

Embassy of India Budapest

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT For the month of FEBRUARY 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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	export (US\$ mln)	import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	39.8	76.4	F
Country's total global trade	13,430.5	14,783.2	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)	12.3	117.9	kgs	5.2%
2	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	9.4	25.5	kgs	46.4%
3	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together..	5.4	65.7	kgs	47.7%
4	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes...	2.2	101.9	kgs	1.3%

5	880730 Parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft, n.e.s. (excl. those for gliders)	1.8	9.1	kgs	21.7%
6	293339 "Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only,....	1.8	8.2	kgs	30.4%
7	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.6	45.1	kgs	1.9%
8	847340 Parts and accessories of other office machines of heading 8472, n.e.s.	1.6	61.6	kgs	9.6%
9	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons...	1.5	49.7	kgs	1.3%
10	847989 Machines and mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	1.3	59.1	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	870323 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, ..	8.8	800.1	kgs
2	841370 Centrifugal pumps, power-driven (excl. those of subheading 8413.11 and 8413.19, fuel, lubricating or cooling medium pumps for internal combustion piston engine and concrete pumps)	4.2	249.2	kgs
3	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses ,,,	2.3	68.6	kgs
4	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof ,,,	2.2	.8	kgs
5	870380 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of <10 persons,,,	1.5	109.5	kgs
6	294190 Antibiotics (excl. penicillins and their derivatives with a penicillanic acid structure,,,	1.3	.6	kgs
7	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V	1.2	8.5	kgs
8	847170 Storage units for automatic data-processing machines	1.0	.5	kgs
9	220210 Waters, incl. mineral and aerated, with added sugar, sweetener or flavour, for direct consumption as a beverage	.9	1,156.7	Kgs
10	840734 Spark-ignition reciprocating piston engine, of a kind used for vehicles of chapter 87, of a cylinder capacity > 1.000 cm3	.8	46.6	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	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes...	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 172.8 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were 2.2 mln.
2	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 176.5mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.4 mln.
3	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 294.3 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were NIL.
4	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 237.5 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were 12.3 mln
5	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers, whether or not combined with memories, converters, logic circuits, amplifiers, clock and timing circuits, or other circuits	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 161.2 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.2 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)

[lang=en&text=Trade+Barrier&qid=1592639361096&type=quick&scope=EURLEX&sortone=DD&sortoneorder=desc&sortoneorder=desc&page=2#SearchCriteriaPanel](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)

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 T/A/T C)
Nil at the time of the report						

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)
NIL at the time of the Report					6	

(iv) any other submission 3000 char

<p>1. Consumer prices were up 25.7% yr/yr in January, the highest level in 27 years, up from 24.5% in the previous month, as per data from the Central Statistical Office (KSH). On a monthly basis, prices rose by 2.3%. Core inflation, which excludes volatile fuel and food prices, rose to 25.4% from 24.8% in December, which suggests that underlying inflationary pressures remain quite strong. According to forecasts inflation in 2023 will exceed last year's 14.5% level at 17-18%..</p> <p>2. Airport traffic at 75% of 2019 levels: Passenger traffic at Liszt Ferenc International rose 121% to 12.2 million last year and reached 75% of the record level reported in 2019, the last year before the pandemic, operator Budapest Airport said. Airlines flew to 140 destinations last year on level with the number in 2019. The most popular destinations were London, Tel Aviv and Paris. Cargo volume at Liszt Ferenc climbed 6% to a record 194,000 tonnes last year, which is 44% above 2019 levels.</p> <p>3. Economy fell into recession in the fourth quarter of 2022 as GDP shrank by 0.4% from the third quarter, according to the KSH. GDP also shrank from the second quarter to the third, by 0.7%. However, GDP increased by 4.6% in the whole year of 2022. On a yr/yr basis, GDP was up by 0.4% in the fourth quarter, and by 0.9% according to seasonally and workday adjusted data.</p> <p>4. Number of Guest nights was up by 22% in December yr/yr, at 1.738 million, the KSH said. Foreign guest nights saw a dramatic 44.4% yr/yr rise to 908,000 million, with number of foreign guests increasing by 52% to 352,000. President Zoltán Guller of tourism agency MTÜ said that visitor numbers in 2022 as a whole were only slightly below pre-pandemic levels. In the full year 2022 foreign guest nights more than doubled, rising by 106.1% to 11.337 mln.</p> <p>5. Industrial price growth slows to 34.9% yr/yr in December, down from 37.0% a month earlier, the KSH said. Domestic sales prices rose by 62.9%, and export sales by 20.7%. Domestic industrial producer prices increased by 34.5% in manufacturing, which has a 62% weight in the total, but shot up by 130% in the energy industry, with a weight of 33%. Export prices in manufacturing, with a weight of 96%, rose by 19.5%, while those in the energy sector, with a weight of 3.8%, went up by 42.9%.</p> <p>6. The GVH competition authority launched an investigation into Wizz Air, as it suspects that the low-cost airline is withholding important information or revealing it late on its online platforms in order to influence ticket buyers in the direction of more expensive options. Following a comprehensive analysis completed last October, the GVH firmly warned airlines to change their methods of imperceptibly distorting consumer decisions in their ticket sales and advertising practices.</p>

