

**Embassy of India  
Budapest**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT**  
**For the month of DECEMBER 2023**

**REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**  
*(Data Source: KSH, Central Statistical Office of Hungary)*

**Name of the Mission (Country):** Embassy of India, Budapest

**I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR HUNGARY**

**A. Trade in goods**

**(I) Quantitative data**

**a)** Total trade in goods during

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	<b>export (US\$ mln)</b>	<b>import (US\$ mln)</b>	<b>Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final</b>
Country's trade with India	37.0	57.8	F
Country's total global trade	13745.5	12314	F

Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary

**b)** Preferential trade in goods during

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S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential imports from India (US\$ mln)	Preferential imports from World (US\$ mln)
1	N.A.		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential exports to India (US\$ mln)	Preferential exports to World (US\$ mln)
1	N.A.		

(Source: based on Certificate of origin issued by reporting country)

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

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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	6.9	78.6	kgs	4.8%
2	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses,	6.4	78.0	kgs	27.4%
3	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	4.4	12.4	kgs	30.9%
4	848330 Bearing housings for machinery, not incorporating ball or roller bearings; plain shaft	1.4	181.7	kgs	11.2%

	bearings for machinery				
5	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	1.4	66.4	kgs	1.1%
6	880730 Parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft, n.e.s. (excl. those for gliders)	1.3	6.5	kgs	6.3%
7	293430 Heterocyclic compounds containing in the structure a phenothiazine ring-system,	1.1	15.4	kgs	100.0%
8	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.0	23.0	kgs	1.3%
9	870850 Drive-axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components,	1.0	255.9	kgs	1.4%
10	841199 Parts of gas turbines, n.e.s.	.9	17.6	kgs	1.5%

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

d) Top 10 items of export to India during

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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses	3.3	83.1	kgs
2	847170 Storage units for automatic data-processing machines	2.0	4.4	kgs
3	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof	1.9	.8	kgs
4	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V	1.8	16.9	kgs
5	847180 Units for digital automatic data processing machines (excl. processing units, input or output units and storage units)	.9	.3	kgs
6	292910 Isocyanates	.8	427.9	kgs
7	294190 Antibiotics	.8	1.1	kgs
8	848340 Gears and gearing for machinery	.8	48.0	kgs
9	870893 Clutches and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons,	.8	124.4	kgs
10	220210 Waters, incl. mineral and aerated, with added sugar, sweetener or flavour	.8	924.4	kgs

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

e) Potential products of imports from India during

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S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	382499 Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, incl. those consisting of mixtures of natural products, n.e.s.	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 315 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were 0.1 mln.
2	300215 Immunological products, put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 171.1 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were NIL.
3	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data,	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 161.3 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.6 mln.
4	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 208 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.2 mln.
5	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 148.6 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.7 mln.

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

(ii) **Qualitative Feedback**

**1. Market access alerts** (attach copy of notification):

The Director General for Trade of the European Commission in Brussels issues notifications of investigations based on the complaints of the specific industries in various EU countries. The status of the current measures/investigations on India can be accessed on the links:

- EU Tariffs: <https://madb.europa.EU/madb/euTariffs.htm>
- TBT: <http://trade.ec.europa.EU/tdi/completed.cfm>  
<http://ec.europa.EU/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>
- RASFF: [https://ec.europa.EU/food/safety/rasff\\_en](https://ec.europa.EU/food/safety/rasff_en)
- <https://webgate.ec.europa.EU/rasff-winebopsdow/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>
- Taxation and Customs union: [http://ec.europa.EU/taxation\\_customs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/index_en.htm)
- Taric Database (Trade Tariffs): [https://ec.europa.EU/taxation\\_customs/dds2/taric/taric\\_consultation.jsp?Lang=en](https://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp?Lang=en)

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
Nil at the time of the report							

Source: Market access Map <https://www.macmap.org/en>

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

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

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
Nil at the time of the report					

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

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

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?lang=en&text=Trade+Barrier&qid=1592639361096&type=quick&scope=EURLEX&sortone=DD&sortoneorder=desc&sortoneorder=desc&page=2#SearchCriteriaPanel)

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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
Nil at the time of the report					

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 at the time of the report					

## **Overview of General Barriers to FDI in Hungary:**

**Regulatory barriers** and administrative burden are affecting all sectors but particularly energy, construction, and banking: The overall administrative burden, including start-ups, negatively affects investment decisions. The instability of the regulatory framework, with frequent and unpredictable regulatory changes, creates uncertainty for investors and is hindering both internal investment and FDIs.

The Hungarian government imposes a 100% offset requirement for defined sector investments over HUF 1bln (EUR 2.8 mln). Efficiency of procedures in construction and environmental permits is insufficient; corruption also raises risk for investors. There is no requirement that investors must purchase from local sources, but the EU Rules of origin applies.

### **Ownership restrictions (all non-EU)**

according to the 2014 Land Law, only private Hungarian or EU citizens resident in Hungary with a minimum of three years experience of working in agriculture or holding degree in agriculture can purchase farmland, which is limited to 300 hectares. All others may lease farmland. All farmland purchases must be approved by a local land committee and Hungarian authorities, local farmers and young farmers must be offered a chance to purchase the land first. Up to 1200 hectares for a maximum of 20 years may be leased.

**Price controls** in consumer facing sectors and others considered to be of strategic importance.

The Hungarian government regulates the prices of certain goods, setting the upper and lower limits to which the private sector must adhere. Sectors include energy, pharmaceuticals. Cuts on regulated utilities prices have put considerable pressure on private utilities companies, decreasing profit margins and adding to an increasingly difficult operating environment.

