

Embassy of India Budapest

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT For the month of JANUARY 2024

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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	export (US\$ mln)	import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	35.4	66.0	F
Country's total global trade	13494.5	12434.4	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 Measure ment	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	6.8	78.7	kgs	4.4%
2	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together hormones or antibiotics, or goods of heading 3002, 3005 or 3006)	5.9	71.9	kgs	25.9%
3	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	4.2	12.2	kgs	63.1%

4	401110 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used for motor cars, incl. station wagons and racing cars	2.6	895.0	kgs	7.1%
5	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.9	46.6	kgs	2.3%
6	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	1.4	62.8	kgs	1.2%
7	293359 "Heterocyclic compounds	1.4	28.4	kgs	43.7%
8	293339 "Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only	1.3	13.9	kgs	34.6%
9	848330 Bearing housings for machinery, not incorporating ball or roller bearings; plain shaft bearings for machinery	1.2	143.9	kgs	10.6%
10	401170 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on agricultural or forestry vehicles and machines	1.2	336.1	kgs	54.4%

(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	294190 Antibiotics (excl. penicillins and their derivatives with a penicillanic acid structure, salts thereof, streptomycins, tetracyclines, chloramphenicol and ery-thromycin, their derivatives and salts thereof)	3.6	.2	kgs
2	293220 Lactones	2.8	13.7	kgs
3	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses	2.7	87.2	kgs
4	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V	1.6	11.0	kgs
5	480640 Glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers,	1.0	811.9	kgs
6	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data,	1.0	5.5	kgs
7	848340 Gears and gearing for machinery	1.0	57.1	kgs
8	870380 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of <10 persons,	.8	62.6	kgs
9	300691 Appliances identifiable for ostomy use	.7	9.0	kgs
10	860711 Driving bogies and bissel-bogies for railway or tramway locomotives or rolling-stock	.7	26.0	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 300.3 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 195.8 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were NIL.
3	851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 168 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were NIL
4	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 163.8 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.1 mln.
5	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 186.5 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.6 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://webgate.ec.europa.EU/rasff-winebopsdow/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>
- Taxation and Customs union: 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

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: https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/						

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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(iv) any other submission 3000 char

1. Budapest Airport reported an outstandingly successful year in 2023, as the number of travellers exceeded 14.7 mln, 91% of its pre-epidemic level. The airport expects nearly 17 mln passengers this year and 18.5 mln in 2025. Last year, 131 direct flights operated by 39 airlines were available from Budapest, including links to Chinese cities, Beijing, Shanghai, Ningbo and Chongqing. The number of non-Schengen passengers increased by 30% and that of Schengen passengers by 15% last year. The most popular destinations were London and Istanbul. Budapest Airport is working on opening new air connections, focusing on southern China and India, as well as the resumption of North American flights. The volume of air cargo moving through the airport reached 201,306 tons, up by 3.8% from 2022 and 48.5% higher than in 2019.

2. Hungary's tourism sector closed a record year in 2023 as 16 mln foreign and domestic tourists spent 41 mln guest nights and spent Ft 860 bln (appx EUR 2.3 bln) on accommodation, surpassing pre-pandemic figures, according to the Hungarian Tourism Agency. Number of foreign visitors rose by 18% last year to 7.1 mln. Following the successful year in 2023, tourism is expected to enter a sustained growth path in 2024.

3. Inflation slowed from 7.9% in November to 5.5% in December, below the 5.9% average forecast of analysts, the KSH said. Prices dropped by 0.3% from the previous month. The price of sugar soared by 42.1%, chocolate and cocoa by 17.2%, and coffee by 14.1% yr/yr. Prices declined by 18.1% for eggs, 17.8% for flour, 15.5% for cheese, 14.5% for butter, 11.0% for dry pasta, and 10.3% for milk. Fuel prices fell by 4.2%. Core inflation – excluding energy and seasonal foods – fell to 7.6% yr/yr from 9.1% in Nov, but was up by 0.2% from the previous month. Last year, food prices rose by 25.9%, household energy increased by 22.1%, other goods and fuels by 8.6%, spirits and tobacco rose by 15.4%, services by 13.2%, clothing by 8.3% and consumer durables by 5.6%.

