

**Consulate General of India**

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Monthly Commercial Report  
September I 2023

**A. Trade in goods**

a) Total trade in goods during  
**September 2023**

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	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Trade of 10 provinces of Sumatra under consular jurisdiction with this post (AC, SU, SB, RI, KR, JA, BE, SS, BB, LA) with India	Data not available*	Data not available*	
Total Global Trade of 10 provinces of Sumatra under consular jurisdiction with this Post (AC, SU, SB, RI, KR, JA, BE, SS, BB, LA)	Data not available*	Data not available*	

\* Data available only from Jan – Dec 2023 - **Annexure II and III (Attached)**

b) Preferential trade in goods during – **N/A**

0	9	2	0	2	3
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S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
1	nil	nil	

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
1	-	-	-

c) Top 10 items of **import** from India during  
September 2023

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S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line) (Data only for 10 provinces within CGI Medan jurisdiction. ie; AC, SU, SB, RI, KR, JA, BE, SS, BB, LA)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (Million)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total US import of the commodity
1	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available
2	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data not available

d) Top 10 items of **export** to India during  
September 2023

0 9 2 0 2 3

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line) (Data only for 10 provinces within CGI Medan jurisdiction. ie; AC, SU, SB, RI, KR, JA, BE, SS, BB, LA)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity (Million)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total US import of the commodity
1	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available

e) Potential products of imports from India – September 2023

S.No	Top 10 Commodities imported in Indonesia Sumatra provinces (AC, SU, SB, RI, KR, JA, BE, SS,	World (Export to Indonesia	India's Share (Export to Indonesia	India's % Share (Export to Indonesia	Rationale (Max. 200 words)
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	BB, LA)	Sumatra) in million USD	Sumatra) in million USD	Sumatra) in million USD	
1		-	-	-	

**B. QUALITATIVE**

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**1. Market Access Alerts** (attach copy of notification) – *N/A*

a. 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
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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


c. 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
1.	-	-	-	-	-

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 othering VVIP Visit, the meeting is being rescheduled to	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any

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1.	-	-	-	-	-

- 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
1.	-	-	-	-	-

## **2. Feedback**

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

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	-	-	-	-

- b. Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S.No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI, TA/TC)
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

S.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	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-

**3. Trade and Investment:**

a. Significant trends in trade and investment

1.	Trade in Goods	Data not available	<b><u>India's exports to Indonesia-Sumatra</u></b>	
			<b>Sumatra Imports</b>	<b>Total Value (\$US million)</b>
			-	-
			<b><u>India's imports from Indonesia-Sumatra</u></b>	
			<b>Sumatra Exports</b>	<b>Total Value (\$US million)</b>
			-	-
2.	Trade in Services	Data not available	Data not available	
3.	Investment	-	-	

**India's Foreign Direct Investment in the Sumatra by Industry – N/A**

(US \$ Million)

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Manufacturing	Total		
Wholesale trade			
Retail trade			
Information			
Depository institutions			
Finance (except depository institutions) and insurance			
Real estate and rental and leasing			
Professional, scientific, and technical services			
Other industries			
TOTAL			
Mining			

Utilities			
Manufacturing			
Wholesale Trade			
Information			
Depository Institutions			
Finance (except depository institutions) and insurance			
Professional, scientific, and technical services			
Holding Companies (nonbank)			
Other Industries			
TOTAL			
	<i>D. Suppressed to avoid disclosure of data of individual companies.</i>		

b. Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.	-	-	-

c. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	-	-	-

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

**Total – 01** commercial queries answered for the month of September 2023 – **Annexure I (Attached)**

**4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.:** (Max. 500 words)

**5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing September 2023 – Annexure II (Attached)**

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

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of Activity in September (Max.200 words)
500,000 INR	-	222,917 INR	-

**7. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):**

S.No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	-	-	-

**8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute: NIL**

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.
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**9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer: NIL**

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 issue of importance – Recent developments in our area**