**State intervention** in Banking, energy, agriculture, media, telecommunications, and retail sectors.

Since 2012 government has invested in state-owned enterprises with the objective of lessening the participation of foreign-owned competitors, especially in the energy sector. From 1 Jan 2019, the chemical industry, the telecom sector, vehicle construction, metallurgy, optics and electric equipment production, the defence industry, water and sewage management, the financial sector, food industry and agriculture, production of construction materials, state administration, health care, wage management, transport and tourism sectors have been added. Foreign investors in the targeted sectors have expressed concerns that the tax regime has become unpredictable and the additional levies appear to have been aimed against some industries with a high level of foreign ownership.

### **Basic Rules of The Protection of Strategic assets Concerning Foreign investments**

The European Commission has issued Communication 2020/C 99 i/01 in which it has given guidance to the Member States of the EU concerning the protection of Europe's strategic assets from the foreign direct investment, ahead of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation) which is applicable from 11 October 2020. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1298 of 13 July 2020 amended the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/452.

Hungary first adopted FDI screening mechanisms by act LVII of 2018 for FDIs violating the security interests of the country, then in the economic crisis caused by COVID-19, further screening rules were adopted for FDIs by Government Decree nr. 227/2020. (V.25.). According to the above, certain transactions concerning Hungarian-seated companies operated in strategic sectors by foreign investors shall be reported to the Minister of Finance and the acknowledgement of the Minister of Finance is necessary for the realisation of the acquisition of the shares until 31 December 2020. These transactions include the acquisition of shares, the increase of the registered capital and the transformation of the company. The strategic sectors specified by the Government Decree include energy, communication, finance, agriculture and food industry, healthcare, construction, transport industry, tourism, IT, mechanical engineering, etc. Those foreign investors that have shares in a company registered in the EU, European economic Community or in Switzerland shall only report the transaction if majority interest will be acquired indirectly. Conversely, the foreign investors wishing to acquire shares in a Hungarian company directly have to report any transactions by which the foreign investor would acquire shares at a ratio of at least 10% and the value of the investment is at least 350 000 000 HUF (appx EUR 1 mln). The Minister of Finance has 45 days or in specific and duly justified cases 60 days to decide on the acknowledgement of the transaction. Should the Minister provide a negative decision, then the exact reason of the prohibition is not required to be mentioned. Aggrieved investor may appeal before The Metropolitan Court for a review of the prohibiting decision.

### **Banking, agriculture, defence and energy**

The Hungarian government has publicly declared that reducing foreign bank market share in the Hungarian financial sector and tightening regulations governing NGOs are key priority areas. Several state-led initiatives over the past several years targeted the banking sector and reduced foreign participation.

**(iii). Other 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)
	NIL at the time of the report			

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	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI TA/TC)
1	Agromash Expo	24-27 Jan 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
2	Fehova (Hunting)	8-11 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
3	Budapest Boat Show	22-25 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
4	Utazas (Travel)	22-25 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
Hungexpo is the largest fair organizer in Hungary a full list of upcoming events can be found here: <a href="https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/">https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/</a>						

c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr 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)
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<p><b>1. The number of guest nights at commercial accommodation in October was up by 5.1% yr/yr</b>, with foreign guest nights increasing by 9.1% to 1.6 mln . The number of foreign guests increased by 15% to 591,000. In the first ten months the number of foreign guest nights reached 16.7 mln, an 12.4% increase, while domestic guest nights dropped by 6.4% to 19 mln,</p> <p><b>2. Inflation stood at 7.9% yr/yr in November</b>, continuing a downward trend following the 9.9% recorded in October, as high energy prices subsided, the Central Statistics Office (KSH) said. The price of sugar soared by 49.7%, chocolate and cocoa by 19.1%, soft drinks were 17.9% more costly than a year earlier. Eggs increased by 24.2%, flour by 15.8%, cheese by 10.4%. The price of pipeline gas fell by 36.2% and electricity cost 3.5% less, but wood cost 0.8% more and cylinder gas prices increased by 1.9%. Fuel prices alone expanded by 25.4%. Compared to the previous month, prices did not change in November. Core inflation – which excludes energy and seasonal foods – fell to 9.1% year-on-year, down from 10.9% in October, but rose by 0.3% from the previous month. Over the first 11 months, the average inflation was 18.7% yr/yr.</p> <p><b>3. Industrial output continued to shrink in October</b>, with production down 3.2% yr/yr – 2.8% when adjusted for working days – and 0.6% lower than in September, the KSH said. Production in the vehicle sector, with a 26.5% weight in output, was up 4.9% yr/yr, while output expanded by 9% in the electronics sector but fell by 2.8% in the food, drinks, and tobacco segment. Production in the IT, optics, rubber and plastic industries fell sharply and also sank in the metal industry. The data showed declines of 1.8% in export sales volume and 8.7% in domestic sales volume. Manufacturing output decreased by 2.0%, while there were larger declines of 23% in the energy industry and 29% in the mining sector. The volume of new orders was 7.1% lower than a year earlier. New domestic orders fell by 2.5%, while export orders decreased by 7.9%. The total of all orders was down by 5% in October. Output in the first ten months of 2023 was down by 4.7% yr/yr.</p>
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## B. Trade and investment:

The Hungarian investment Promotion agency( HIPA offers) a list of investment opportunities in Hungary on its website: [http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com\\_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=854](http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=854)

