

## **REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**

(Data Source: National Trade Statistics of the reporting country)

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The report has 3 parts:

- 1) Monthly- Trade in Goods and Qualitative;
- 2) Quarterly- Services, Investment and Logistics; and
- 3) Annually- Trade in Goods and Services overall

**Name of the Mission (Country): MOROCCO**

### **MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2022**

#### **A. Trade in goods**

(a) Total trade in goods

	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)
Country's trade with India <b>(Jan-June 2022)</b>	869	795
Country's total global trade <b>(Jan-June 2022)</b>	22 047	37 304

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of Kingdom of Morocco)

As per the data from [www.niryat.gov.in](http://www.niryat.gov.in), for the period April-November 2022, the total exports from India to Morocco stood at USD 603 Million USD as compared to USD 508 Million for the same period last year, registering a growth of nearly 19 % on y o y basis.

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
1	N.A.		
2	N A		

c) Top 10 items of import from India during **(Jan-June 2022) HS Code Basis**

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity	Value (US\$ million)
1.	27	MINERAL FUELS, MINERAL OILS AND PRODUCTS OF THEIR DISTILLATION; BITUMINOUS SUBSTANCES; MINERAL WAXES	186
2.	87	VEHICLES; OTHER THAN RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY ROLLING STOCK, AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF	68
3.	84	NUCLEAR REACTORS, BOILERS, MACHINERY	43

		AND MECHANICAL APPLIANCES; PARTS THEREOF	
4.	85	ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF; SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS; TELEVISION IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF SUCH ARTICLES	42
5	39	PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF	39
6.	54	MAN-MADE FILAMENTS; STRIP AND THE LIKE OF MAN-MADE TEXTILE MATERIALS	38
7.	9	COFFEE, TEA, MATE AND SPICES	37
8.	55	MAN-MADE STAPLE FIBERS	36
9.	52	COTTON	33
10.	30	PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	32

\* *Source Exchange Office, Morocco*

(d) Top 10 items of export to India during **(Jan-June 2022)**

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity (HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)
1.	31	FERTILIZERS	441
2.	28	INORGANIC CHEMICALS; ORGANIC AND INORGANIC COMPOUNDS OF PRECIOUS METALS; OF RARE EARTH METALS, OF RADIO-ACTIVE ELEMENTS AND OF ISOTOPES	277
3.	25	SALT; SULPHUR; EARTHS, STONE; PLASTERING MATERIALS, LIME AND CEMENT	101
4.	76	ALUMINIUM AND ARTICLES THEREOF	11
5.	72	IRON AND STEEL	5
6.	47	PULP OF WOOD OR OTHER FIBROUS CELLULOSIC MATERIAL; RECOVERED (WASTE AND SCRAP) PAPER OR PAPERBOARD	4
7.	74	COPPER AND ARTICLES THEREOF	3.7
8.	85	ELECTRICAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF; SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS; TELEVISION IMAGE AND SOUND RECORDERS AND REPRODUCERS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES OF SUCH ARTICLES	2

9.	12	OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISCELLANEOUS GRAINS, SEEDS AND FRUIT, INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICINAL PLANTS; STRAW AND FODDER	1.3
10.	79	ZINC AND ARTICLES THEREOF	1

(e) Top **10** Potential products of imports from India.  
Financial year (Apr 2022- Oct 2022)  
<https://tradedat.commerce.gov.in/meidb/cntcom.asp?ie=e>

Name of goods -HSN Code	Export from India April – Oct 2021USD Million	Export from India Apr - Oct 2022 USD Million	% change
Mineral Fuel/Petroleum Chapter 27	1.83	105.98	5 702.24
Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87	53.20	83.20	56.37
Man Made Filaments. Chapter 54	28.90	38.30	32.54
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts thereof. Chapter 84	27.32	28.92	5.88
Electrical Machinery and Equipment and parts thereof; Chapters 85	59.21	28.86	-51.26
Man Made staple fibers. Chapter 55	21.35	26.38	23.54
Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30	30.43	26.38	-13.31
Cotton Chapter 52	24.01	25.51	6.25
Plastic and Articles thereof. Chapter 39	25.96	23.98	-7.64
Coffee, Tea, Mate and Spices Chapter 09	21.84	19.07	-12.67

Source: DGFT

(e) Top **10** Potential products of imports from India – Consolidated basis sector wise  
Financial year (Apr 2022- Nov 2022)

Commodity View	Total Exports Apr'22-Nov'22 (\$M)
Engineering Goods	181.23

Petroleum Products	106.23
Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups Etc.	72.68
Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	40.22
Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	34.33
Plastic And Linoleum	32.59
Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	27.86
Electronic Goods	25.26
Spices	20.73
Others	14.64

In the current financial year, while demand for engineering goods, petroleum and textile remained strong, there has been some demand slow down in chemical and specialty chemicals, pharma and electronics. Mission has requested the concerned export promotion councils if any specific steps to be taken to expedite the export growth in these segments.

**(ii) Qualitative Feedback**

**Market Access Alerts:**

Mission has come across to several fraudulent activities by few Moroccan importers regarding export shipments from India as regards honey. In this case, the Indian exporter sent 15 containers load of honey from India on 100% CAD basis but the Moroccan importer, one of the renowned companies in Morocco, did not release the documents from the bank, leading to huge loss to the exporter who had to resort to liquidate the shipment at very low prices in the local market owing to huge demurrage and retention charges. All exporters in this segment are being advised to take all precautions and take maximum amount of advance before making shipment to Morocco.

