

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**FRE/COM/201/01/2023****Name of the Mission (Country): High Commission of India, Freetown (Sierra leone)****MONTHLY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2025****a) Trade in goods****(i) Quantitative Data****a) Total trade in goods during****MONTHLY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2025****A. Trade in goods****a) Total trade in goods during:**

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US\$ in millions						
<u>Status</u> P – Provisional F – Final R – Revised Final	February 2024 (R)	February 2025 (F)	% Growth	April – February 2024 (R)	April – February 2025 (F)	% Growth
India's export to Sierra Leone	15.63	31.03	98.52	238.58	357.64	49.91
India's import from Sierra Leone	2.37	1.08	-54.40	27.21	19.84	-27.09

(Source: Department of Commerce: India & Trade Map Statistics)

b) Top 10 items of Export from India to Sierra Leone during (February 2025)

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ m illion)	Quantity in Thousands Units	Unit of Measur ement	% share in total import of the commodity
1.	Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630	11.10	25,625,440	MTs	N/A
2.	Other Medicine Put Up For Retail Sale – HS Code 300490	5.57	405,162	MTs	N/A
3.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Not Exceeding 0.5% - HS Code 690721	0.54	131,697	MTs	N/A
4.	Other Articles For The Conveyance/Packing of goods – HS Code 392390	0.51	383,616	MTs	N/A
5.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Exceeding 0.5% But Not Exceeding 10% – HS Code 690722	0.34	158,416	MTs	N/A
6.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Exceeding 10% – HS Code 690723	0.28	150,625	MTs	N/A
7.	Sacks And Bags (Incl Cones) Of Other Plastics	0.26	107,458	MTs	N/A

	– HS Code 392329				
8.	Sugar confectionery, (excluding chewing gum, including white chocolate) not Containing Cocoa – HS Code 170490	0.26	253,295	MTs	N/A
9.	Medicaments, containing penicillians, streptomycins or their derivatives, for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, packaged for retail sale – HS Code 300410	0.25	13,378	MTs	N/A
10.	Solid Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) – HS Code 281511	0.22	428,000	MTs	N/A

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)

*Data shown above are the most recent data available as of February 2025

c) Top 6 items of Import from Sierra Leone to India during (February 2025)

S.N o.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity in Thousands Units	Unit	% share in total export of the commodity
1.	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP HS Code 740400	0.57	68,350	MTs	N/A
2.	Waste and scrap of lead-acid accumulators; spent lead-acid accumulators – HS Code 854911	0.21	187,600	MTs	N/A
3.	Crude Palm Kernel/Babasu Oil and Its Fractions – HS Code 151321	0.17	107,120	MTs	N/A
4.	Aluminum Waste And Scrap – HS Code 760200	0.13	58,855	MTs	N/A
5.	Refined Palm Oil And Its Fractions – HS Code 151190	0.00	0	MTs	N/A
6.	Cocoa Paste Not Defatted – HS Code 180310	0.00	0	MTs	N/A

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)

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d) Potential products of Exports from India to Sierra Leone

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1.	Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630	<p>With reference to the Trade Statistics of the Department of Trade and Industry in India.</p> <p>The listed commodities are the top 10 demanded by Sierra Leone for this Month I.e. February 2025.</p> <p>Rice have taken the lead as the predominant import commodity from India to Sierra Leone in the month of February 2025. In addition, a few products were included to the top 10 list of commodities imported to Sierra Leone in this month like Water Absorption Coefficient, Sacks And Bags (Incl Cones) Of Other Plastics, Medicine, Solid Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda), etc.</p>
2.	Other Medicine Put Up For Retail Sale – HS Code 300490	
3.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Not Exceeding 0.5% - HS Code 690721	
4.	Other Articles For The Conveyance/Packing of goods – HS Code 392390	
5.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Exceeding 0.5% But Not Exceeding 10% – HS Code 690722	
6.	Of A Water Absorption Coefficient By Weight Exceeding 10% – HS Code	

	690723	Thanks to a bilateral agreement and competitive prices, importing goods into Sierra Leone has become affordable.
7.	Sacks And Bags (Incl Cones) Of Other Plastics – HS Code 392329	
8.	Sugar confectionery, (excluding chewing gum, including white chocolate) not Containing Cocoa – HS Code 170490	
9.	Medicaments, containing penicillians, streptomycins or their derivatives, for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, packaged for retail sale – HS Code 300410	
10.	Solid Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) – HS Code 281511	

e) Significant trends in trade and investment:

S. N o.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max.200 words)
1.	Mining Sector	<p>Sierra Leone's mining industry has performed strongly in the first seven months of 2024, significantly boosting export revenue, as reported by the National Minerals Agency. Iron ore dominated, accounting for 69.2% of total mineral exports, driven by global demand from steel-producing countries. Diamond exports contributed 10%, while heavy mineral concentrates made up 10.6%, showcasing the sector's diverse portfolio. Other minerals such as gold (1.2%), bauxite (1.6%), rutile (1.4%), zircon in concentrate (5.1%), ilmenite (0.6%), and coltan (0.2%) also play important roles. While iron ore remains crucial for foreign exchange earnings, diversifying the mining sector could help mitigate risks from global price fluctuations. Investments in value-added processing and infrastructure may further enhance the industry's long-term sustainability, solidifying mineral exports as a key driver of economic growth in Sierra Leone.</p>	<p>Sierra Leone's mining industry recorded strong performance in the first seven months of 2024, with significant growth in export revenues, according to the National Minerals Agency. Iron ore remained the dominant export, comprising 69.2% of total mineral exports, largely driven by strong global demand from steel-producing nations. While this underscores the country's comparative advantage in iron ore, it also highlights the sector's vulnerability to global price fluctuations. Diamond exports (10%) and heavy mineral concentrates (10.6%) contributed meaningfully, reflecting a gradually diversifying mineral base. Smaller but strategic contributions came from minerals such as gold, bauxite, rutile, zircon, ilmenite, and coltan. Although their individual shares are modest, these resources offer potential for expansion and can play a critical role in reducing overdependence on iron ore. The analysis points to the importance of diversifying not only the range of mined minerals but also their processing through value-added initiatives. Investments in local refining, infrastructure, and logistics could improve the sector's resilience and capture greater economic value domestically. Overall, the mining industry remains a cornerstone of Sierra Leone's economy, and</p>

			with strategic development and diversification, it can continue to drive inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
2.	Energy Sector	<p>The Côte d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone-Guinea (CLSG) Interconnector Project, completed in 2022, is a major step toward regional energy integration, with Sierra Leone as a key beneficiary. Spanning 1,303 kilometers with 11 substations, it enables the import of clean hydroelectricity from Côte d'Ivoire, reducing Sierra Leone's reliance on expensive thermal power. In 2023, the project benefited around 2.8 million people across the four countries. It uniquely positions Côte d'Ivoire as an energy exporter while Sierra Leone and Liberia serve as importers, fostering economic interdependence in West Africa. Backed by the World Bank, CLSG infrastructure is built to last over 50 years, with future expansions planned to meet growing demand. Despite progress, challenges remain, including limited supply and ongoing dependence on thermal generation. Addressing these will require continued regional cooperation and investment in renewable energy.</p> <p>For Sierra Leone, CLSG represents a transformative shift in its energy landscape—cutting costs, improving reliability, and supporting economic growth.</p>	<p>The CLSG Interconnector Project marks a significant milestone in West Africa's pursuit of regional energy integration, with Sierra Leone standing out as a key beneficiary. By enabling the import of clean hydroelectricity from Côte d'Ivoire, the 1,303-kilometer, 11-substation network has reduced Sierra Leone's dependence on costly and polluting thermal energy. In 2023 alone, approximately 2.8 million people across Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea benefited from improved electricity access and reliability.</p> <p>Strategically, the CLSG project shifts regional dynamics by positioning Côte d'Ivoire as a central energy exporter, while importers like Sierra Leone and Liberia benefit from lower energy costs and enhanced supply stability. This interdependence strengthens regional ties and lays the groundwork for economic collaboration. Backed by the World Bank and designed to last over five decades, CLSG also reflects a long-term commitment to sustainable infrastructure.</p> <p>However, challenges persist, including limited electricity supply and continued reliance on thermal generation, underscoring the need for deeper investments in renewable energy and sustained regional cooperation. For Sierra Leone, CLSG is more than an infrastructure project—it is a transformative leap toward energy security, affordability, and economic growth, positioning the country for a more resilient and sustainable energy future.</p>

Source: - (Awoko Newspaper online <https://awokonewspaper.sl/category/business-finance/>)

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e) Number of Sierra Leonean companies in India and investment value:

Industry	Number of Sierra Leonean Companies in India (January – February 2025)	Invested Amount (Unit: USD Million)
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N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A

f) Market Access Alerts

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Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

Sr. No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any	Upload notification (pdf only)
NIL								

Source: -

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

Sl. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

h) Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

Sl. No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

I) Any other alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

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

Sr. 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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Sl. No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

K) Representation of trade issues

Sr. No.	Select Issue Field*	Issues Details	HS Code	Products Description	Reporting Agency (India)	Company/ Exporter Name if any	Status of the Issue #	Importing Country Authority Name and Remarks
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1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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L) Stakeholders' Feedback and Action Taken

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Firm/Company	Sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

b) Feedback on major trade promotion activities/events

Sr. No.	Activity/Events (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name of EPC/Trade Body coordinating participants	Mission's Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Sr. 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	Mission's Feedback
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Trade Queries for Imports/Exports for the month of February 2025

S.No	Name of Company	Product(s) / Services	Nature of Business(Import/Export/Service s)	Purposes	Date Received	Date Replied	Email I.D
1.	Sk International	Product: Basmati Rice HS Code: 10063020	Exporter	Trade Tie	01.02.2025	03.02.2025	gargat19728@gmail.com
2.	Shree Girraj Papers	Product range includes: 1.Notebooks (A4, spiral pads, composition books) 2. Cash Memo Books, slip pads, and Practical Registers	Exporter	Trade Tie	01.02.2025	03.02.2025	sales.sgpapersjpr@gmail.com