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 increased by 37.3% in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 from USD 540.3 mln reaching USD 741.5 mln yr/yr.
		8526 Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control apparatus	The product group increased by 25.7% in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 to USD 104 mln. It represents 14% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3907 Polyacetals, other polyethers and epoxide resins, in primary forms;	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 to USD 29.6 mln. It represents 4% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	The product group increased by 11.6% in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 to USD 51.1mln. It represents 6,9% 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 35.1% in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 to USD 31 mln. It represents 4.2% of imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group decreased by 20% in the Jan-Nov period of 2022 to USD 31.9 mln. It represents 4.3% 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 7.4% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 from USD 14.1 bln to USD 15.1 bln.
		Travel Services	The service group experienced a 79% growth in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 1.8 bln. It represents 12.1% of service imports to Hungary.
		Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 8.4% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 1.4 bln. It represents 9.2% of service imports to Hungary.
		Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group experienced a fallback of 0.6% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 545.1mln. It represents 3.6% of service imports to Hungary.
		Engineering services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 24.1% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 253.1 mln. It represents 1.7% of service imports to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group experienced a 1% growth in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 remaining at the value of USD 81.4 mln. It represents 0.5% of service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Production resumes at	Production has resumed at the second

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
		Dunaferr	blast furnace of the Dunaferr steelworks following an agreement with UK-based Liberty Steel, which struck a deal with the troubled steelworks for contract manufacturing. The company had sent a team of experts to Hungary to assess the prospects of maintaining the long-term sustainable operation of the company. The debt-ridden steelmaker is under liquidation, and the government provided a Ft 16 bln (appx EUR 40 mln) bailout for wages for a six-month period. The lifeline helped to save thousands of jobs and keep the company afloat.
		Global investment	
1		More Chinese investments expected (EUR 7-10 bln)	Negotiations now ongoing with four large Chinese companies could lead to investment projects in Hungary worth EUR 7-10 bln FM Peter Szijarto said as he met with Chinese top diplomat Wang Yi in Budapest. He added that the largest ever investment in the Hungarian economy was announced last year in the bleakest year of the world economy, referring to the controversial EV battery plan to be built in Debrecen by Chinese company CATL.
2		Nippon Paper to build battery supplier plant (appx EUR 38 mln)	The chemicals unit Nippon Paper Industries will invest Ft 15 bln (appx EUR 38 mln) to build a plant in Hungary that will supply materials for EV batteries, creating 60 jobs, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Peter Szijarto said. The government will support the investment in Vacratot, Pest county, with a Ft 2.3 bln (appx EUR 5.8 mln) grant.
3		Bosch plans Ft 54bn logistics centre (appx EUR 137 mln)	Robert Bosch Power Tools will invest Ft 54 bln (appx EUR 137 mln) in building a 100,000m2 logistics centre and Ft 16 bln (appx EUR 40 mln) in expanding its tool and battery production in Miskolc, the German-owned company announced. The logistics centre will be one of the key finished product distribution warehouses of its electric hand tools business. The projects will receive Ft 10 mln (appx EUR 25,000) in state subsidies.
		Tungsrám Zalaegerszeg becomes Scintilla	The Zalaegerszeg unit of Tungsrám, the lighting company now in receivership, will resume operations as a new company, Scintilla Femalkatresz, The factory started its operation in 1976. Scintilla will hire the premises and machinery during the liquidation process and intends to purchase them in the future. The new company is hiring 100 of the former Tungsrám workers and plans to expand its staff to 150 as orders increase. Earlier reports indicated that Videoton was considering a takeover of the factory in

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
			December.