4. Industrial production was 5.8% lower yr/yr in Nov 2023, the KSH said with workday-adjusted data showing a 5.6% decrease. Output decreased by 2.3% from Oct to Nov, according to seasonally and workday adjusted figures. Industrial export volume dropped by 5.7%, domestic industrial sales volume fell by 8.7% in November. Output by the manufacturing sector, accounting for 95% of industry, decreased by 5.0%. Automotive production shrank by 1.7% as the 3.3% growth in vehicle making was outweighed by the 4.9% drop in parts production. Output by the energy industry declined by 10.7%. Over the first 11 months of 2023, industrial production was down by 4.8%. Industrial exports, accounting for 60% of industrial production, fell by 2.4%, while domestic sales were down by 15.1% in Jan-Nov.

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

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	Total imports from India	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.	Red Sea crisis hits Suzuki production	Suzuki Hungary, announced that the production of the Vitara and S-Cross models will be suspended for the week of January 15-21, due to supply chain problems. The announcement is another sign that attacks on international shipping in the Red Sea by Yemeni rebels are affecting European factories, Due to the attacks, many ships are compelled to sail around Africa rather than through the Suez canal. Last week, among others, Tesla and Volvo Car, owned by Chinese company Geely, announced that they would suspend production in their European factories. Suzuki said that the halt is due to delays in the shipment of Japanese-made engines. The shutdown directly affects roughly 2,000 workers,
2	Liberty Steel restarts rolling mills at Hungarian plant	Liberty Dunaújváros, formerly known as Dunafer, restarted its rolling mills and galvanising line to meet a specific order, the company announced. Global steel giant Liberty Steel Group acquired Hungary's largest steelworks last summer in a liquidation procedure. The European Commission approved the change of ownership in October. European president Ajay Aggarwal noted that the restart of the rolling mills is the first step in the restructuring process to increase capacity utilisation and prepare for a possible market recovery. The company is optimising costs and reducing operating expenses but vowed to retain staff. Before ramping up production at the Dunaujvaros plant later in the second quarter, the company plans to first focus on meeting special customer needs. With global turnover of USD 11 bln, Liberty Steel Group is one of the leading steelmakers globally. It operates in over 200 locations worldwide, across 13 countries with 28,000 employees and more than 20 mln tons of rolling capacity.
3	FDI at a record high EUR 13bln in 2023	Foreign direct investments arriving through government incentive channels reached a new record of more than EUR 13 bln in 2023, up from EUR 6.5 bln in 2022, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijjarto said. The government provided EUR 2 bln in state aid for fixed capital investment projects last year, helping to create 19,000 jobs, also a record high number, he added. The largest foreign investor country in 2023 was China. The record investment levels show that Hungarians are clearly among the winners of the new global economic era, as we were able to attract a large amount of the electric automotive industry investments which define the present era, Szijjarto declared. Noting that Hungary will have the second largest capacity in the world for the production of electric car batteries, he said this makes Hungary the European champion and a global leader in the green, environmentally friendly car industry.

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

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

- a.) The Hungarian Public Procurement authority is the official body for public procurement tenders: <http://www.kozbeszerzes.hu/english/>, <https://ekr.gov.hu/>
- b.) 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>
- c.) Tenders may be also found on the Procurement Map, which provides detailed information for public tenders and contract awards. <https://procurementmap.intracen.org/>
- d.) Tenders up from EUR 15 mln uploaded on the India Trade Portal /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 96 trade inquiries from India and NIL 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	Sun India Enterprises	13023230.	Guar gum	Export		Query received: 02/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
2	Esraan Biryani		Food	Export		Query received: 02/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
3	GC Express		Food and spices	Export		Query received: 03/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
4	Packing Solutions		Packaging	Export		Query received: 03/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
5	Mahashree Exports		Agro: vege, rice	Export		Query received: 03/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
6	Kishan Industries	73182200	Engineering: machine parts	Export		Query received: 03/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
7	Globefirm exports		Agro: vege	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
8	Sustainable Grove team		Misc: jute and bamboo	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
9	Wesfo Eco Products	482369,482370	Handicrafts: degradable tableware	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
10	Aidans Industries		Packaging: jute bags	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
11	Asiano Ceramic		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
12	7C International		Agro: vege, spice, Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
13	Aquarius Impex		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 06/01/23
14	Zora Impex		Miscellaneous	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 06/01/23
15	Cintra Scientific		Scientific equipment, lab instruments	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 06/01/23
16	Dali Ceramico		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 06/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
17	Maruti Enterprises		Leather	Export		Query received: 06/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
18	EMT International Expo	12129920	Dried flowers	Export		Query received: 07/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
19	Kamari Ecobags		Packaging: bags	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
20	Avid Exim	09042110, 09042219	Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
21	K and K Exports		Textile: cotton	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
22	MS Associates		Agro: vege, spice, fruits, nuts	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
23	Ascend Global Trade		Agro: fruit	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24
24	B Exim		Misc	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 08/01/24