### **Economy:**

#### **1. Prices in Aceh are high, and residents are beginning to economize on buying rice.**

##### **Aceh, (Medcom.id):**

Rice remains the most popular and preferred staple food for the consumption of Indonesian citizens, especially in Aceh. Residents are considered unsatisfied or even hungry if they do not consume rice three times a day. Therefore, the increase in the price of rice is quite burdensome for the people of the land known as the "Veranda of Mecca," especially in the midst of the current difficult economic conditions. For example, in Pidie Regency, Pidie Jaya Regency, and Aceh Besar, the price of medium-quality rice (previously Rp175,000 per sack of 15 kg) has now risen to around Rp185,000 to Rp190,000 per kg over the past month. As for premium-quality rice (formerly Rp190,000 per kg), it has now increased to Rp115,000 per kg. On average, there has been an increase of Rp15,000 to Rp25,000 per sack. Furthermore, the retail price of medium-quality rice (previously Rp18,000 per bamboo, equivalent to 2 liters) has now risen to Rp20,000 per bamboo. Similarly, good-quality rice (formerly Rp20,000) has now become Rp22,000 per liter.

Nur, an observer of social and economic issues in Pidie Regency, Aceh, told Media Indonesia on Sunday, September 10, 2023, that due to the price increase, many mothers are now limiting their rice purchases. They are reducing their staple food purchases to save on family expenses. "Previously, they used to buy 2 sacks at a time, but now 1 sack is enough. If they used to buy 5 bamboos frequently, now they are economizing and buying only 2 bamboos. This limitation may be to wait for prices to drop again," Nur said. He mentioned that the surge in rice prices in the local area is currently the highest since the beginning of January 2023. Therefore, residents must restrain themselves from other family necessities. As observed by Media Indonesia, this situation is quite significant because the economic conditions of the people are currently difficult. Moreover, the prices of fuel and various other family essentials are rising.

#### **2. Tourism Investment Summit 2023 Promotes Investment in Lampung.**

##### **Lampung, (Lampost.co):**

The Representative Office of Bank Indonesia for Lampung Province held the



Tourism Investment Summit 2023 at the Radisson Hotel on Monday, September 18, 2023. The event, themed "Expanding Investment Opportunity Through Integrated Tourism," is expected to encourage investment through the integrated Tourism sector. Budiyo, the Head of the Bank Indonesia Representative Office for Lampung Province, explained that tourism can be a source of new economic growth. This economic growth can be triggered through the optimization of tourism infrastructure along various beaches in South Lampung, Pesawaran, and West Coast. "The investment opportunities in Lampung in the field of tourism have the potential for new economic growth. Lampung's strategic location, close to the capital and serving as the gateway to Sumatra, offers rich natural tourism potential that must be optimized," said Budiyo on Monday, September 18, 2023.

He mentioned that there are many areas in Lampung that can become exceptional tourist destinations. Therefore, investments can stimulate economic activity by creating new job opportunities and opening businesses based on local wisdom. Fahrizal Darminto, the Secretary of Lampung Province, stated that Lampung currently has the Bakauheni Harbour City, which is an integrated tourism area covering 160 hectares in three districts. Development began in District 1, which has reached 40% completion and includes Siger Park and Krakatau Park. Krakatau Park itself had a soft launch and started operating in April 2023. According to him, investment, as an anchor for economic recovery, can have a significant multiplier effect on the economy and improve the welfare of the people of Lampung. The Ministry of Investment/BKPM recorded that the realization of investments in Lampung in the first semester of 2023 (January-June) reached IDR 5.99 trillion or 54.5% of the 2023 investment realization target of IDR 11 trillion. "For this reason, we hope that this event will open up investment opportunities as much as possible," he said.