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_jproperty&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

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1	Hungary-Budapest: Travel agency and similar services Tender No: 2023/S 030-086414 Address: 1135 Budapest Szabolcs Utca 37-43 Contact person: Gergyai Laszlo E-mail: kozbeszerzes@kef.gov.hu Telephone: +36 17955228 Date: 10/02/23 Opening of tender: 13/03/23 https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:86414-2023:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0 Uploaded on Trade portal on 17 Feb 2023	Tourism	Value excluding VAT: HUF 48 bln /appx USD 130 mln

- d. Trade Queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal).
For the month the Mission received 45 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	Bid Detail	Tender Services	Export		Query received: 01/02/23 Query answered: 01/02/23
2	Prathamesh Exports and Imports	Leather	Export		Query received: 01/02/23 Query answered: 01/02/23
3	Family Man Global	Agro: vege, spice, rice	Export		Query received:

	Store					03/02/23 Query answered: 03/02/23
4	Buildbox Global Venture	69072100,69072200,69072300,69101000	Ceramic tiles, plywood	Export		Query received: 03/02/23 Query answered: 03/02/23
5	Sriaswanth Packs		Food and beverages: paper straw	Export		Query received: 04/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
6	CK and Sons Textiles		Textiles: cotton apparel	Export		Query received: 05/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
7	Orient Electric		Engineering goods: fans, appliances, lv switchgear, led lighting	Export		Query received: 06/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
8	TruGro Exports		Agro: rice	Export		Query received: 06/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
9	Snevicorp		Food: jam, Honey	Export		Query received: 07/02/23 Query answered: 07/02/23
10	Benjamin Exports		Engineering: Steel and metal	Export		Query received: 07/02/23 Query answered: 08/02/23
11	Agrocarte Exim Enterprises		Agro: vege, spice, rice	Export		Query received: 07/02/23 Query answered: 08/02/23
12	P2P Exports		Agro: vege, spice, jaggery	Export		Query received: 08/02/23 Query answered: 08/02/23
13	Deepali Saryu		home textiles: cotton bedsheet	Export		Query received: 09/02/23 Query answered: 09/02/23
14	Tiwari Group International	33074100	Handicrafts, incense sticks, candles	Export		Query received: 09/02/23 Query answered: 09/02/23
15	Snevicorp		Jute bags, jeans	Export		Query received: 12/02/23 Query answered: 13/02/23
16	Kuber Enterprises	2106, 1302, 0709	Agro: vege	Export		Query received: 12/02/23 Query answered: 13/02/23
17	Ayesha Exports		Stones	Export		Query received: 12/02/23 Query answered: 13/02/23
18	Emperor Foodex		Agro and food	Export		Query received:

					12/0223 Query answered: 13/02/23
19	Shresha Cart		Textiles: garments	Export	Query received: 13/02/23 Query answered: 13/02/23
20	The Great Polymers	56074900	Plastics: PP ropes	Export	Query received: 13/02/23 Query answered: 13/02/23
21	Sanraj International	6302	home textiles	Export	Query received: 14/02/23 Query answered: 14/02/23
22	Eco Plast Industry		Plastics	Export	Query received: 15/02/23 Query answered: 16/02/23
23	Ganga Food		Agro: vege, spices	Export	Query received: 15/02/23 Query answered: 16/02/23
24	PR Overseas	53050040	Coir peat	Export	Query received: 16/02/23 Query answered: 16/02/23
25	S. Yashasvi Handart		Handicrafts	Export	Query received: 16/02/23 Query answered: 16/02/23
26	Gears Energy Solutions		Engineering: lighting, lifting, electric solutions	Export	Query received: 17/02/23 Query answered: 17/02/23
27	Petros Stone		Stones	Export	Query received: 17/02/23 Query answered: 17/02/23
28	Y Cook India	07119090 / 2005800	Foodstuffs	Export	Query received: 17/02/23 Query answered: 17/02/23
29	Kaaveera Exports		Agro: spice	Export	Query received: 17/02/23 Query answered: 17/02/23
30	FirstCharge Technologies		Mobile phone accessories	Export	Query received: 17/02/23 Query answered: 17/02/23
31	Tanvi Enterprises & Agrobusiness	07031010.	Agro: vege	Export	Query received: 19/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
32	HS Structures		Engineering: prefab stuctures	Export	Query received: 21/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
33	Anigma Enterprise		Medical disposables	Export	Query received:

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34	Godrej One		Cosmetics	Export	Query received: 21/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
35	Anand Industries		Auto components	Export	Query received: 21/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
36	Pratiti Exports		Furniture	Export	Query received: 21/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
37	Jain Soap		Cosmetics, nutraceuticals	Export	Query received: 22/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
38	Akash Enterprises	9608, 9017	stationery	Export	Query received: 21/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
39	Agrahya Overseas	100630, 10063010, 10063090	Agro: vege, fruit, spices, rice	Export	Query received: 23/02/23 Query answered: 23/02/23
40	Global Adsorbents		Active carbon	Export	Query received: 24/02/23 Query answered: 24/02/23
41	CK and Sons Textiles,		Textiles	Export	Query received: 26/02/23 Query answered: 27/02/23
42	Somnath Cable		Engineering: electric cables	Export	Query received: 26/02/23 Query answered: 27/02/23
43	Divya Export	10063020	Agro: rice, Textile fabrics	Export	Query received: 28/02/23 Query answered: 28/02/23
44	Team Telesystems	120740	Agro: sesame seeds	Export	Query received: 28/02/23 Query answered: 28/02/23
45	Ajay Export World		Stones, tiles	Export	Query received: 28/02/23 Query answered: 28/02/23

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: FEB 2023

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month (Feb 2023)	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month (Feb 2022) 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	6	0	18	13

(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	Nil	Nil	1. Reshare of Incredible India post on Telangana - 1 post 2. Post on Visit India Year 2023 - a global campaign - 1 post 3. Reshare of Incredible India post on Biharii Temple, Rajasthan - 1 post	1. Reshare of Incredible India post on Wari Chora in Meghalaya - 1 post 2. Reshare of Incredible India post on animals in Kuno National Park, MP, India. - 1 post 3. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on Diveagar, Raigad - 1 post 4. Reshare of Amrit Mahotsav post on festive season of Rajasthan - 1 post 5. Reshare of Incredible India post on Visit India Year 2023 - a global campaign - 1 post 6. Reshare of Madhya Pradesh Tourism post on Rewa Kund Group of Monuments, Baz Bahadur Palace - 1 post 7. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on Braj Fest in Rajasthan - 1 post 8. Reshare of Incredible India post on Dhudsagar Falls - 1 post 9. Reshare posts on Khajuraho, and the first Culture Working Group Meet under India's G20- 7 posts 10. Reshare of Incredible India post on Patnitop, India's first certified Sustainable Tourism Destination - 1 post	1. Reshare of Incredible India post on animals in Kuno National Park, MP, India- 1 post 2. Reshare posts on Khajuraho, and the first Culture Working Group Meet under India's G20- 6 posts 3. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on the road of Rann of kutch - 1 post 4. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on 'Best Tourism Village Competition' - 1 post 5. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on the 2nd Tourism Working Meeting under India's G20 Residency at Siliguri, West Bengal - 1 post 6. Reshare of ICCR post on Ancient architectural wonders of temples - 1 post 7. Ministry of Tourism - 1st Snow Marathon in Baderwah, Jammu on 26 February 2023 - 1 post 8. Reshare of Incredible India post on Patnitop, India's first certified Sustainable Tourism Destination - 1 post	Nil	Nil