25	NCK Enterprises		Plastics: boxes for electric fittings	Export		Query received: 08/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
26	Ridesh International		Food: edible oils	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
27	Kapex Global		Bags	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
28	Kavad International		Pharma	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
29	U square Lfiescience		Pharma	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
30	Conjunction International		Paper	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
31	Bharat Global EXIM		Agro: vege, fruit, spices	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
32	Bharat Feeds and Extractions, Suratu Impex		Agro: animal feed	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
33	Kenayo Exports		Agro: vege, fruit, Food	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
34	N and N	7607	Packaging: aluminum foils	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
35	Intile Ceramika	69072100	Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
36	KS Agro Impex		Agro: rice	Export		Query received: 11/01/24 Query answered: 11/01/24
37	Hyper Transmission Industries.		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 11/01/24 Query answered: 11/01/24
38	LexValueAdd		Gems and jewellery	Export		Query received: 11/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
39	Shree Maruti Enterprises	39129090	Base materials for food and pharma	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 12/01/24
40	Rishi Corporation		Textiles, fabrics haberdashery	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 12/01/24
41	Soni Exim		Essential oils	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 12/01/24
42	RKB India		Agro: vege, spice, Food	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
43	Mayor Brothers	84322100	Agro machinery	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
44	Saraogi Super Sales		Textiles: shirts	Export		Query received: 14/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
45	Sun India Enterprises	33074100.	Incense sticks	Export		Query received: 15/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
46	Shree Vijay Divyalaxmi Enterprises		Minerals	Export		Query received: 15/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
47	Anmol Quality Foods		Agro: vege, spice	Export		Query received: 15/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
48	Kamari Ecobags		Packaging: paper bags	Export		Query received: 15/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
49	Avon Furniture	9103	Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 16/01/24 Query answered: 16/01/24
50	Bhikshu Exports	68091100	Misc: Construction materials, Shoes	Export		Query received: 16/01/24 Query answered: 17/01/24
51	Bombay Chemicals		Chemical base materials	Export		Query received: 17/01/24 Query answered: 17/01/24
52	AKS Enterprises		Miscellanaous	Export		Query received: 17/01/24 Query answered: 17/01/24
53	MS Associates		Agro: vege, rice	Export		Query received: 17/01/24 Query answered: 17/01/24
54	Hypatius healthcare		Animal feed supplement	Export		Query received: 17/01/24 Query answered: 18/01/24
55	Xilink Global		Food industry: Natural plates	Export		Query received: 18/01/24 Query answered: 18/01/24
56	Maharishi Ayurveda Products		Ayurvedic products	Export		Query received: 18/01/24 Query answered: 18/01/24