### a. Significant trends in trade and investment

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

S. No	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods Hungarian imports from India	<b>Total imports from India</b>	The value of imports <i>decreased</i> by 1% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 from USD 599.6 mln reaching USD 593.7 mln yr/yr.
		8526 Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 42.7% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 to USD 48.6 mln. It represents 8.2% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8507 Electric accumulators, incl. separators therefor	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 to USD 51.1 mln. It represents 8.2% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	The product group increased by 23.7% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 to USD 52.1 mln. It represents 8.8% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8708 Parts and accessories for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons,...	The product group increased by 26.3% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 to USD 29.7mln. It represents 5% of imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group increased by 30% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 to USD 32.4 mln. It represents 5.5% of imports from India to Hungary.
2.	Trade in Services import of services to Hungary from the World	Total services imports	The import of services increased by 7.8% in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 from USD 15.96 bln to USD 17.2 bln.
		Travel Services	The service group experienced a 55.9% growth in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 2.8 bln. It represents 16.5% of service imports to Hungary.
		Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 0.8% in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 1.4 bln. It represents 8.4% of service imports to Hungary.
		Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group increased by 4.2% in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 542.0 mln. It represents 3.2% of service imports to Hungary.
		Engineering services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 3.3% in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 270.3 mln. It represents 1.6% of service imports to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group increased by 29% in the Jan-Sept period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 104.3 mln. It represents 0.6% of service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Global investment	
	1.	BorgWarner investing Ft 25bn in Oroszlány (EUR 65 mln)	US car parts maker BorgWarner plans to invest Ft 25 billion (appx EUR 65 mln) in Oroszlany to manufacture products for hybrid and electric vehicles, helped by Ft 5 bln (appx EUR 13 mln) in state aid for creating 60 jobs, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijarto said.

2	Hanon Systems investing Ft 43bn - (EUR (112 mln)	Hanon Systems, one of the largest automotive industry suppliers in South Korea, will create 250 jobs in Szekesfehervar, Pecs and Retsag with a Ft 43 bln (appx EUR 112 mln) investment, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijarto said. Government assistance for the undertaking amounts to Ft 4.5 bln (appx EUR 11.7 mln). Hanon will carry out various development and capacity expansion projects, and comprehensive training for 200 employees is also planned.
3	ZF Chassis expands in Debrecen, Kecskemét (EUR 62 mln)	German automotive supplier ZF Chassis Modules Hungary plans to invest Ft 24 billion (appx EUR 62 mln) to expand its factories in Debrecen and Kecskemet, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijarto said. The government is extending Ft 2.4 bln (appx EUR 6.2 mln) in state aid, as the project will create 313 jobs. ZF will produce shock absorbers, as well as front and rear axles for electric cars, from 2025 for the BMW plant in Debrecen and the Mercedes plant in Kecskemet.

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

S.No	Sector Name	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.		NIL at the time of the report	

[http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com\\_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=955](http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=955)

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

- The Hungarian Public Procurement authority is the official body for public procurement tenders: <http://www.kozbeszerzes.hu/english/>, <https://ekr.gov.hu/>
- European union Tenders electronic Daily, the main official database of English language public procurement tenders from Hungary: <https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>
- Tenders may be also found on the Procurement Map, which provides detailed information for public tenders and contract awards. <https://procurementmap.intracen.org/>
- Tenders up from € 15 mln uploaded on the India Trade Portal /[www.indiantradeportal.in](http://www.indiantradeportal.in)

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1	NIL at the time of the report	-	-

d. Trade Queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal).  
For the month the Mission received 64 trade inquiries from India and 0 from Hungary

**Indian Trade inquiries**

S. No	enquiry originator	Product with HS codes		Nature import/ export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words) (List of companies sent)
1	Yaj Exim	09011141, 09011149	Agro: coffee, wheat	Export		Query received: 1/12/23 Query answered: 07/12/23
2	7 Species		Furniture: laminates	Export		Query received: 1/12/23 Query answered: 07/12/23
3	Jain Alufoils	76072090, 760720, 76071999, 39206220, 39209999, 39206999	Engineering: industrial and other tapes	Export		Query received: 02/12/23 Query answered: 07/12/23

4	DVEX Enterprises	87088000	Auto components	Export	Query received: 03/12/23 Query answered: 07/12/23
5	Photonics Watertech		Engineering: lighting	Export	Query received: 07/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
6	Mihishree Global		Agro: vege, fruit, spices	Export	Query received: 07/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
7	Navya Nakshatra	7102,7103, 7113, 7104, 7101	Gems and jewellery	Export	Query received: 07/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
8	Mja global service export	998231, 998232	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
9	Aadhyansh Enterpricess		Stones	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
10	Saptasagar overseas		Agro: vege, food, oils, Animal feed	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
11	Affari Global Trade		Surgical products	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
12	Foodever Trading		Misc	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
13	Raniba Industries	6907,6910,3918,441 8	Ceramic tiles, flooring	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
14	Universal Dehydration		Agro: vege, spice	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
15	Dashmile Lubtech	2710	Chemicals: lubricants	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
16	Adhyansh Enterprises		Stones	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
17	Sugar Ventures		Agro: vege, spice	Export	Query received: 10/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
18	Zunaldo Exports	5210, 5209, 5208, 5007	Textiles: Carpets, rugs	Export	Query received: 10/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
19	Evexia	190110	Baby food, nutritional supplements	Export	Query received: 10/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
20	Mihiraan Exports		Stones	Export	Query received: 11/12/23 Query answered: 11/12/23
21	Genus Power Infrastructure		Engineering: power and water meter	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23

