

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
April 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	23.40	65.44	P
Country total global trade	984.27	1389.77	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	6.26	5,720,344	KG	91
2	Smartphones 85171300	3.36	9,554	NO	13
3	FERRO-SILICO- MANGANESE 72023000	3.01	2,794,000	KG	100
4	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	2.04	16,478	G	12
5	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	1.87	402,562	KG	65
6	TUBES, PIPES AND HOLLOW PROFILES, OF CAST IRON 73030000	1.87	2,616,255	KG	88
7	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel. 72159090	1.74	917,602	KG	70
8	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1501 TO 3000 CC 87032311	1.51	122	NO	6
9	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	1.49	115	NO	19
10	CONTAINERS FOR OTHER GASES 73110090	1.47	195	NO	87

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Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	6.78	2,639,098	KG	3
2	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	5.80	13,240	T	90
3	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	4.74	14,577,264	L	50
4	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	1.63	210	T	57
5	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	0.78	452	T	69
6	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	0.611	195,077	KG	11
7	WASTE, PARINGS AND SCRAP OF RUBBER 40040000	0.53	3,975,000	KG	100
8	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.39	3,668,580	KG	100
9	OTHER LUBRICATING OILS 27101919	0.29	660,000	L	42
10	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.22	282,556	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 for the FY 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 108.1 million for export of Gem & jewellery for the FY 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 18.4 million for export of Ready made garments textile for the FY 2023-24

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 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 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	HS:(48081000)		Mission has sent a Note Verbale dated 29 th December 2022 to MoFA

		Germany, France and India.			
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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)

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	ONE EARTH ONE HEALTH – 6th Edition of Advantage Healthcare India	26 th - 28 th April 2023	1. HANA EBRAHIM SAEED MOHAMED ALGHANEM 2. MARYAM AHMED ABDULLA ISA MOHAMED AL JENAIDI 3. AMAL ALI ABDULRAHIM HASAN HASSANI 4. NAHED ABDULLATIF KAMAL MOHAMED 5. Wafa OMRAN JASIN AJOOR	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in association with Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry(FICCI) is organized ONE EARTH ONE HEALTH (6 th Edition of Advantage HealthcareIndia) at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India from 26th - 28th April 2023. Five participants from Bahrain attended the event. These participants have given us very positive feedback about the event.

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	List of large / key participants from	Number of Business	Feed Back received (Max 200 words)

		Venue	Bahrain	Visa issued	
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D) Total business visa issued during the month of April , 2023 - 9

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 (April 2022 to April 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain 3% ◆ Fall in Global Exports by Bahrain -30% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (April 2022 to April 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import from India -24% ◆ Fall in Export to India -47% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (March 2023 to April 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import by Bahrain -2% ◆ Fall in Export by Bahrain -30% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (March 2023 to April 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Imports from India -7% ◆ Rise in Exports to India 10% <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\$ 183.6959 mn from APRIL 2000 TO December 2022)</p> <p>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)
1	Indian Companies	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 133 trade queries from India during April 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.

The Daily Tribune 09.04.2023 Ukraine minister to visit India for talks: Ukrainian minister will visit India from Sunday in the first face-to-face talks between the two countries since Russia’s invasion of its European neighbour last year. India imports much of its military hardware from Russia, and is walking a delicate balancing act between its increased security cooperation with Western countries and its reliance on Russia for defence and oil imports. Its longstanding security ties with Russia have put New Delhi in an awkward diplomatic position, and while it has called for an end to hostilities in Ukraine, it has refused to condemn the invasion.

Gulf Daily News 11.04.2023 India ‘has not suspended trade talks with Britain’: TRADE talks between India and Britain have not been suspended and will continue this year, three officials said yesterday, responding to a British newspaper report that said India had “disengaged” from the talks after London failed to condemn Sikh separatists.

Gulf Daily News/The Daily Tribune/BNA/Akhbar Al Khaleej /Al Bilad 13.04.2023 Ties reviewed: INDUSTRY and Commerce Minister Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro met Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and reviewed the long-standing historical relations and strategic partnership between the two countries. They noted the positive results of the recent official visit by the minister to India. The minister referred to the attractive investment environment that Bahrain provides, and the privileges and facilities enjoyed by investors inside and outside Bahrain, pointing out to its importance in upgrading economic and trade relations in a way that achieves common goals.

BNA 16.04.2023 UAE is India’s second biggest export destination, third biggest source for imports: UAE continues to be the second most important export destination for India, according to annual trade figures released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

BNA /Al Watan / Al Ayam/ Al Bilad 17.04.2023 Minister of Foreign Affairs receives the Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain: The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, received today, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Piyush Srivastava. During the meeting, the close historical relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the friendly Republic of India, which are based on mutual respect and appreciation, were reviewed, and they discussed ways to develop and raise them to broader levels in order to achieve common interests and benefit the two friendly countries and peoples, in addition to discussing a number of topics and issues of common concern.

Al Ayam 26.04.2023 The Indian Ambassador to Al-Ayyam: 1.7 billion dollars in trade exchange...and the investments are on the rise: The Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom, Piyush Srivastava, revealed that the trade exchange between his country and Bahrain has reached \$1.7 billion, making it the highest rate of trade exchange the two countries have ever witnessed. In statements to Al-Ayyam, the Indian Ambassador said that India's relations with Bahrain are extremely important, especially as they are a deeply rooted relationship, stressing the strengthening of cooperation in various fields.

Gulf Daily News 27.04.2023 Indian company set to acquire schools in Gulf: INDIA-BASED JV Ventures plans to invest \$1 billion to acquire at least 12 to 15 schools across the GCC and Southeast Asia in the next three years, Zawya has reported citing The Times of India. The Hyderabad-based firm is looking at opportunities in the UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

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 2,00,000 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)
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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
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10. Any other issues for importance (Max 500 words)

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