57	Viera Ceramic		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 19/01/24 Query answered: 19/01/24
58	Rishi Corporation	4202, 2230	Packaging: jute bags	Export		Query received: 19/01/24 Query answered: 19/01/24
59	Continental	8537100, 85372000	Engineering: Power components	Export		Query received: 19/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
60	Skyways Air Services		Logistics services	Export		Query received: 20/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
61	VB Enterprises		Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 21/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
62	Celavo		Jewellery	Export		Query received: 21/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
63	Golden Sprout		Agro: vege, spice	Export		Query received: 21/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
64	Kunstocom India		Plastic moulds	Export		Query received: 21/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
65	Halmito	3304, 3305	Cosmetics	Export		Query received: 22/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
66	Instant Remedies Pharma		Ayurvedic products	Export		Query received: 22/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
67	Formix International	85423100, 85412900,	Electronics, semiconductors	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
68	Kamari Ecobags	4819	Paper bags	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 23/01/24
69	Veera Active Pro	5407	Miscellanaous	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 23/01/24
70	Kevin Impex		Miscellanaous	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 24/10/24
71	Stone Maker	68159990, 6815, 6802	Home décor, kitchenware	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 24/10/24
72	Agril international		Agro: vege, spice, tea, honey, jaggery	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 24/10/24
73	Manish Enterprises		Food products	Export		Query received: 24/01/24 Query answered: 24/10/24
74	Automation India		Engineering: testing instruments	Export		Query received: 24/01/24 Query answered: 24/10/24
75	Kelvin Impex		Miscellanaous	Export		Query received: 24/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
76	Infinite Horizon Exports		Agro: fruit, vege, spice, Sugar	Export		Query received: 24/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
77	Melnex International		Hospital products, Instruments, Cosmetics	Export		Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
78	Schoen Impex		Handicrafts, textiles	Export		Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
79	Lumina Tile	69072100, 69072200, 69072300	Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
80	Akhilendra Impex		Pharmaceuticals	Export		Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
81	Upkar Stationery		Stationery	Export		Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
82	Kahan Impex		Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 27/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
83	Unique Designs		Agro: fruit	Export		Query received: 28/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
84	Kyone Metal World		Engineering goods	Export		Query received: 28/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
85	Kanchan Sagar Pharmaceuticals		Pharma	Export		Query received: 29/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
86	Sanjivani Medical Agency		Pharma	Export		Query received: 29/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
87	Disha Exports and Imports		Engineering goods	Export		Query received: 29/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
88	B Exim Indian		Misc	Export		Query received: 29/01/24

						Query answered: 05/02/24
89	Kaushik Cotton Corporation	2407008006	Textile: Cotton, yarn	Export		Query received: 30/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
90	Sudhi Impex		Textile machinery	Export		Query received: 30/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
91	Al Malboos Textile And Handloom,		Textiles fashion	Export		Query received: 30/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
92	Padam International	0713, 2106	Agro: cereals, grains, etc	Export		Query received: 30/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
93	The Ally Traders	6912	Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 31/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
94	A.S. Engineering Works		Engineering: Fasteners	Export		Query received: 31/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
95	Extroil Naturals		Botanical extracts	Export		Query received: 31/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24
96	Agile Creative Studio		Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 01/02/24 Query answered: 05/02/24

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: JANUARY 2024

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 (2024 Jan->)	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year (2023 Jan->)
1	21	12	21	12

(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	9	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	Appx 128000	-	2775	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	62	-	-	-

(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: https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india	-	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)

Placement of Incredible India article on state of Karnataka in Travelo.hu website Jan 18-21 through M/s Mediaworks to promote States of India reaching out to appx 257000 viewers per week.

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

S.No.	Name of Technology	Details (500 char)	usage (Short desc)	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

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	CII-India-Europe Business and Sustainability Conclave 20-21 Feb 2024	Information on the event was circulated on 19 Jan via Note Verbale to MFAT and email sent to chambers on 19th Jan 2024. Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and HIPA (Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency) . Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
2	Information dissemination	India Food 2024 March 5-7	Information on the event was circulated on 22 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 Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA) and National Chamber of Agriculture (NAK). 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
	Total Rs:	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 th India-Hungary Joint S&T Committee Meeting [online] held on 29 July 2020, hosted by NRD 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 th 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 Medical Devices	The 6th 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 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 &

			<p>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 & 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 & 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 st 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)

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)
Gimach International LLP 4 th Floor, Office 409, Post box 302004 info@gimachinternational.com	6100 Kiskunfelegyhaza IV District 85 Mr. Janos Vass Director (hungarowool@gmail.com)	Indian company placed an order of raw wool from Hungarian company M/s Hungarian Wool Kft against advance payment of EUR 1500.- Products were not delivered citing bad supply quality, still money has not been refunded yet.	Mission received the complaint on 6 Dec. Subsequently Mission established that this is an existing company and has written several emails to both sides seeking for the resolution of the complaint.	After several exchanges of emails till date the Hungarian Wool still has not returned the amount. Legal action has been recommended to the Indian side.

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

1. The EU has transferred EUR 779.5 mln to Hungary from the RePowerEU funds designed to reduce dependency on Russian energy, Finance Minister Mihaly Varga announced on 28 December. Subsequently EUR 140 mln was also transferred in middle of January as the second and final installment. It was expected that the first advance payment from the EU economic stimulation funds would arrive by February, because its payment is not blocked by any EU procedure. However, the government must urgently take steps in order to receive the total amount of EUR 3.9 bln. Hungary's amended economic recovery plan was accepted by the EU finance ministers on December 8. The EC will not make any transfers to the Hungarian government from the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funds, until 27 super-milestones pertaining to rule of law concerns are fully met. As a consequence, EUR 5.9 bln set aside for Hungary cannot be disbursed.