### **3. Jambi Provincial Government Develops a Green Economy Masterplan Jambi, (Republika):**

The Jambi provincial government is focusing on developing a green economy in its region. In fact, the masterplan or main plan has already been formulated. Jambi Governor Al Haris stated that his province has prepared the masterplan or main plan for the growth map of the green economy in Jambi province from 2021 to 2045. The regional regulation for the year 2023 regarding the green economy growth plan for Jambi Province has also been prepared. He expressed that they will continue to preserve and expand various forest areas in the region with the goal of increasing carbon emission reduction in Jambi.

"Jambi has natural resources that contain carbon, and they are valuable. Jambi is also the first province to pilot the bio carbon fund project, so there is tremendous business potential," he said during a virtual National Seminar on Monday (18/9/2023). He added that in the future, the carbon market would become a significant business opportunity for the region due to the ongoing natural potential in Jambi.

Therefore, according to Al Haris, all stakeholders, including the local government and business actors, must thoroughly understand carbon management, especially reporting. Al Haris believes that the Financial Services Authority (OJK) plays a significant role in developing human resources for carbon market management in the region. In anticipation of this, the Jambi Provincial Government has already prepared various regulations. "Among them, we have the Jambi Provincial Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMD) for the years 2021-2026, integrated with low-carbon development," he explained. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Financial Services Authority (OJK) believes that Jambi is a region that has proven capable of reducing carbon emissions. "This can be immediately materialized with the support of the bio carbon fund," he said on a similar occasion. Since 2019, he stated, Jambi Province and East Kalimantan have received the Bio Carbon Fund program from the World Bank due to their extensive forests and contributions to reducing carbon emissions. In the future, to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, OJK will soon implement capacity-building programs for all parties involved in this program throughout Indonesia, in collaboration with various stakeholders. "We are ready to facilitate, from participants from Sabang to Merauke, to determine who is the right partner to jointly build our capacity. This will be the determining factor, our capability. There is methodology that we do not understand, that is part of what needs to be learned and developed," said Mahendra. He added that OJK plans to begin carbon trading through a carbon market on September 26, 2023. This agenda marks a new phase in Indonesia's significant efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

4. **Pangkalpinang BKP (Bangka Belitung) Facilitates The Export of 26.5 Tons of Dried Arrowroot.**

**Bangka Belitung, (Antara News):**

The Agricultural Quarantine Center (BKP) Class II in Pangkalpinang, Bangka Belitung Province, is facilitating the export of 26.5 tons of dried arrowroot to boost the local economy. "The export release of 26.5 tons of dried arrowroot will take place on Friday, September 29th, at Pangkalbalam Port," said Head

of BKP Class II Pangkalpinang, Herwintarti, in Pangkalpinang on Tuesday. She mentioned that the 26.5 tons of arrowroot being exported have been processed into chips or dried form to encourage entrepreneurs to restore productivity and manufacture finished arrowroot products. "These arrowroot chips are usually further processed into glucomannan flour, arrowroot rice, and so on," she explained. She stated that currently, arrowroot is cultivated by farmers in Belinyu, Bangka Regency, and Serdang, South Bangka Regency. "Growing arrowroot is relatively easy because it can thrive alongside main crops like oil palm. The intensive care process is mainly during the early stages, making it suitable as a side venture for farmers," she said. Acting Governor of the Bangka Belitung Islands, Suganda Pandapotan Pasaribu, appreciates and encourages farmers to develop arrowroot farming. "If arrowroot can be cultivated, it will become a new potential for increasing exports and the welfare of the community," he said. Therefore, he invited farmers to plant arrowroot between oil palm and rubber crops and utilize idle land for arrowroot cultivation. "The method of planting and caring for arrowroot is relatively easy, and we hope that BKP can actively promote arrowroot cultivation to farmers," he said.