				11. Reshare of Incredible India post on Murudeshwara Temple in Karnataka - 1 post			
No. of impressions	NA	NIL	1. Nil 2. Nil 3. Nil	1.) 2 reshares 2.) NA 3.) Nil 4.) Nil 5.) Nil 6.) Nil 7.) 4 comments 8.) Nil 9.) 1 share 10.) Nil 11.) Nil	1.) NA 2.) NA 3.) NA 4.) NA 5.) NA 6.) NA 7.) NA 8.) NA	Nil	NA
No. of Likes	NA	NIL	1.) 27 likes 2.) 13 likes 3.) 43 likes	1.) 4 likes 2.) NA 3.) 17 likes 4.) 1 likes 5.) 3 likes 6.) 9 likes 7.) 21 likes 8.) 5 likes 9.) 25 likes 10. 1 like 11.) 2 likes	1.) NA 2.) NA 3.) NA 4.) NA 5.) NA 6.) NA 7.) NA 8.) NA	Nil	NA

(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	

(f) any other information (3000 char)

<p>Coronavirus infections were appx 800 per week by the end of the month. https://www.police.hu/en/content/for-the-attention-of-travelers https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6</p>

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	Sector	Details
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Technology		
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	Sourcex India 9-13 Mar New Delhi	Information has been circulated on 3 Feb to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) placed on website, Facebook.
2	Information dissemination	B20 Initiatives in the Northeast by CII	Information on the event was circulated on 03 Feb to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA), Hungarian Tourism Association MUISZ, MTU. Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
3	Information dissemination	India Telecom rescheduled to 22-23 Mar 2023, New Delhi originally to be held on Feb 2-3 2022	Information has been circulated on 7 Feb to Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Association of Information Technology, National Media and Infocommunications Authority, Telecommunications and Electronics Enterprises IVSZ. Hungarian Railway Association, MÁV Hungarian State Railways. Information placed on website, response with lists sent.
4	Information dissemination	Plexconnect June 15-17 2023 Mumbai	Information has been circulated on 15 Feb to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA), Hungarian Chemical Association (MAVESZ), placed on website, Facebook.
5	Information dissemination	India Steel Expo, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai	Information has been circulated on 29 June then on 23 Feb 2023, to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency

		(HEPA) and the Hungarian Builders Association (MEK), Hungarian Engineers Association (MMK) and Hungarian Building Contractors Association (EVOSZ), Hungarian Steel Alliance (MVAE) Information placed on website, Facebook.
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F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year (2022-23) Rs	RE for current financial year	amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
600,000		6,174	Purchase of one standee for Trade Promotion
		90,360	Hiring of Hall for Business Networking Event on 5th Sept 2022
		46,578	Hiring of hall, provision of video and sound technology as well as snacks, soft-drinks for Business Meeting for JCEC delegation on 17 October 2022.
		28,800	Expenses incurred for celebration of Ayurveda Day on 18 November.
	Total Rs:	171,912	

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 & Trade led the Hungarian side. At the Experts' Level meeting, Hungarian

			<p>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. 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	Proposals to the topics and programme to be created by Hungarian side.	1 st JWG meeting to be held during the week starting 9 th Jan was postponed to 15 April 2023.

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)
Indika Agri	Lara & Yara Invest	Indian company supplied	Embassy of India met	It has been informed that

International Pvt Ltd	1141 Budapest Szuglo Tel: +36303128718 contact@lyinvestkf.com	81 MT rice for EUR 104,019 on 25. 04.2022 However EUR 60,333.93 has not been settled.	the importer Mr. Mohani Mohamed of Lara & Yara Kft on 23 Dec and notified the Indian exporter of the case.	the Indian company changed the packaging, sent non-basmati rice and rice had quality issues and could not be sold. Case was sent back to exporter for comments. Indian side die not respond. Case in progress.
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J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 3000 characters)

1. Wage growth at 18% in December: The average gross wage was Ft 581,900 (appx EUR 1473) a month in December, up by 18.1% from one year earlier, the Central Statistics Office (KSH) said. The average net wage was Ft 387,000 (appx EUR 980), also up by 18.1%. Despite the large increase, real wages fell by 5.1%, compared to a year earlier. In the whole year of 2022, average gross wages were 17.5% higher on average year-on-year at Ft 515,500 (appx EUR 1304). Real wages were 2.6% higher than a year earlier, as average inflation was 14.5%.