2. EU send EUR 445 mln in cohesion funds as the first installment from the previously blocked 2021-27 payments on Jan 2. The EC accepted the Hungarian judicial reform in mid-December, with which the government fulfilled conditions necessary for the payment of cohesion funds. As a result, EUR 10.2 bln in EU support became available to Hungary, which is not blocked by other procedures related to the rule of law. With this transfer, the EU started to refinance the advance payments made by the budget in the operative programmes of the new EU budget period Regional Development Minister Tibor Navracsics announced

3. MÁV-Volán, the state-owned transport company, aims to introduce its first fleet of hydrogen-powered trains and road coaches, as part of its ten-year, Ft 6.5 trillion (appx EUR 17 bln) investment plan involving both infrastructure development and vehicle procurement, Construction and Transportation Minister Janos Lazar declared at a hydrogen economy conference in Budapest. Hungary's strength as an automotive hub can only be sustained by embracing cutting-edge technologies that offer a competitive advantage, he emphasised. He contended that Central Europe has a favourable competitive position compared to the US and China in the automotive industry, and argued that Hungary should exploit its geographical location to become a gateway between East and West.

4. Average Monthly exchange rates JANUARY 2024

1US\$= 350..3382 HUF

1EUR= 382.1191 HUF

Source: Hungarian National Bank www.mnb.hu, <https://statisztika.mnb.hu/adatok-idosorok>

EMBASSY OF INDIA BUDAPEST

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH of JANUARY 2024

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	9	2	0	2	3
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	Export (US\$ mln)	Import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	3.9	16.8	F
Country's total global trade	780.6	1357.9	F

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

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

0	9	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	9	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	'090111 Coffee (excl. roasted and decaffeinated)	1.9		kgs	40.3%
2	'760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	1.7		kgs	33.2%
3	'690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight ...	1.6		kgs	35.2%
4	'870192 Tractors, of an engine power > 18 kW but <= 37 kW (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled ...	1.0		kgs	55.9%
5	'841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	.7		kgs	20.4%
6	'251611 Granite, crude or roughly trimmed (excl. already with the characteristics of setts, curbstones ...	.5		kgs	67.8%
7	'760511 Wire of non-alloy aluminium, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 7 mm (excl. stranded ...	.4		kgs	11.4%
8	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	.4		kgs	1.4%
9	'851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	.3		kgs	4.4%
10	'870193 Tractors, of an engine power > 37 kW but <= 75 kW (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled ...	.3		kgs	12.2%

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

(d) Top 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	'930630 Cartridges for smooth-barrelled shotguns, revolvers and pistols and cartridges for riveting ...	3.1		Kgs
2	'283620 Disodium carbonate	.513		Kgs
3	'848291 Balls, needles and rollers for bearings (excl. steel balls of heading 7326)	.113		Kgs
4	'410150 Whole raw hides and skins of bovine "incl. buffalo" or equine animals, whether or not dehaired ...	.051		Kgs
5	'720421 Waste and scrap of stainless steel (excl. radioactive, and waste and scrap of batteries and ...	029.0		Kgs
6	'732690 Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s. (excl. cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire)	013.0		Kgs
7	'440792 Beech "Fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded ...	011.0		Kgs
8	'790700 Articles of zinc, n.e.s.	006.0		Kgs

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

(e) Potential products of imports from India (Sept 2023)

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	870121 Road tractors for semi-trailers, with only compression-ignition internal combustion piston	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 12.0 mln while imports from India were NIL.
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 24.7 mln while imports from India were USD 0.4 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 25.8 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 19.0 mln, while imports from India were NIL.
5	210690 Food preparations, n.e.s.	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 12.6 mln while imports from India were 0.1.