		3.Hardbound registers, files, and other customised stationery products					
3.	M/S Sattvishtik Wellness Farms Private Limited	Products: a) A2 Gir Cow ghee; b) Turmeric latte Mix; c) Turmeric and Turmeric Powder; d) Wood pressed Groundnut oil; e) Vermicompost and	Exporter	Trade Tie	05.02.2025	06.02.2025	sattvishtik.exim@gmail.com
4.	Eagle Assurance House	Ceramic Wall Tiles (HSN CODE 69072300), Porcelain Tiles (HSN CODE 69072100) and Sanitary Ware (HSN CODE 69101000)	Exporter	Trade Tie	01.02.2025	06.02.2025	info@eagleassurancehouse.com
5.	Porsel Ceramica	Product range includes: Ceramic Tiles, Glazed Vitrified tiles and Sanitary ware (HS Code: 69072100, 69101000)	Exporter	Trade Tie	06.02.2025	07.02.2025	sudhir@porsel.in
6.	Darjuv9 Enterprises Private Limited	Product range includes: 1. Health Supplements 2. Nutraceutical Foods 3. Ayurvedic Proprietary Medicine 4. Spices and Spice Products 5. Natural Cosmetics Products	Exporter	Trade Tie	03.02.2025	07.02.2025	trade@darjuv9exports.com
7.	Goswami Audio Visual Services	Product range includes: Various types of Projection Screen, Audio Visual	Exporter	Trade Tie	16.02.2025	19.02.2025	goswamiaudiovisual@gmail.com

		Equipment also Education Equipment, Provide OEM Services, and Projection Screen ETC..					
8.	Sattva Exim	Parboiled Rice (HS CODE – 10063010)	Exporter	Trade Tie	18.02.2025	19.02.2025	sattvaeximindia@gmail.com
9.	Tushar Nayan	Makhana (Fox Nuts) HSN code – 19041090	Exporter	Trade Tie	19.02.2025	19.02.2025	nayantushar01@gmail.com
10.	Krupatex	HS Code 6203 – Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, etc. HS Code 5211 – Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200 g/m². HS Code 5407 – Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn. HS Code 6204 – Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, etc. HS Code 6208 – Women's or girls' singlets, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pajamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns, etc.	Exporter	Trade Tie	25.02.2025	25.02.2025	krupatexsurat@gmail.com
11.	Husain M	electric toilets	Exporter	Trade Tie	25.02.2025	25.02.2025	potymatic@gmail.com
12.	Rajdarbar Soap	Laundry Soap	Exporter	Trade Tie	25.02.2025	25.02.2025	maulik@rajdarbardetergents.com
13.	Exim World Enterprise	Spice	Exporter	Trade Tie	24.02.2025	25.02.2025	eximworldenterprise@gmail.com

14.	Kashyap Bhimani	ceramic tiles and sanitary ware	Exporter	Trade Tie	20.02.2025	25.02.2025	info@ultuxglobal.com
15.	Rohini International Ventures	HS code 4802	Exporter	Trade Tie	26.02.2025	27.02.2025	rohiniinternationalventures@gmail.com
16.	Calian Healthcare	Disposable Surgical Products	Exporter	Trade Tie	11.02.2025	27.02.2025	info@calianhealthcare.in
17.	Ali Exim And Global	Rice	Exporter	Trade Tie	15.02.2025	27.02.2025	chandni.d@alieximandglobal.com

M) Tourism:

a) Tourist / Business Visa Issued by Mission:

Sr. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the February, 2025	No. of Business Visa issued during the February, 2025
1.	N/A	N/A

b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events/Interactions held / organised:

Sr. No.	Details of Event/ Interaction	Theme/Topic	Description / No. of Participants and type of participation (tour operators/ tourism companies/ social influencers etc.)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A

c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:

Sr. No.	Date	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken
NIL during the period				

N) Opportunities in Technology/Investment/Procurement:

a) Opportunities in Technology:

Sr. No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Potential opportunity for ToT/ collaboration	B2B partnership possible/ identified companies
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

b) Out borne opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

Sr. No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
Nothing during the period.			

c) Export Opportunities – Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements which are open to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 5 million & above) – Government Procurement (GP) as well as non-GP.

Sr. No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	GP/Non-GP	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
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d) Any press coverage/notification on new technology/ IPR Regulations:

Sr. No.	Sector	Details	Remarks	Upload Documents
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

e) Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

Sr. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars/webinars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ webinar conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

g) Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilized	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

h) Action taken on Complaints from foreign/ Indian Buyer/Supplier:

No. of Trade complaints received	From Local companies	From Indian Companies	Description/ No. of complaints on which Action is Taken
1	N/A	N/A	N/A