2. Minimum wage second lowest in EU: The minimum monthly wage in Hungary was €579 in January, the second lowest in the EU after Bulgaria, where it was €399, according to Eurostat. A year ago Hungary's minimum wage was higher those of Romania and Latvia, as well as Bulgaria. Comparing net wages, the monthly minimum is Ft 152,950 in Hungary and Ft 157,000 in Romania. in terms of purchasing power parity, Hungary occupies the sixth lowest place in the overall ranking with €947.91, the same as the Czech figure. The respective figures are €1,274 in Poland, €1,109 in Romania and €780 in Slovakia.

3. EC raised its GDP and inflation forecasts for Hungary: In 2023 GDP is expected to grow at 0.6%, with average annual inflation at 16.4%, up from the 15.7% projected earlier. Economic growth is forecast to remain subdued as the economy gradually adjusts to higher energy prices. At the start of the year, private consumption is set to fall, as high inflation squeezes household purchasing power. Changes in retail energy subsidies and the removal of the fuel price cap in December will boost annual inflation, which is expected to decelerate to 4% in 2024. The EC stresses that the economic outlook for Hungary remains sensitive to global investor sentiment and spotlights the country's exposure to energy price changes and potential supply disruptions because of its high dependence on energy imports.

4. Average Monthly exchange rates Feb 2023

1US\$= 359,1925HUF

1EUR= 384,913 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 FEBRUARY 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	9	2	0	2	2
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	Export (US\$ mln)	Import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	0.4	19.3	F
Country's total global trade	829.4	1343.7	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	2
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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	2
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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	7.9		Kgs	24.1%
2	090111 Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)	1.6		Kgs	28.1%
3	851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	.8		Kgs	12.9%
4	760120 Unwrought aluminium alloys	.8		Kgs	5.9%
5	760511 Wire of non-alloy aluminium, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 7 mm (excluding ...)	.7		Kgs	13.8%
6	870192 Tractors, of an engine power > 18 kW but <= 37 kW (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled ...)	.7		Kgs	50.9%
7	841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling7		Kgs	26.1%
8	300490 "Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ..."	.5		Kgs	2.7%
9	690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight4		Kgs	11.4%
10	640391 Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics or composition leather, with uppers of leather,3		Kgs	11.8%

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

(d) Top items of export to India during

0	9	2	0	2	2
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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	480421 Unbleached sack kraft paper, uncoated, in rolls of a width > 36 cm (excluding goods of heading ...)	.144		Kgs
2	720421 Waste and scrap of stainless steel (excluding radioactive, and waste and scrap of batteries ...)	.047		Kgs
3	410150 "Whole raw hides and skins of bovine ""incl. buffalo"" or equine animals, whether or not dehaired ..."	.029		Kgs
4	848291 Balls, needles and rollers for bearings (excluding steel balls of heading 7326)	.028		Kgs
5	440792 "Beech ""Fagus spp.""", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, ..."	.025		Kgs
6	460219 Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape from vegetable plaiting materials ..."	.016		Kgs
7	510119 Greasy wool, incl. fleece-washed wool, neither carded nor combed (excluding shorn wool)	.015		Kgs
8	842199 Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s.	.014		Kgs
9	842123 Oil or petrol-filters for internal combustion engines	.012		Kgs
10	410419 "Hides and skins of bovine ""incl. buffalo"" or equine animals, in the wet state ""incl. wet-blue"", ..."	.009		Kgs

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

(e) Potential products of imports from India (Sep 2022)

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
	760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	
1	760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 32.9 mln while imports from India were USD 7.9 mln
2	760120 Unwrought aluminium alloys	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 12.7 mln while imports from India were USD 0.8 mln.
3	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 20.4 mln while imports from India were USD 0.5 mln.
4	870332 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, incl. ...	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 18.2mln, while imports from India were NIL.
5	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 14.4 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 T/ATC)
NIL at the time of the report						

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)
NIL at the time of the report					0	

(iv) Any other submission (3000 char):

EU signs EUR 70 mln Financing Agreement for Energy Support Package for BiH: The Financing Agreement for the Energy Support Package worth EUR 70 mln that will provide assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina's most vulnerable households to cope with rising prices and support energy transition. A further EUR 10 mln be disbursed to improve the energy efficiency of 4000 residential buildings, while another EUR 10 mln has been allocated for around 400 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises that are facing challenges as a result of the energy crisis. Medium to long-term support will be available in grants through the EU's Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for the Western Balkans. These grants will support energy transition through support for the construction of renewable energy projects and the upgrading of energy transmission systems, district heating and schemes for energy efficiency for old apartment buildings. It will also support energy security, by improving gas and electricity infrastructure, including interconnectors. The Energy Support Package can be a starting point for BiH's energy transition and BiH authorities should use the coming period to design projects to fully benefit from the available funds, the EU Delegation to BiH announced.