22	Rishabh Enterprises	8409, 8483, 8413, 8708	Engineering: tractor engine parts, generators	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23
23	Sciencetech Technologies		Misc scientific equipment	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23
24	Srimandiram traders and services	09083190	Agro: spice	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23
25	Rarelane Reserve		agro: nuts	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23
26	True Value Exports		Engineering: machinery parts	Export	Query received: 12/11/23 Query answered: 12/12/23
27	Shivani Export	26219000	Construction materials	Export	Query received: 13/12/23 Query answered: 13/12/23
28	GC Express	5207	Textile: cotton, fabrics, yarn	Export	Query received: 13/12/23 Query answered: 13/12/23
29	MR Group		Coco peat	Export	Query received: 13/12/23 Query answered: 14/12/23
30	Oiltek Exports		Engineering: solvent extraction plants, equipment	Export	Query received: 13/12/23 Query answered: 14/12/23
31	Tripund Exports		Agro: vege, spice, rice	Export	Query received: 14/12/23 Query answered: 15/12/23
32	Adl Exim		Engineering: pipes	Export	Query received: 15/12/23 Query answered: 15/12/23
33	Ajitem Oils		Food: edible oils	Export	Query received: 15/12/23 Query answered: 15/12/23
34	Saraogi Super Sales	61091000	Textiles: garments	Export	Query received: 16/12/24 Query answered: 18/12/23
35	Woxwing International		Base materials for food and pharma	Export	Query received: 18/12/23 Query answered: 18/12/23
36	Dev Polypack	63053300, 39232990, 39269080	Plastics: pp rolls, bags	Export	Query received: 18/12/23 Query answered: 18/12/23
37	Madikk International		nutraceuticals, health supplement,	Export	Query received: 18/12/23 Query answered: 18/12/23
38	Avon Furniture		Tea	Export	Query received: 18/12/23 Query answered: 19/12/23
39	Sun Exports	6403	Footwear	Export	Query received: 20/12/23 Query answered: 20/12/23

40	Humaniqe Biopharmaceuticals		Pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals	Export	Query received: 20/12/23 Query answered: 20/12/23
41	Bharavi Pharmaceuticals		Pharma, Ayurvedic	Export	Query received: 21/12/23 Query answered: 22/12/23
42	Mansa Exports	2710, 3403	Chemicals	Export	Query received: 22/12/23 Query answered: 22/12/23
43	Amin International	42021190 42021290	Leather	Export	Query received: 22/12/23 Query answered: 22/12/23
44	RK Agro and Food	11031300	Food	Export	Query received: 22/12/23 Query answered: 22/12/23
45	Agritatva		Additive: Neem Seeds Oil	Export	Query received: 23/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
46	Allies Overseas		Agro: vegetables	Export	Query received: 23/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
47	Av Internationals	63053200	Packaging: bags	Export	Query received: 25/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
48	Soni Exim	3301	Essential oils	Export	Query received: 25/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
49	Secco International		Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 26/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
50	Multimodal Works	690100	Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 26/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
51	Ranvaaz india		Oil and derivatives	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
52	Artwork Maestro		Handicrafts	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
53	Svaposhi		Agro: spice	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
54	Tynor Orthotics		Orthopaedic implants	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
55	Rk Global Exporter		Salt	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
56	K Nine Apparels		Texties, garments	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
57	Adarsh Chemical	38021000	Chemicals: active carbon	Export	Query received: 27/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24

58	WTS International	8708	Auto components	Export	Query received: 28/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
59	Harsh Creation		Paper products	Export	Query received: 28/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
60	Mirha International Handicraft		Hand tools	Export	Query received: 28/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
61	DPS Pharma		Pharma	Export	Query received: 29/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
62	Eminent Consumer	7408, 8544	Engineering: copper wire	Export	Query received: 29/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
63	Maruti Enterprises		Miscellanaous	Export	Query received: 29/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24
64	VoxGlobal Traders		Misc	Export	Query received: 31/12/23 Query answered: 03/01/24

#### Hungarian Trade enquiries

Enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature import/ export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words) (List of companies sent)
	Nil at the time of the report			

**E. 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)

Nil at the time of the report

#### C. Tourism

##### (a) Tourist Visa issued: DECEMBER 2023

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year (2023 Jan->)	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year (2022 Jan->)
1	9	7	60	59

##### (b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
1	NIL		

**(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:**

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts	Na	1	0	5	4	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	257000	-	1577	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	9	-	-	-

**(d) any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India (230 char):**

s.No.	advisory	Reason	action taken
1	NIL at the time of the report  More details available at: <a href="https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india">https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india</a>	-	With effect from 16 Mar 16 2022 regular visa services have been restored.

**(e) interactions held with Tour operators for promoting tourism in India**

S.No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
1	NIL at the time of the report	

**(f) any other information (3000 char)**

Mission placed a Hungarian language Incredible India! ad on into the Travelo.hu website between 22-28 December to increase awareness of tourism opportunities of the state of Odisha.

**D. Transfer of Technology to India****(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:**

S . N O .	Name of Technology	Details (500 char)	usage (Short desc)	Sector	Company
1	Recycle of bauxite residue	The companies involved in the project – Golder, Geovol and Martin Metals – teamed up with Veszprém-based Pannon University and state-owned Bay Zoltán Nonprofit to explore the possibilities of extracting minerals from the red sludge and developed technologies for recycling the material. The company is targeting the construction industry with its terracotta-coloured products with the same quality as original concrete.	A Hungarian consortium has developed new technology to recycle bauxite residue, or red mud, after five years of research. The Ft 1.5 billion (appx EUR 3.9 mln) five-year project was assisted by a Ft 1 billion EU (appx EUR 2.6 mln) research grant. The companies involved in the project – Golder, Geovol and Martin Metals – teamed up with Veszprem-based Pannon University and state-owned Bay Zoltan Nonprofit to explore the possibilities of extracting minerals from the red sludge and developed technologies for recycling the material. Martin Metals, the leading company in the consortium, installed machinery at its base in Inota, Fejér county to produce concrete from the bauxite residue from a Ft 500 million (appx EUR 1.3 mln) investment.  The company is targeting the construction industry with its	Chemicals recycling, construction	Martin Metals Kft Web: <a href="https://www.martinmetals.eu/menedzsment">https://www.martinmetals.eu/menedzsment</a> Email: <a href="mailto:office@martinmetals.eu">office@martinmetals.eu</a> Address: 8104 Varpalota, Fehervari ut 26. Tel: +36-88-575-843