**5. The Plantation and Livestock Sector Most Stable, Able to Support North Sumatra's Economy.**

**North Sumatera, (Tribun Medan):**

Sholahuddin Lubis, the Head of Sectoral Statistics Division, stated that the plantation and livestock sector is the most stable subsector in supporting the economy of North Sumatra. He conveyed this during the morning assembly held at the North Sumatra Provincial Department of Communication and Informatics on Monday, September 25, 2023. In the guidance speech delivered by the Acting Governor of North Sumatra, Sholahuddin emphasized that plantation and livestock are one of the most stable subsectors in bolstering North Sumatra's economy. This subsector significantly contributes to the increase in the percentage of the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and the income of North Sumatra's farmers. "Furthermore, plantation and livestock are subsectors that can absorb a significant amount of labor," he explained. The issues related to agriculture, especially plantations and livestock, as well as all the challenges they face in meeting their needs, can be addressed through cooperation and coordination with relevant stakeholders. "There has been an increase in reported cases of bites from RPS (rabies-transmitting animals) in several districts and cities across North Sumatra, so there is a need to increase vigilance and control of Strategic Animal Diseases (SAD)," said Sholahuddin. In concluding the guidance speech by the Acting

Governor of North Sumatra, Sholahuddin encouraged efforts to utilize the natural resources, especially agricultural resources, for increased production. "And let us work together to implement the reduction of livestock disease outbreak cases, with the hope of achieving economic stability and realizing a prosperous North Sumatran society," he concluded.

**6. Poverty Rate in Bengkulu City Decreases by Seven Percent.**

**Bengkulu, (Antara Bengkulu):**

Deputy Mayor of Bengkulu City, Dedy Wahyudi, stated that the poverty rate in his region has decreased by seven percent from 22 percent in 2021 to 15 percent in 2023. "The poverty rate in Bengkulu City has been consistently decreasing year by year. The Bengkulu City Government records the poverty rate for this year at only 15 percent," he said after leading a coordination meeting on poverty alleviation at the Mayor's Office in Bengkulu on Tuesday. He explained that the coordination meeting of the Regional Poverty Alleviation Coordination Team (TKPKD) of Bengkulu City in 2023 discussed topics such as mapping poverty-stricken areas and coordinating government programs to address poverty. "At present, the Bengkulu City Government is focusing on three aspects in poverty alleviation efforts: reducing the burden on the community, increasing community income, and targeting poverty-stricken areas," said Dedy. The Bengkulu City Government is working to improve community access to healthcare and education services, upgrade infrastructure, and implement community economic empowerment programs to combat poverty. In an effort to empower communities to improve their well-being, the Bengkulu City Government has provided assistance in the form of 100,000 white snapper fish fry to the Mitra Mina Sejahtera fish farming group in Teluk Sepang Village, which manages an 11-hectare fish pond.

**7. Vice President: Food in West Sumatra is the Biggest Contributor to the Sharia Economy in Indonesia**

**Padang, (Detik Sumut):**

Vice President (Wapres) Ma'ruf Amin believes that in the next few years West Sumatra (Sumbar) will be able to become a national sharia economic producer. According to him, this happens because West Sumatra is one of the provinces that has the largest Muslim majority in Indonesia. Apart from being a sharia economic producer, according to Ma'ruf, West Sumatra is also one of the provinces that has a variety of halal foods that are worldwide. So according to him, the sharia economic cycle is greater in West Sumatra through food. "West Sumatra is one of the leading provinces in the

development of sharia economics and finance in Indonesia. This is also proven by West Sumatra with its various specialty food preparations which are halal and world-famous. One of them is the world-famous rendang, which is a sharia economic producer," he said, when officially opening Minangkabau Halal Festival 2023 at the UNP Auditorium, Padang City, Friday (8/9/2023). Furthermore, the number 2 person in Indonesia also hopes that the West Sumatra Provincial Government will be able to regulate the economy of the people of West Sumatra. Because Ma'ruf believes that West Sumatra is a province that has unique natural wealth, so it is able to support the sharia economy in Indonesia. In the future, according to him, West Sumatra must further increase its sharia economic development. According to him, the development of sharia economics is also starting to spread to the tourism sector. So it is said that West Sumatra will become a world producer of halal food.

