sameer Nass. The publication showcases the connection between the two countries, especially during the golden era of pearling, and features old images, some dating back to the late 1800s, as well as excerpts and records of Bahraini businessmen.

(The Daily Tribune/ Al Watan/ Al AYAM / Al Bilad 11.10.2023) Bahrain Chamber unveils books on ‘Elite Bahraini Businessmen in India’: The Bahrain Chamber yesterday launched a book titled “Elite Bahraini Businessmen in India: Between the End of the 19th Century to the Mid-20th Century” during a ceremony held yesterday at its headquarters. The book was co-authored by historian and Bahrain Chamber board member Yousif Salahuddin and Dr Wesam Abbas Al Sebea. The ceremony drew a distinguished audience, including writers, business owners, and notable dignitaries, among them Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass, Capital Governor Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman bin Rashid Al Khalifa, and Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Vinod K. Jacob.

(Gulf Daily News 13.10.2023) India ‘far from replacing China as world growth engine’: INDIA’S impressive recent economic gains are unlikely to displace China as the world economy’s main growth engine anytime soon, according to HSBC Holdings. “The numbers don’t exactly add up,” economists Frederic Neumann and Justin Feng wrote in a report yesterday. India, at the moment, “runs on too few cylinders,” while China is “simply too large to have its importance for the world economy readily eclipsed,” they said.

(Gulf Daily News 19.10.2023) India allows rice exports to select countries: INDIA will allow exports of non-basmati white rice to a clutch of countries such as the Philippines – one of the world’s biggest

importers of the grain – a government order said yesterday. India, the world's biggest rice exporter, in July banned overseas shipments of non-basmati white rice and later imposed a 20 per cent tax on parboiled rice cargoes to keep a lid on local prices and ensure sufficient supplies in the domestic market. But New Delhi said it would still consider requests for supplies of rice from needy, vulnerable countries on a case-by-case basis.

(Gulf Daily News/The Daily Tribune 20.10.2023) Google to make Pixel smartphones in India: ALPHABET Inc's Google will start manufacturing smartphones in India and its flagship Pixel 8 will be available next year, an executive said yesterday, as the tech giant joins global companies setting up facilities in the South Asian nation. At a Google for India event, Rick Osterloh, senior vice president of devices and services, said Google will partner with international and domestic manufacturers to produce the smartphones locally. "India is a priority market for Pixel smartphones, and we're committed to bringing the best of our hardware and underlying built-in software capabilities to people across the country," Osterloh said.

(Gulf Daily News 21.10.2023) Simmering India-Canada tensions 'won't hit trade': INDIA is not planning to impose any measures to curb imports or investments from Canada, despite simmering diplomatic tensions between the two countries, two senior government sources in New Delhi said. Ties between New Delhi and Ottawa deteriorated sharply after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in September his intelligence agencies were pursuing credible allegations tying Indian agents to the shooting of a Sikh separatist leader in Canada. Bilateral trade between Canada and India touched \$8 billion in 2022. Canada has invested more than \$3.6bn in India with over 40 per cent of that being in services and infrastructure, according to Invest India.

(Gulf Daily News 21.10.2023) China tightens export controls on graphite: CHINA said yesterday it will require export permits for some graphite products to protect national security, in its latest move to control supplies of critical minerals in response to challenges over its global manufacturing dominance. Top buyers of graphite from China include Japan, the United States, India and South Korea, according to Chinese customs data.

(Gulf Daily News 27.10.2023) India cuts floor price for basmati rice exports to revive shipments: INDIA has cut the floor price for basmati rice exports to \$950 per tonne from \$1,200, a government source said yesterday, after farmers and exporters complained it was damaging the trade by stalling shipments. India had imposed a \$1,200 per tonne minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice shipments in August to keep a lid on local prices ahead of key state elections. The MEP was expected to be cut with the arrival of the new season harvests, but the government said on October 14 it would maintain it until further notice, angering farmers and exporters who said the new season's rice crops had led to a drop in domestic prices. India and Pakistan are the leading exporters of basmati rice. New Delhi exports more than four million tonnes of basmati to countries such as Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the US.

(Gulf Daily News 30.10.2023) India's market regulator turns up heat on financial influencers: INDIA'S legion of financial influencers are once again under the spotlight as the country's market regulator ramps up action against unregistered advisers dishing out investment tips on social media. The Securities and Exchange Board of India last week barred Mohammad Nasiruddin Ansari and two other entities linked to him from the market and ordered them to refund 172 million rupees (\$2.1m) taken from followers.

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)

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

BE for current financial year(2022-2023)	RE for current financial year	Amount Utilized	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,50,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)			
Rs 7,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity		Rs. 223,160.46	- 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"

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)

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

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
1	Pranam Exports	Tylos Plastic Industries Co. WLL	Outstanding payment of USD 18,724 was not paid by the buyer against the goods exported.	Embassy of India 17.10.2023	Mission had a telephonic discussion with M/s Tylos Plastic Industries Co. WLL and it was informed that they have already made 50% payment and the remaining payment will be released by the next month.

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

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