			<p>terracotta-coloured products with the same quality as original concrete. The company has also begun pilot production of extracting iron oxide from the material. Bauxite residue can also be used in large quantities in concrete production, as the additive significantly improves and increases the durability of concrete and can replace approximately 30% of gravel and sand. Research by Pannon University focused on extracting titanium or scandium from the red sludge, which can also be used to produce ceramic products. Tests have also shown that the use of the material improves soil quality and that it can be a substitute for fertilisers. -08 Dec HAC</p>	
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**(b) any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:**

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
Nil			

**(c) any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions:**

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
Nil			

**(d) any science/technology exhibition held:**

S.No	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
Nil				

**(e) any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:**

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of applicant
Nil				

**(f) any other information (250 char)**

NIL
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**E. Details of trade research, Information dissemination activity of the commercial wing**

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc)	Details of Seminar/ 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)
1	Information dissemination	3rd World food India 14-17 Oct 2024, New Delhi	Information was circulated on 11th Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), National Chamber of Agriculture,
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Mobility 1-3 Feb 2024	Information was circulated on 15 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Ministry of Construction and Transport, Hungarian Chambers of

			Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), and relevant Associations
3	Information dissemination	Vibrant Gujarat 10-12 Jan 2024	Information was circulated on 15 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Ministry of Construction and Transport, Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), and relevant Associations
4	Information dissemination	Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX) - Reverse Buyer Seller Meet in New Delhi (March 4-5, 2024)	Information on the event was circulated on 15 Dec to Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and the Textile Association (TMTE). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
5	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2024	Information on the event was circulated on 22 Nov, then on 02 Jan 2024 on to Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and the Textile Association (TMTE) and relevant companies. Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.

#### F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year (2023-24) Rs	RE for current financial year	amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
300,000		209,545	Purchase of Make in India Bags and reprint of Geographical Indicators of India booklet
	<b>Total Rs:</b>	209,545	

#### G. 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	11 <sup>th</sup> India-Hungary Joint S&T Committee Meeting [online] held on 29 July 2020, hosted by NRDI office, Hungary education, cultural relations - apart from multilateral and regional issues	-Future cooperation possibilities 7 joint projects were identified in the fields of energy, environment, Water, Biotech, Agriculture, Food, with other 4 potential projects under discussion. Also discussed was the -Eli Alps laser research centre -Broader areas of cooperation	Mission informed of areas of possible cooperation in the field of digitalization, pharma, film production, renewable energy, solar energy, water management, agricultural and food processing, health/medical devices, digital technologies, AI, etc.
2	6 <sup>th</sup> JCEC Meeting 17-18 Oct 2022	1. Trade and investment 2. Agriculture 3. Collaboration between HAKI and ICAR 4. Water Management 5. Culture and Tourism 6. Science and Technology 7. Digital Technology 8. Energy 9. Education 10. Food processing 11. Health Industry 12. Pharmaceuticals and	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Session of the India-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held in Budapest on 17-18 Oct 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He was accompanied by Mr. Y.P. Deval, Director, DoC, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Shatrughna Sinha, Director (CE), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ms. Sunaina Khanna, Sr. Manager, Invest India. The

		Medical Devices	<p>JCEC took place in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade where discussions were held on 17th October 2022 with experts and counterparts. Ms. Martina Laura Kasnyik, HoD, Department for Joint Economic Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade led the Hungarian side.</p> <p>At the Experts' Level meeting, Hungarian and Indian experts discussed areas of trade cooperation, policy reforms, business environment, ease of doing business, cooperation in various fields like agriculture, finances, science &amp; technology etc. The meeting was held in hybrid format in which some experts from both sides could join online also. From the Indian side, delegates from from the Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry, New Delhi, ICAR, and Ministry of Information Technology (MeITy) as well as representative from the Embassy of Hungary, New Delhi joined. From the Hungarian side also there were representatives from various departments and concerned institutions. The discussions were completed in a friendly and congenial atmosphere. Both sides agreed on the need to further deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>Followed by a brief panel discussion between the two sides, the final Protocol was signed by H.E. Mr. Peter Sztaray, State Secretary for Security Policy and Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, DPIIT on 18th October 2022.</p> <p>The Indian delegation met with investors and some members of the Indian business community in Hungary on the evening on 17th October. Mr. Ratnoo give a brief overview of the business environment in India, the policy initiatives of the Government of India and the economic growth and prospects of India. He mentioned several schemes open for investors to take advantage of in India like the Make in India initiative, Smart Cities, New Logistics Policy, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, PM Ghati Shakti, productivity Linked incentive schemes etc. The delegation also had a meeting with HIPA on 18th afternoon where they discussed ideas how to enhance investments and promote cooperation between the two countries.</p>
3.	1 <sup>st</sup> JWG on Water	Six areas of priority for cooperation were identified and agreed upon namely, Management of extreme Phenomenon, Exploration and management of ground water, Rejuvenation of rives and water bodies, Mitigation of impact of climate change on water resources, protection and preservation of the quality of water resources, and training and capacity building.	The 1st JWG meeting was held in Delhi on 25-27 April 2023. A Working Programme plan for Bilateral Cooperation for the period 2023-2025 was signed during the event (on 25 April).