**8. Riau Supports the National Economy in the Sumatera Region**

**Pekanbaru, (Riau.go.id):**

Deputy Governor of Riau (Wagubri) Edy Natar Nasution while attending a gathering of Muhammadiyah Central Leadership and Riau community leaders at the Aryaduta Hotel Pekanbaru, Wednesday (13/9/2023) evening explained that Riau Province has been blessed with natural wealth in the form of petroleum, natural gas, rubber , sago palm oil, coffee and wood fiber. With this potential, Riau Province has become one of the pillars of the national economy in the Sumatra region, He also said that Riau Province is one of the most popular investment destinations on the island of Sumatra, because of its very strategic location. The number two person in Riau said that Riau Province had become one of the economic centers in Sumatra. This is indicated by economic growth in the first quarter of 2023 growing by 4.88%.

**9. South Sumatra's Extreme Poverty Rate Drops Drastically**

**Palembang (Sumselprov.go.id):**

South Sumatra Province under the leadership of the Governor of South Sumatra H. Herman Deru was able to reduce the extreme poverty rate from 3.19 percent in 2022 to 1.41 percent in 2023 at Griya Agung, Friday, (22/9/2023). This was revealed when the Governor of South Sumatra H. Herman Deru received an audience from the Head of Central Statistic Department (BPS) in South Sumatra Province in the context of carrying out activities on the closing night of National Statistics Day 2023 in the city of Palembang and presenting data on strategic indicators for South Sumatra. Head of BPS in South Sumatera, Moh Wahyu Yulianto, S.ST., S.Si., M.Si., said that based on BPS data, macro poverty in South Sumatra will be 11.95

percent in 2022 to 11.78 in 2023. He explained the figures This includes data on extreme poverty. He added that poverty is influenced by various things, including cultural factors and regional character. And the Governor has taken various approaches, including reducing consumption expenses, meaning that poverty has been lifted by the programs implemented by the governor. He continued, for certain commodities, they are still assisted and empowered to have their own income so that regions can get out of macro poverty. The Governor of South Sumatra H Herman Deru really welcomed this. He admitted that he was relieved that several steps that had been taken so far were right on target.

#### **10. Riau Island's Community Figures Support the Development of the Rempang Area as "The New Engine" for Sustainable Indonesian Economic Growth.**

##### **Batam (BatamNews.co.id):**

The plan to develop the Rempang area as a center for Indonesia's new economic growth with the concept of "Green and Sustainable City" is increasingly receiving strong support from various community figures and leaders of the Riau Islands Province (Kepri). In a dialogue held at the Harmoni One Hotel, Batam Center on Wednesday (6/9/2023), these community figures and leaders expressed their support for the Rempang development program initiated by the Batam Free Trade Zone and Free Port Concession Agency (BP Batam ) One of the Kepri community leaders, Huzrin Hood, in his speech stated that the community supports this government program in its entirety and hopes that it can go well. Strong support from the local community is an important foundation for the smooth development of the Rempang Area. The Commander of Lang Laut Kepri, Suherman, also expressed his approval for this project. He hopes that the government will pay attention to the fate of the people who live in areas affected by the Rempang development. Suherman also proposed that the government and PT MEG (PT Xinyi International Investment Limited) prepare cooperatives for local communities. Apart from support from the community, the development of the Rempang Area is also described as an important step in increasing investment and Indonesia's economic potential. Sudirman Saad, Member of Area Management and Investment at BP Batam, explained that the government has decided to make Rempang the largest downstream center for quartz sand or silica sand in Indonesia. The result of this downstreaming is the production of renewable energy in the form of solar panels which can produce electricity from solar energy. This project will be carried out with an investment of IDR 174 trillion by PT Xinyi Internasional Investment Limited. Sudirman is confident that this

project will be able to absorb tens of thousands of workers from the local community, providing a large positive impact on the economy and development of the Rempang area.

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