

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS
(Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

I. Monthly- Trade in Goods, Tourism & Technologies;

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

I. MONTHLY REPORT: November, 2023

A. Market Access Alerts

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a) Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

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

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

SNo	Notification no./ date	Measure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1	G/TBT/N/KOR/1182 Amendments of Criteria for standard Dimensions and Quality of Timber Products Date: 14 November 2023	TBT	Wood charcoal briquette	To be determined (TBD)	Quality requirements

Source: <https://epingalert.org/en?notification-type-radio=null#/browse-notifications>

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

SNo.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1	G/TBT/N/KOR/1182	TBT	Wood charcoal briquette	To be determined (TBD)	Quality requirements

Amendments of Criteria for standard Dimensions and Quality of Timber Products				
Date: 14 November 2023				

Source: Eping, <https://epingalert.org/en?notification-type-radio=null#/browse-notifications>

d) Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:
(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

SN o.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
1	Antidumping: Foreign Trade Remedies report published by the Korea Trade Commission	Steel/Metal Ferro-silico-manganese	Silicon Manganese Alloy (7202300000)	July 21, 2023 – July 20, 2028	1 st retrial
2	Antidumping: Foreign Trade Remedies report Published by the Korea Trade Commission	Chemistry PET Film	PET Film Of polyethylene terephthalate (HS Code:3920620000)	May 8, 2023 – May 7, 2028	4 th retrial
3	Antidumping: Foreign Trade Remedies report published by the Korea Trade Commission	Steel/Metal Stainless steel bar	Stainless steel bar {Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of stainless steel (HS code: 7221000000)}	January 22, 2021 – January 21, 2024	4 th retrial

Source: Korea Trade Commission, <https://www.ktc.go.kr/en/main.do>
<https://www.customs.go.kr/kcs/na/ntt/selectNttList.do?mi=10260&bbsId=1877&aditCol5=004&aditCol4=004013>

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

SNo.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
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Information not available at the host country.

B. Stakeholders' Feedback and Action Taken

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

S No.	Name of the Firm/Company	Sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	<p>Indian Trade related Visitors to ROK:</p> <p>i. Mr. Vishvesh V Vachhrajani, Senior VP, Reliance Industries Limited</p> <p>ii. Mr. Anis Desai, Senior General Manger, Reliance Industries Limited</p> <p>iii. Ms. Muskan Saxena, Consultant, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd</p> <p>iv. Mr. Shah Nirav Kalyanbhai, Chairman, Jayatma Enterprises Ltd.</p> <p>Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat, headed a delegation comprising four commercial representatives on a visit to Seoul on November 7th. The purpose of their visit was to inform the Korean side about the upcoming 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit scheduled to take place from January 10th to 12th, 2024, in Gujarat, and to seek participation for the same.</p>	Petroleum, Chemical, Textile, Consultancy	---	The delegation informed the Korean side about the trade and investment opportunities in Gujarat, and provided satisfactory answers to the quesries raised by the Korean Companies that participated in the Roadshow.

b) Feedback on major trade promotion activities/events,

S No .	Activity/Events (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name of EPC/Trade Body coordinating participants	Mission's Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh Delegation	Nov 6 – Nov 14, Geumsan Ginseng Factory, Agricultural Technology Centre Geumsan	9	Arunachal Pradesh Government	<p>Arunachal Pradesh Government delegation visited ROK for the purpose of learning the methods of Ginseng cultivation and Ginseng commercialization.</p> <p>The delegation visited Ginseng farming and factory which provided them some fruitful insights into the multiple use of Ginseng in food and medicinal products, packaging and marketing.</p>
2.	Investment Opportunities in Gujarat	7 th November, Lotte Hotel Seoul	Participants: 1. Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat 2. Mr. Pankaj Tibak, Head of	-	The Embassy of India co-partnered with the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Korea (ICCK), and the Government of