(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	Decision on the Determination of the Customs Tariff for 2020 (official Gazette of BiH no. 85/19)	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 T/ATC)
1	Bosnia Healthcare and Services Expo 2023 (Sarajevo)	17 - 18 Nov 2023	Na	Na	-	Na
2.	International Symposium Infoteh- (Jahorina) 2024	20 - 22 Mar 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
3	Mostarski Sajam International Trade Fair	16-20 Apr 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
4.	Sarajevo Business Forum 2024	21 - 23 May 2024	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

Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders): 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 53.65% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 reaching USD 178.9 mln.
		7601 unwrought aluminium	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 79.6% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 61.9 mln. It represents 34.6% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group increased by 36.6% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 15.5 mln. It represents 8.7% 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 56.9% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 6.3 mln. It represents 3.5% 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 52.3% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 7.9 mln. It represents 4.4% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group increased by 15.8% in the Jan-Sep period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 7.2 mln. It represents 4.0% 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	
		ArcelorMittal Zenica restarts steel production after one-month shutdown	The ArcelorMittal company suspended production on 17 November in its plants due to poor conditions for selling steel on the market, and almost at the same time the workers went on strike due to dissatisfaction with the terms of the new collective agreement. One month later in mid-December an agreement was reached between the Trade Union and the company and production started again, as there were also positive changes in the steel market. The company remains a leading player in the steel industry, making approximately 700,000 tons of liquid steel every year and employing 2,200 workers.
		Mahle Electric Drives Bosnia to employ 700 workers and produce auto parts in new facility (EUR 20 mln)	The head of Laktai Municipality, Miroslav Bojic, said that this is an investment of close to EUR 20 mln. The company already has production facilities, but will transfer everything to a new facility where, as they say, the most modern technologies in the production of auto parts will be used. The facility covers 37,600 m2 of , and the company will be engaged in a significant volume of production from the automotive industry sector.

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

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

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 14 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	Esraan Biryani		Food	Export		Query received: 02/01/24 Query answered: 03/01/24
2	7C International		Agro: vege, spice, Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 04/01/23 Query answered: 04/01/24
3	Aeromech International Exports And Trading	7208, 7325	Engineering goods	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
4	Kavad International		Pharmaceuticals	Export		Query received: 09/01/24 Query answered: 09/01/24
5	Bharat Global EXIM		Agro: vege, fruit, spices	Export		Query received: 10/01/24 Query answered: 10/01/24
6	Rishi Corporation		Textiles, fabrics haberdashery	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 12/01/24
7	Mayor Brothers	84322100	Agro machinery	Export		Query received: 12/01/24 Query answered: 15/01/24
8	Viera Ceramic		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 19/01/24 Query answered: 19/01/24
9	Skyways Air Services		Logistics services	Export		Query received: 20/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
10	Rishi Corporation	4202, 2230	Packaging: jute bags	Export		Query received: 19/01/24 Query answered: 19/01/24
11	Formix International	85423100, 85412900,	Electronics, semiconductors	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 22/01/24
12	Veera Active Pro	5407	Miscellanaous	Export		Query received: 23/01/24 Query answered: 23/01/24

13	Melnex International		Hospital products, Instruments, Cosmetics	Export	Query received: 25/01/24 Query answered: 25/01/24
14	The Ally Traders	6912	Handicrafts	Export	Query received: 31/01/24 Query answered: 05/02/24

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 JANUARY 202:

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	9	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	-	-	2775	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	62	-	-	-

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

s.No.	Advisory	Reason	action taken
NIL at the time of the report. http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/			

(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)

Nil at the time of the report

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

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	India Food 2024 March 5-7	Information on the event was circulated on 21 Jan to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), 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 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	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)

1. World Bank slightly lowers economic growth forecast: The economy of BiH expanded by 2.2% in 2023 according to the World Bank, and is projected to grow by 2.8% in 2024 and 3.4% in 2025 which is slightly down from the previous forecasts of 3% and 3.5%. The bank stated that increased consumption and investments in 2024 should accelerate the economic growth of BiH and the countries of the Western Balkans: After a slowdown in 2023, growth in the region is expected to accelerate moderately in 2024 reaching 3% due to continued economic recovery in the European Union, the region's main trading partner.

2. Industrial growth down: Seasonally adjusted industrial turnover in BiH in December 2023 was lower by 2% compared to November. A decrease of 0.7% was recorded on the domestic market, and a decrease of 3.1% on the foreign market. The total turnover of the industry in December 2023 compared to December 2022, calendar adjusted, was lower by 12.6%, with a 5.4% drop on the domestic market, and a 19% drop on the foreign market, according to data from the BiH Statistics Agency.

3. Average Monthly Exchange Rates JAN 2024:

1US\$= 1.791708 KM

1EUR= 1.955830 KM

Source: Central Bank BiH <http://cbbh.ba>

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