## H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on Quality and trade dispute:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)
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## i. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)
NIL at the time of the report				

## J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 3000 characters)

**1. Fitch has confirmed its BBB rating for Hungary** and maintained its negative outlook after S&P's similar decision. Fitch argued that its rating continues to be supported by strong structural indicators, such as investment-driven economic growth and strong capital inflows. These are offset by the high debt ratio and unorthodox economic policy measures, as well as deteriorating institutional indicators. The negative outlook reflects the economic policy environment and possible risks in the economy. Special taxes make the business environment difficult, and interest-rate subsidies harm monetary policy transmission. Uncertainty surrounding EU funds is a negative factor, but Hungary's financing position is strong. The agency expects the budget deficit to be 4.2% of GDP next year, above the government's 2.9% target, and to remain above 3% in 2025. According to Fitch, Hungary's GDP will fall by 0.6% this year then grow by 3% in 2024.

**2. EC unfreezes €10bn for Hungary:** After the amendment to the Hungarian law meeting the last expectations regarding judicial reform was published in Magyar Közlöny, the European Commission announced that EUR 10 bln of the subsidies frozen due to rule of law problems would be made available to Hungary. In an official statement, the Commission said that Hungary has met conditions regarding the independence of the judiciary. As a result, part of the cohesion policy funding will no longer be blocked, and Hungary can start claiming reimbursement of around EUR 10.2 billion in the 2021-27 budget period.

**3. MNB's monetary council lowered the base rate by 75 basis points** for the third consecutive month, bringing the rate down to 10.75%, as had been expected. As a result of eight consecutive rate cuts, the benchmark interest rate has been reduced from 18% at the beginning of the year, due to the sharp drop in inflation, a trend that is expected to continue in early 2024. The one-day deposit rate dropped to 9.75%, while the one-day loan rate decreased to 11.75%.

**4. Bulgaria scraps plan to tax shipments of Russian gas:** Bulgaria will instead join EU efforts to reduce Russia's revenues from gas sales. This is important to Hungary, because most of the Russian gas imported under the long-term Hungarian-Russian gas contract arrives via the TurkStream pipeline which passes through Bulgaria.

### 5. Average Monthly exchange rates DECEMBER 2023

1US\$= 350.1395 HUF

1EUR= 381.7547 HUF

Source: Hungarian National Bank [www.mnb.hu](http://www.mnb.hu), <https://statisztika.mnb.hu/adatok-idosorok>

**EMBASSY OF INDIA  
BUDAPEST**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE MONTH of DECEMBER 2023**

**REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**

(Data Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.intracen.org>,  
<http://www.Trademap.org>)

Name of the Mission (Country): Embassy of India, Budapest

I. **MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

A. **Trade in goods**

(I) Quantitative Data

(a) Total trade in goods during

0	8	2	0	2	3
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	Export (US\$ mln)	Import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	0.7	20.7	F
Country's total global trade	646.6	1282.8	F

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

0	8	2	0	2	3
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S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential imports from India (US\$ mln)	Preferential imports from World (US\$ mln)
1	N/a		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential exports to India (US\$ mln)	Preferential exports to World (US\$ mln)
1	N/a		

(Source: based on Certificate of origin issued by reporting country)

## (c) Top 10 items of import from India during

0	8	2	0	2	3
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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	'760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	7.3		kgs	29.0%
2	'090111 Coffee (excl. roasted and decaffeinated)	2.1		kgs	34.6%
3	'847410 Sorting, screening, separating or washing machines for solid mineral substances, incl. those ...	1.3		kgs	84.0%
4	'251611 Granite, crude or roughly trimmed (excl. already with the characteristics of setts, curbstones ...	.9		kgs	67.2%
5	'690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight ...	.8		kgs	22.5%
6	'841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	.6		kgs	25.5%
7	'847490 Parts of machinery for working mineral substances of heading 8474, n.e.s.	.6		kgs	28.4%
8	'870192 Tractors, of an engine power > 18 kW but <= 37 kW (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled ...	.3		kgs	35.0%
9	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	.3		kgs	1.4%
10	'680223 Granite and articles thereof, simply cut or sawn, with a flat or even surface (excl. with a ...	.2		kgs	50.1%

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademapp.org>)

## (d) Top items of export to India during

0	8	2	0	2	3
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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	'283620 Disodium carbonate	.4		Kgs
2	'848291 Balls, needles and rollers for bearings (excl. steel balls of heading 7326)	.2		Kgs
3	'440712 Fir "Abies spp." and spruce "Picea spp." sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether ...	044.0		Kgs
4	'720421 Waste and scrap of stainless steel (excl. radioactive, and waste and scrap of batteries and ...	026.0		Kgs
5	'281122 Silicon dioxide	022.0		Kgs
6	'790700 Articles of zinc, n.e.s.	014.0		Kgs
7	'732690 Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s. (excl. cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire)	013.0		Kgs
8	'440792 Beech "Fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded ...	012.0		Kgs
9	'842199 Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s.	010.0		Kgs
10	'842131 Intake air filters for internal combustion engines	006.0		Kgs

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademapp.org>)

## (e) Potential products of imports from India (Aug 2023)

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 25.2 mln while imports from India were USD 7.3 mln
2	300490 "Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 21.3 mln while imports from India were USD 0.3 mln.
3	870332 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons,	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 28.4 mln, while imports from India were NIL.
4	740811 Wire of refined copper, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 6 mm	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 15.3 mln, while imports from India were NIL.
5	020120 Fresh or chilled bovine cuts, with bone in (excl. carcasses and 1/2 carcasses)	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 13.3 mln while imports from India were NIL.