			<p>Gujarat Council of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)</p> <p>3. Mr. Vishvesh V Vachhrajani, Senior VP, Reliance Industries Limited</p> <p>4. Anis Desai, Senior General Manger, Reliance Industries Limited</p> <p>5. Ms. Muskan Saxena, Consultant , KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>6. Ms, Prashasti Rohatgi, Assistant Manager, Invest India</p> <p>7. Mr. Ronak Parekh, Senior Specialist, Kotra</p>		<p>Gujarat to organize a seminar on Investment Opportunities in Gujarat on 7th November, 2023. Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Government of Gujarat, along with representatives from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Reliance Industries Limited, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd., and Invest India, delivered a presentation to apprise the Korean audience about the upcoming 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.</p>
3.	Seoul International Cafe Show 2023	8th-10th November, Coex	<p>Participants:</p> <p>1. Mr. Ashish Rao, CEO, Skia Coffee (OPC) Private Limited</p> <p>2. Mr. Sandeep Krishna Rao, Associate Vice President, Fresh & Honest cafe ltd</p> <p>3. Mr. Arun Hirajan, Head of Operations, Fresh and</p>	Coffee Board	<p>The Mission facilitated the participation of Indian Coffee makers at the Seoul International Cafe Show in order to promote Indian coffee among Koreans. It is Asia's</p>

			<p>Honest Café, Ltd 4. Ms. Sai Teja, Head of Strategy & Business Development, Vintage Coffee</p> <p>5. Mr. Pavan Prasad, Proprietor, JC Mysore Indian Coffee</p>		<p>largest business exhibition which is organized annually by EXPORUM INC. It provides a platform to suppliers and buyers from Coffee and Food & Beverages industries to stimulate and support their business globally.</p>
4.	The Korea Grand Sourcing Fair	29 th -30 th November, 2023		Korea Internationa l Trade Association	<p>The Korea Grand Sourcing Fair was organized by the Korea International Trade Association (KITA). This exclusive event included a dedicated booth for foreign Embassies aimed at actively promoting the advantages of conducting business in their respective countries.</p> <p>The Mission participated in this event, utilizing its Consultation</p>

					booth facilitated by KITA. The mission focused on fostering interactions and collaborations between Korean companies and potential Indian partners.
5.	Softwave 2023	November 29th to December 1st, 2023	The participation at the event was organised by ESC under the IC scheme of Ministry of MSME. The following 15 Indian companies participated at the event: Syscort Global Services Private Limited, New Media Guru India Private Limited, Advantal Technologies Private Limited, NMG Digital Private Limited, AbracaDabra Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Nichi-In Software Solutions Private Limited, Thinkpalm Technologies Private Limited, Noorisys Technologies Private Limited, Mindstack Solutions	Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT),	Softwave 2023 coincided with Software Week, a software exhibition organized by the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), was held from November 29th to December 1st, 2023 in Seoul. They showcased cutting-edge technologies and services in high demand by the market, and also fostered valuable connections with both customers and consumers, marking a pivotal moment in advancing industry networks.

			Private Limited, Allied Infoservices Pvt Ltd., Extern Labs Private Limited, Rayvector Technologies Pvt Ltd, IRA Softwares, Appface Technologies Pvt Ltd, and Dot Com Infoway Limited		
6.	Global Conference on Battery Recycling & Critical Minerals	November 30th 2023	Mr. Krishnamurty Balasubramanian, Director of Nonferrous Materials Technology Development Centre (NFTDC)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA),	This Global Conference was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on November 30th. Attended by government dignitaries and industry representatives from Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) partner countries, the event included business meetings and an industrial tour of Korean battery recycling facilities on the sidelines. As a representative of the Indian battery recycling industry, Mr.

						<p>Krishnamurty Balasubramanian, Director of Nonferrous Materials Technology Development Centre (NFTDC), presented his presentation on the current market status and prospects in India.</p>
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c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under RBSM; number of Business Visas issued:

SNo.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Mission's Feedback
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1	World Food India 2023	Nov 3-5, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi	2	CJ Cheiljedang, Emart	NIL	<p>Two Korean businessmen from CJ Cheiljedang and Emart participated at the World Food India 2023, a mega food event in New Delhi.</p> <p>One participant provided a feedback that Indian seafood has competitiveness</p>

						in contrast to the Southeast Asian Seafood. And, thus, found an Indian company which has the ability to replace Vietnamese seafood supply. The company is in the process of meeting with the Indian company.
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d) Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

SNo.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.	Commercial shipping/docking	Taeyoung Industry	TY Holdings (Phone number: 02-2090-6620)

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

SNo.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	GP/Non-GP	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
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NIL during the period

C. Tourism:

a) Tourist Visa Issued:

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the same month last year	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year
1.	16	30	138	139