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 increased considerably in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 reaching USD 385.1 mln.
		7601 unwrought aluminium	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 303.3 mln. It represents 78.7% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group increased by 103.2% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 11.4 mln. It represents 3% 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 66.7% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 4 mln. It represents 1% of imports from India to BiH.
		6907 Unglazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and ...	The product group increased by 5.7% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 5.2 mln. It represents 1.3% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group decreased by 9% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 6.2 mln. It represents 1.6% 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
		Global investment	NIL

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,	Construction of Residence "Jablanicko Lake" Tel: +387 33 278 080 e-mail: fipa@fipa.gov.ba http://www.fipa.gov.ba/investinbih/index_htm_files/Hotel%20and%20suits%20BIKAVAC.%20Visegrad.pdf Uploaded on Trade portal on 17 Feb 2023	Tourism	EUR 30 mln / USD 32.5 mln

d. Trade queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal): In the month, Embassy of India has received 4 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	Buildbox Global Venture		Misc: Ceramic tiles, sanitary ware, plywood, laminates, interior décor	Export		Query received: 06/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
2	Orient Electric		Engineering goods: fans, appliances, lv switchgear, led lighting	Export		Query received: 06/02/23 Query answered: 06/02/23
3	KK International		Agro: fruit pulp	Export		Query received: 14/02/23 Query answered: 14/02/23
4	Gupta Plastic Works		Footwear	Export		Query received: 26/02/23 Query answered: 27/02/23

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 Feb 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	Nil	Nil	<p>1. Reshare of Incredible India post on Telangana - 1 post</p> <p>2. Post on Visit India Year 2023 - a global campaign - 1 post</p> <p>3. Reshare of Incredible India post on Biharii Temple, Rajasthan - 1 post</p>	<p>1. Reshare of Incredible India post on Wari Chora in Meghalaya - 1 post</p> <p>2. Reshare of Incredible India post on animals in Kuno National Park, MP, India. - 1 post</p> <p>3. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on Diveagar, Raigad - 1 post</p> <p>4. Reshare of Amrit Mahotsav post on festive season of Rajasthan - 1 post</p> <p>5. Reshare of Incredible India post on Visit India Year 2023 - a global campaign - 1 post</p> <p>6. Reshare of Madhya Pradesh Tourism post on Rewa Kund Group of Monuments, Baz Bahadur Palace - 1 post</p> <p>7. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on Braj Fest in Rajasthan - 1 post</p> <p>8. Reshare of Incredible India post on Dhudsagar Falls - 1 post</p> <p>9. Reshare posts on Khajuraho, and the first Culture Working Group Meet under India's G20- 7 posts</p> <p>10. Reshare of Incredible India post on Patnitop, India's first certified Sustainable Tourism Destination - 1 post</p> <p>11. Reshare of Incredible India post on Murudeshwara Temple in Karnataka - 1 post</p>	<p>1. Reshare of Incredible India post on animals in Kuno National Park, MP, India- 1 post</p> <p>2. Reshare posts on Khajuraho, and the first Culture Working Group Meet under India's G20- 6 posts</p> <p>3. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on the road of Rann of kutch - 1 post</p> <p>4. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on 'Best Tourism Village Competition' - 1 post</p> <p>5. Reshare of Ministry of Tourism, Gol, post on the 2nd Tourism Working Meeting under India's G20 Residency at Siliguri, West Bengal - 1 post</p> <p>6. Reshare of ICCR post on Ancient architectural wonders of temples - 1 post</p> <p>7. Ministry of Tourism - 1st Snow Marathon in Bhaderwah, Jammu on 26 February 2023 - 1 post</p> <p>8. Reshare of Incredible India post on Patnitop, India's first certified Sustainable Tourism Destination - 1 post</p>	Nil	Nil
No. of impressions	NA	NIL	<p>1. Nil</p> <p>2. Nil</p> <p>3. Nil</p>	<p>1.) 2 reshares</p> <p>2.) NA</p> <p>3.) Nil</p> <p>4.) Nil</p> <p>5.) Nil</p> <p>6.) Nil</p> <p>7.) 4 comments</p> <p>8.) Nil</p> <p>9.) 1 share</p> <p>10.) Nil</p> <p>11.) Nil</p>	<p>1.) NA</p> <p>2.) NA</p> <p>3.) NA</p> <p>4.) NA</p> <p>5.) NA</p> <p>6.) NA</p> <p>7.) NA</p> <p>8.) NA</p>	Nil	NA
No. of Likes	NA	NIL	<p>1.) 27 likes</p> <p>2.) 13 likes</p> <p>3.) 43 likes</p>	<p>1.) 4 likes</p> <p>2.) NA</p> <p>3.) 17 likes</p> <p>4.) 1 likes</p> <p>5.) 3 likes</p> <p>6.) 9 likes</p> <p>7.) 21 likes</p> <p>8.) 5 likes</p> <p>9.) 25 likes</p> <p>10. 1 like</p> <p>11.) 2 likes</p>	<p>1.) NA</p> <p>2.) NA</p> <p>3.) NA</p> <p>4.) NA</p> <p>5.) NA</p> <p>6.) NA</p> <p>7.) NA</p> <p>8.) NA</p>	Nil	NA