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

## (ii)

**Qualitative Feedback****Market access alerts** (attach copy of notification):

BiH is a member of Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). No specific market access alerts for India.

Ministry of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Department of Foreign Trade Policy and Control and Protection Measures deals with such issues. Information may be accessed on the following links:

- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/search/Results?searchTerm=India>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/Search/Results?searchTerm=customs>

Published date	Title	Category
1/10/2020	<u>Decision on the Determination of the Customs Tariff for 2020 ( official Gazette of BiH no. 85/19)</u>	Customs tariff

Regulations on VAT and Customs may be found at the website of the indirect Taxation authority of BiH

- <http://www.new.uino.gov.ba/en>

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes:  
(Top 10 items of import from India)

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report							

Source: Market access Map <https://www.macmap.org/en>

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

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
NIL at the time of the report					

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
NIL at the time of the report					

- 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
NIL at the time of the report					

- 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 at the time of the report					

### **Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade:**

**import Tariffs:** The tariff rate on imports averages a comparatively low 1.1% of the value of goods (for international trade), which is the lowest figure regionally and third lowest figure in the whole emerging Europe region. Bosnia's import tariffs are harmonised each year with the combined nomenclature of EU and legislative regulations.

Anti-dumping and countervailing duties: in 2009 Bosnia introduced a law for the protection of domestic products against imports from Croatia and Serbia.

The law stipulates that safeguard measures were necessary owing to the influx of imports and the dumping of particular agricultural products from Croatia and Serbia, as well as a conceivable decrease in exports from Bosnia to Serbia.

Customs and Non-tariff Barriers: as a result of BiH not having EU member status event though the majority of its trading partners are EU member states, export and import supply chains will face more onerous border and documentary times and costs when compared with those of EU states.

The most salient risk is the high cost associated with import border compliance processes, which is higher than that of countries such as North Macedonia and contributes towards Bosnia's status as regional under performer in relation to customs burdens.

Businesses operating in BiH face a high import burden as infrastructural development, industrial capacity and diversification remains weak because of a dearth of fixed capital formation and a lack of political resolve in the country. Imports are driven by the country's need for complex machinery and its energy requirements, such as oil and gas, as well as metals and manufactured goods that cannot be produced locally.

To spur trade, Bosnia has exempted tariff payments from certain equipment that is being imported as part of share capital, with the exceptions of passenger vehicles and slot or gambling machines. To enjoy this benefit, foreign investors must submit a written request to the appropriate customs authority, along with evidence of the investment arrangement and registration of the foreign share. Alternatively, imports into one of Bosnia's four free trade zones are exempt from customs duties and fees. These zones can be found at Vogosca, Visoko, Mostar and Holc Lukavac and clearly mitigate cost risks for businesses seeking to trade internationally with Bosnia.

Bosnia has applied to join the EU, and accession would open up trade, investment and growth opportunities for the economy. The country has already made good strides in establishing free trade and preliminary agreements to speed up the process of EU accession although, political instability threatens the prospect of EU membership in the medium term. Bosnia is also currently discussing the possibility of the creation of a Western Balkans Customs union with its South eastern-Europe counterparts.

**(iii) Other 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)
NIL at the time of the report				

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	International Tourism and Hospitality Management Congress (Sarajevo)	18 - 22 Oct 2023 Virtual Event	Na	Na	-	Na
2	Bosnia Healthcare and Services Expo 2023 (Sarajevo)	17 - 18 Nov 2023	Na	Na	-	Na

c.) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr 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)
					0	

**(iv) Any other submission (3000 char):**

Nil at the time of the report

**B. Trade and investment:**

Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH [www.fipa.gov.ba](http://www.fipa.gov.ba)

Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders): [http://europa.ba/?page\\_id=320](http://europa.ba/?page_id=320)

a.) Significant trends in trade and investment

(Sources: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods BiH imports from India	Total imports	The value of imports from India <i>decreased</i> by 61.5% n the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 reaching USD 120.3 mln.

		7601 unwrought aluminium	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 82.9% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 44.3 mln. It represents 36.8% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group increased by 50.8% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 10.1 mln. It represents 8.4% of imports from India to BiH.
		2516 Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone and other monumental or building stone, whether or not ...	The product group increased by 22.8% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 4.1 mln. It represents 3.4% of imports from India to BiH.
		'6907 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; ceramic mosaic cubes and the like, whether ...	The product group increased by 15.3% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 4.2 mln. It represents 3.5% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group increased by 20.4% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 5.0 mln. It represents 4.1% of imports from India to BiH.
2.	Trade in Services: Import of services to BiH from the World	Total Service types	The import of services increased by 21.8% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 from USD 543.4 mln to USD 661.9 mln.
		Commercial services	The import of services increased by 22 % in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 657.3 mln. It represents 99% of all imported services.
		Travel	The import of these services increased by 32% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 227.5 mln. It represents 34% of all imported services.
		Transport	The import of these services increased by 26.7% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 269.8 mln. It represents 41% of all imported services.
		Government goods and services n.i.e.	The import of these services fell back by 0.4% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 4.6 mln. It represents 1% of all imported services.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	-Nil at the time of the report
		Global investment	
		EBRD approves €110m as additional lending for Bosnia's pan-European Vc corridor	The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved a loan of an additional EUR 110 mln for the BiH Vc corridor section, after the bank already invested a billion euros in this transport project. The money will be used for a 15-kilometre-long motorway near the southern city of Mostar. The 330-km-long Bosnian motorway section began over two decades ago, and slightly less than 130km has been built. According to current projections, the work is expected to be completed by the end of 2030. Appx 1.35 bln has been spent so far on this project. The Corridor Vc motorway runs from Budapest to the southern Croatian Adriatic port of Ploce.
		European Commission announces EUR 680 million investment package for the Western Balkans	The EC announced a new EUR 680 mln investment package to support five flagship investments in rail transport and renewable energy in the Western Balkans. This is the sixth financial package under the EU's Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, which is expected to mobilise EUR 16.6 bln in investments. The five new projects approved cover the following two priority sectors of sustainable transport through reconstruction of Corridor VIII railway line in Albania and rehabilitation of Bar – Veronica railway line in Montenegro. These projects will contribute to upgrade the Western Balkans' railway transport to TEN-T standards and ensure integration with the EU railway network. In the area of clean energy there is a plan for the construction of two wind farms in Bosnia and Herzegovina and deployment of a solar photo voltaic power plant in Albania. These projects support the transition to low-carbon economies, and foster sustainable development in the region.

