

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
May 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	43.05	62.62	P
Country total global trade	958.22	1262.23	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	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	6.3	6060704.637	KG	74
2	Smartphones 85171300	2.2	9658	NO	9
3	GRINDING BALLS AND SIMILAR ITEMS FOR MILLS, IRON, STEEL 73259100	2.0	1358000	KG	57
4	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1501 TO 3000 CC 87032311	1.8	161	NO	7
5	FERRO-SILICO-MANGANESE 72023000	1.7	1526000	KG	100
6	BENTONITE 25081000	1.6	33051000	KG	91
7	PICKUPS, TWO CABS, SPARK IGNITION, 5 TONS OR LESS 87043120	1.5	95	NO	38
8	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	1.4	330788	KG	60
9	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.2	7794.574	G	7
10	MANGOES, fresh or dried 08045020	0.9	534480.686	KG	58

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	UREA, WHETHER OR NOT IN AQUEOUS	14.4	47249998	KG	99

	SOLUTION 31021000				
2	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	6.7	2550110	KG	3
3	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	5.7	14895	T	94
4	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	5.4	16802939	L	29
5	AMMONIA IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION 28142000	2.6	10498973	L	100
6	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	2.3	330	T	87
7	FERROUS PRODUCTS FROM THE DIRECT REDUCTION OF IRON ORE 72031000	1.0	2500000	KG	50
8	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.5	5892310	KG	100
9	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	0.5	290	T	76
10	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	0.4	126830	KG	6

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 398.3 million for engineering goods in which we have already exported products worth USD 29.68 million till May 2023.
2	Jewellery of gold (71131910)	- There is a target of USD 108.1 million for export of Gem & jewellery in which we have already exported products worth USD 1.98 million till May 2023.
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 18.4 million for export of Ready made garments textile in which we have already exported products worth USD 2.19 million till May 2023.

B. Qualitative

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● 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
	-	I) It has been reported that some consignment of small Indian cardamom have been rejected by Bahraini Authorities. The issue was taken up by Bahraini side conveyed that these consignments were rejected due to presence of undeclared artificial colors.	-	We have not received any complaints from Indian Exports in this regard in recent times.

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

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
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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)

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	MOS of MOS(Shri V Muraleedharan) to Bahrain	4 th -5 th May 2023	-Shri V Muraleedharan (Minister of state for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs)	
2	6 th Foreign Office Consultations	27 th -29 th May 2023	- Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary(CPV & OIA) - Ambassador Shri Piyush Srivastava	The meeting reviewed our growing multifaceted bilateral cooperation in diverse areas including Political, Security, Space, Youth, Parliament, Media & Information, Trade, Renewable Energy, Fintech, Education, Health, Tourism, Labour & Consular issues, people-to-people engagement, and discussed matters of mutual interest regional and multilateral arena.
3	Inauguration Mango festival at lulu Dana mall	17 th May 2023	- Ambassador Shri Piyush Srivastava - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (Second Secretary)	Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Mango Mania, annual mango festival of Lulu Hypermarket in presence of Juzer Roopawala, Director of Lulu and a number of Bahraini and Indian dignitaries. The festival displayed 85 varieties of mango, mostly from India, and its products.

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)

D) Total business visa issued during the month of May , 2023 - 26

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 (May 2022 to May 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 (May 2022 to May 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import from India -18% ◆ Fall in Export to India -15 % <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (April 2023 to May 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import by Bahrain -9% ◆ Fall in Export by Bahrain - 3% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (April 2023 to May 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Imports from India -3% ◆ Rise in Exports to India : 87% <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\$ 185.1407 mn from APRIL 2000 TO March 2023)</p> <p>Source : (https://dipp.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)</p>

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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 110 trade queries from India during May 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.

Al Watan 06.05.2023 Muraleedharan: \$2 billion in bilateral trade between Bahrain and India this year: Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Muraleedharan revealed that bilateral trade between the Kingdom of Bahrain and India has risen to a new and unprecedented record, with a value of \$2 billion this year.

The Daily 09.05.2023 US, Saudi, UAE and India discuss railway project: The US is currently in talks with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and India to construct a project that would link Middle Eastern nations through a network of railway lines. Reports claimed that the railways would also be connected to India via shipping lanes from ports in the region. Sources say that the White House National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, is expected to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, and will meet with Saudi, Emirati, and Indian counterparts next week to further discuss the proposed project and other regional issues.

The Daily Tribune 18.05.2023 Tesla restarts India market talks with new factory proposal: Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) has proposed setting up a factory in India to build electric cars for domestic sale and export, the carmaker told government officials on Wednesday, according to a source with direct knowledge of the matter. The proposal comes after India refused to agree to Tesla's request last year to lower the import tax on cars, which can reach as much as 100%.

BNA 24.05.2023 India makes tests mandatory for cough syrup export after overseas deaths: India will make tests mandatory for cough syrups before they are exported, a government notice showed on Tuesday, after Indian-made cough syrups were linked to the deaths of dozens of children in Gambia and Uzbekistan. Any cough syrup must have a certificate of analysis issued by a government laboratory before it is exported, effective June 1, the government said in a notice dated May 22 and shared by the health ministry on Tuesday, Reuters reported.

BNA 27.05.2023 Indian Minister: India will become the fourth largest economy in the world within two years: Enabling policies and grassroot initiatives of Modi-led government have led to social and economic transformation of the country since 2014, and the nation is all set to become the fourth largest

economy in world within two years, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday.

BNA / Al Watan / Al Ayam 31.05.2023 Minister of Industry and Commerce: Investing in historical relations with India in creating and developing economic partnerships: His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, affirmed the depth of the bilateral relations linking the Kingdom of Bahrain with the friendly Republic of India, stressing the importance of investing these historical relations in creating and developing economic partnerships between the two sides and advancing them towards broader horizons in order to reach the goals and visions of the leaderships of the two countries.

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	Invest India Webinar series “Ease of doing business”	31 st May 2023	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	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,50,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)			
Rs 2,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity			

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
1	Crown Industries	Askar, Bahrain	Fitzer Incorporation	Made 50% payment and not supplied the goods	Embassy of India, Bahrain (17.05.2023)	Send mail and got reply that they will resolve the issue within short time.
2	Areej Dairies	Sitra, Bahrain	Abc Fruits	The imported product was not conformity with the sample	Embassy of India, Bahrain (08.05.2023)	Send mail and got reply that they will resolve the issue within short time.

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
	Munde AgroFarm Private Limited	Nizami Fruits Vegetables	Outstanding payment of USD 7375 was not paid by the buyer against the goods exported.	Embassy of India, Bahrain (31.05.2023)	Called and inform about the complaint and they told that they will resolve the issue at the earliest.

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

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