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

S. No.	Details of Event/ Interaction	Theme/Topic	Description about No. of Participants and type of participation (tour operators/
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			tourism companies/ social influencers etc.)
1	21 st November, 2023	Discuss the ways to promote India Tourism	Mr. Park Hyunchan, the Group Manager of KALPAK Mr. Kim Kangho, the manager of KALPAK

NIL during the period

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

S. No.	Date	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken
NIL				

D. Opportunities in technology:

S. No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Potential opportunity for ToT/ collaboration	B2B partnership possible/ identified companies
1.	Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO),	Biopharmaceutical	<p>Prestige Biologics Co., a South Korean biopharmaceutical Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO), is broadening its CDMO operations through a strategic partnership with the Indian biopharmaceutical company, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories.</p> <p>On October 30th, Prestige Biologics announced a significant advancement in its CDMO business, aiming to achieve a comprehensive Full Value Chain by the next year. The collaborative efforts will encompass the establishment of a dedicated Business Unit for marketing and sales, along with the streamlined distribution of orders from CMO. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories is set to leverage Prestige Biologics' capabilities for the production of multiple pipelines, with specific terms and conditions currently under discussion.</p> <p>Source: HitNews http://www.hitnews.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=49459</p>	<p>Korean: Prestige Biologics Co.</p> <p>Indian: Dr. Reddy's Laboratories</p>

a) Any press coverage/notification on new / Technology/ IPR Regulations:

S.No.	Sector	Details	Remarks	Upload Documents
1	Hydrogen	<p>The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) announced on November 14th that a partial amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Hydrogen Economy Promotion and Hydrogen Safety Management Act was approved.</p> <p>This revised enforcement ordinance includes criteria for clean hydrogen certification standards, the operational protocols for the clean hydrogen certification system, post-certification management, designation of certification agencies, and intricate technical aspects related to certification. The delegation of specific and technical details to public notices aims to facilitate a responsive and adaptable approach in light of technological advancements.</p> <p>Source: MOTIE https://www.motie.go.kr/motie/ne/presse/press2/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=168121&bbs_cd_n=81&currentPage=1&search_key_n=&cate_n=&dept_v=&search_val_v=</p>		

E. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars/webinars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ webinar conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1.	Investment Opportunities in Gujarat	To mark 50 years of diplomatic relationship between India and the Republic of Korea, the Embassy of India co-partnered with the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Korea (ICCK), and the Government of Gujarat to organize a seminar on Investment Opportunities in Gujarat on 7th November, 2023. Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Government of Gujarat, along with representatives from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce &	

		Industry (FICCI), Reliance Industries Limited, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd., and Invest India, delivered a presentation to apprise the Korean audience about the Tenth Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.	
2.	Seoul International Cafe Show 2023	The Mission supported the participation of Indian coffee exporters in the 22nd Seoul International Café Show held at Coex, Seoul from 8th-10th November 2023. Leading Indian coffee brands of JC Mysore India coffee (YCT Enterprise), Fresh and Honest Café Ltd. Guindy Chennai, Skia Coffee (OPC) Private Limited, and Ashwa Coffee INC in Korea had a strong presence at the Café Show. The Indian stalls which displayed varieties of Indian coffee products and offered an opportunity for coffee tasting attracted many Korean visitors.	

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

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilized	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
3,000,000	3,000,000	1,223,723	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balance payment for Seoul Café Show (May 12, INR 144875.65) - Interpretation service for KFIA Round Table (June 7, INR 56958.24) - Motorbike courier service for delivering the ragi samples to Kintex exhibition hall(June 7, INR 2172.15) - 50% payment towards reserving 4booths at

			Seoul Café Show (June 8, INR 509103.92) - 50% payment towards reserving 4booths at Seoul Café Show (August 9, INR 508613.04)
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G. Action taken on Complaints from foreign/ Indian Buyer/Supplier:

No. of Trade complaints received	From Local companies	From Indian Companies	Description/ No. of complaints on which Action is Taken
1	MSC	NIL	M/s MSC has a pending payment of \$14,860.00 from M/s Sri Ramji. The Mission has reached out to the corresponding Indian Company via email at first. Then there was no reply from the Indian company. Therefore, the Mission called to the Indian company and they picked up the call and promised to reach out to the Korean company soon.