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

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
NIL at the time of the report			

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

Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH  
[www.fipa.gov.ba](http://www.fipa.gov.ba)

Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders):

[http://europa.ba/?page\\_id=320](http://europa.ba/?page_id=320)

<https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>

S.No.	Tender/ Procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	Nil at the time of the report	-	-

d. Trade queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal): In the month, Embassy of India has received 6 queries from India and NIL from BiH.

S. No.	enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature (import/ export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Navya Nakshatra	7102,7103, 7113, 7104, 7101	Gems and jewellery	Export	Query received: 07/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
2	Saptasagar overseas		Agro: vege, food, oils, Animal feed	Export	Query received: 08/12/23 Query answered: 08/12/23
3	Madikk International		nutraceuticals, health supplement,	Export	Query received: 18/12/23 Query answered: 18/12/23
4	Humanique Biopharmaceuticals		Pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals	Export	Query received: 20/12/23 Query answered: 20/12/23
5	Popular science apparatus workshops	7017, 9027, 9023	Scientific equipment, lab instruments	Export	Query received: 26/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24
6	Secco International		Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 26/12/23 Query answered: 02/01/24

**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)

NIL at the time of the report

C. **Tourism**

**(a) Tourist Visa issued DECEMBER 2023:**

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year (2022)	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year 2023 Jan->	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year 2022 Jan->
1	0	0	0	0

**(b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized**

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
Nil at the time of the report			

**(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:**

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts	Na	0	0	5	4	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	-	-	1577	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	9	-	-	-

**(d) any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:**

s.No.	Advisory	Reason	action taken
NIL at the time of the report. <a href="http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/">http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/</a>			

**(e) interactions held with Tours operators for promoting tourism in India**

S.No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
NIL at the time of the report		

**(f) any other information (max 3000 char)**

**Sarajevo Airport served 1,285,116 passengers in the first 11 months of 2023:** The airport served 83,139 passengers in November 2023, which represents a significant drop compared to the previous month. This is best evidenced by the data that in October the number of passengers was 119,458, and in August a record 208,570. In the last month, 937 air operations were performed. When it comes to cargo, 234,727 kilograms of commercial cargo were shipped last month. Sarajevo International Airport served a total of 1,285,116 passengers in 11 months of this year, a total of 13,005 air operations were performed, and the volume of cargo for 11 months was 2,527,898 kilograms. The previous year will be remembered as a year of great results for Sarajevo Airport, and the record numbers prove it. In 2022, 1,377,348 passengers were served at Sarajevo International Airport, which is 20 percent more than the reference year of 2019.

**D. Transfer of Technology to India****(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:**

S. No	Name of Technology	Details	usage	Sector	Company
NIL					

**(b) Any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:**

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
NIL			

**(c) Any Query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions:**

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
NIL			

**(d) Any science/technology exhibition held:**

S.No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
NIL				

**(e) Any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:**

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of Applicant
NIL				

**(f) Any other information** (250 char)

NIL
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**E. 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 the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information dissemination	3rd World food India 14-17 Oct 2024, New Delhi	Information was circulated on 11 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Mobility 1-3 Feb 2024	Information was circulated on 15 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
3	Information dissemination	Vibrant Gujarat 10-12 Jan 2024	Information was circulated on 15 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
4	Information dissemination	Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX) - Reverse Buyer Seller Meet in New Delhi (March 4-5, 2024)	Information was circulated on 11 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
5	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2024	Information was circulated on 15 Dec to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.

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

BE for current financial year Rs	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
300,000	...		
		NIL	

**G. Action taken on the previous JWG's, 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	Third meeting of the Joint Committee on Trade took place in Sarajevo on 25 September, 2012. Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Mr. Mato Franjicevic, who is the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee from the BiH side, led a delegation to India in January 2016 and held a meeting with the Co-Chair from the Department of Commerce in India. The next meeting is proposed to be held in Sarajevo, for which dates will be decided through mutual consultations.		Embassy is starting to contact concerned Ministries, including the MFA of BiH for implementation of bilateral agreements/decisions. Mission followed up on the termination of the existing BiT and proposed new BiT with Bosnia.

#### H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on Quality and trade dispute:

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer	Name & address of Indian exporter	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
Nil at the time of the report					

#### i. 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
Nil at the time of the report				

#### J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 3000 char)

<p><b>1. Industrial production was down 2.9%</b> in January-October 2023 compared to the same period last year. The decline occurred as a result of reduced demand for goods from the countries of the main economic partners, Germany, Italy and others, as well as a decrease in consumption in the country due to inflation.</p> <p><b>2. Average Monthly Exchange Rates DEC 2023:</b>  1US\$= 1.818716 KM  1EUR= 1.955830 KM  Source: Central Bank BiH <a href="http://cbbh.ba">http://cbbh.ba</a></p>
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