(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)

BiH showed covid infections of appx 50 per week at the end of the month. https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6

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 dissemina-	Sourcex India 9-13 Mar New	Information has been circulated on on 3 Feb to the

	tion	Delhi	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website and Facebook.
2	Information dissemination	B20 Initiatives in the Northeast by CII	Information has been circulated on on 3 Feb to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website and Facebook.
3	Information dissemination	India Telecom rescheduled to 22-23 Mar 2023, New Delhi originally to be held on Feb 2-3 2022	Information has been circulated on 7 Feb to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website, Facebook,
4	Information dissemination	Plexconnect June 15-17 2023 Mumbai	Information has been circulated on 15 Feb to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website, Facebook.
5	Information dissemination	India Steel Expo, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai	Information has been circulated on 29 June, then on 23 Feb 2023 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website, Facebook.

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)
600,000	...		
		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. Standard and Poor's: outlook increased from stable to positive: S&P has increased the credit rating outlook from stable to positive, and kept the credit rating of Bosnia and Herzegovina the same, at the level of 'B'. It said political stability in BH has improved in recent months, with the timely formation of the state-level government, following the general elections held in October 2022. Another positive turn is that in December 2022, BH was granted a candidate status for EU membership. S&P analysts expect economic growth to slow down in 2023 and reach 1% with the general government net debt being at a low 22% of GDP at the end of 2022, and expected to remain at that level until the end of 2023. The economy has shown resistance to recent external shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and the sharp rise in commodity prices due to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. It is expected that the current account deficit will remain high this year, but it will mostly be financed from the net inflow of foreign direct investments and the capital account surplus.

2. Average net salary in BiH in December 2022 amounted to 1,190 KM (EUR 608.4) and was nominally higher by 1.3% compared to November 2022, and was nominally higher by 14.2% compared to December 2021, according to the data of the BiH Statistics Agency. The average monthly gross salary per employee in BiH for December 2022 was 1,831 KM (EUR 936.2), which shows a nominal growth of 1.3% compared to November 2022, and a nominal growth of 14.1% compared to December 2021.

3. Annual Inflation is Expected to Decrease: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts a decrease in average annual inflation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to 6% in 2023, and to 3% in the following year. "According to our projections, the real growth of the gross domestic product in 2023 is projected at 2%, and 3% in 2024", said IMF resident representative for BiH Andrew Jewel, emphasizing that these projections are still very uncertain.

4. Average Monthly Exchange Rates Feb 2023:

1US\$= 1.824700 KM

1EUR= 1.955830 KM

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

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