**(a) Alerts on customs tariff changes:**

S. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	Circular N°6397/232 December 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the product called "Food preparation based on glucose and herbs"	2106.90		As this is a food preparation that does not have therapeutic or prophylactic properties, it is classified under subheading 2106.90 of the Harmonized System, heading 2106.90.90.98 of the import duty tariff, by application of RGIs 1 and 6.
2.	Circular N°6394/232 December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Classification in the tariff of the import duty of articles consisting of "electric	- 8543.40 - 8507.60		- The rechargeable electric vaporization device, classified under subheading 8543.40 of the Harmonized System, heading 8543.40.00.00 of the import duty tariff, by application of General

		vaporization device" and "electric accumulator/micro-USB cable			Rules for the Interpretation of the Harmonized System (RGI) 3b) and 6.  - The lithium-ion accumulator strictly performing the function of an electric accumulator, classified under subheading 8507.60 of the Harmonized System, heading 8507.60.80.00 of the import duty tariff, by application of RGI 1 and 6.
3.	Circular N°6391/232  December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022	Classification in the import duty tariff of an article called "bakelite accessories"	- 3926.90		- The article referred to as a "bakelite accessory" consisting of a handle or handle in heat-hardening and impact-resistant plastic material is classified by application of GIRs 1 and 6 under subheading 3926.90 of the Harmonized System, heading 3926.90.92.90 of the duty tariff. 'import.
4.	Circular N°6392/23  December 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022	Classification in the tariff of the import duty of the product called "inflatable rubber tube".	- 40.16		- The article called "inflatable rubber tube" is classified under position 40.16 of the Harmonized System, tariff subheading 4016.95.00.00 and this, by application of GIRs 1 and 6.
5.	Circular N°6389/232  December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Classification in the import duty tariff of an article called "Shower and eyewash safety system".	8481.80		- The article called "Shower and eyewash safety system" is classified by application of GIR 3b) and 6 in subheading 8481.80 of the Harmonized System, heading 8481.80.40.20 of the import duty tariff.
6.	Circular N°6388/232  December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Classification in the import duty tariff of articles called "String Light Garlands" and "Curtain Light Garlands".	94.05		- The articles called "String Light Garlands" and "Curtain Light Garlands" are classified under heading 94.05 of the Harmonized System, heading 9405.31.00.00 of the import duty tariff, by application of RGIs 1 and 6
7.	Circular N°6384/232  December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022	Classification in the import duty tariff of the article called "100% Polyurethane women's jacket"	62.10		The made-up textile article is a garment for women, classified under heading 62.10 of the Harmonized System, heading 6210.30.00.00 of the import duty tariff, by application of RGI 1 and 6.

According to Circular N°6398/210 dated 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, regarding Customs provisions of the Finance Bill for the 2023 financial year, Article 3 of the Finance Law amends certain provisions of the Customs and Indirect Tax Code (CDII):

**- Introduction of a rule of origin on aquaculture or mariculture products:**

In order to promote Morocco' exports of products from this sector (crustaceans, aquatic invertebrates and fish, etc.) and to facilitate their access to international markets, article 16 of the customs and indirect taxes code has been supplemented, in order to allow products of this sector, which are derived from eggs, larvae, fry or juveniles, aquatic invertebrates and imported fish, to benefit from Moroccan origin by implementing the **rule of Wholly Obtained**.

**- Exemption of import duty applicable for some medicines and pharmaceutical products:**

As part of support to national strategies for promoting the pharmaceutical industry and facilitating access to medicines, a restructuring of chapter 30 of tariff nomenclature to identify of a number of medicines and pharmaceutical products intended in particular for long-term conditions, the purchase of which entails high costs. In order to reduce the cost of purchase of these products, Article (164-1°-y) provides for the exemption of import duty applicable to medicines and pharmaceutical products under the following HS codes:

- 30.01;

-30.02 with the exception of tariff subheadings 3002.42.91.00 and 3002.42.10.00;

-3003.10.90.10;      3003.20.90.10;      3003.31.00.10;      3003.39.80.10;

3003.41.90.00;      3003.43.90.00;      3003.49.90.10;      3003.60.80.90;

3003.90.94.00;      3003.90.95.00.

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3004.10.00.20;      3004.10.00.40;      3004.20.00.20;      3004.20.00.50;      3004.31.00.30;      3004.32.00.20;

3004.32.00.60;      3004.39.00.20;      3004.39.00.70;      3004.41.00.80;      3004.43.00.80;      3004.49.00.20;

3004.49.00.35; 3004.50.00.81; 3004.60.00.80; 3004.90.00.20 & 3004.90.00.70.

**- The changes made to the tariff of customs duties relate to:**

- The restructuring of chapter 30 relating to medicines with a reorganization of the rate structure of pharmaceutical products falling under this chapter;

-The addition of a national subheading No. 3402.90.80.00, devoted to "cleaning preparations", affected by the import duty quota of 40%;

- The increase of the import duty rate from 2.5% to 40% for electronic cigarettes under HS code 8543.40.00.00;

-Reduction of the quota of the import duty: □

From 10% to 2.5% for **coffee** neither roasted nor decaffeinated, under HS code Nos.

09 01.11.00.00 and 09 01.12.00.00;

□

From 17.5% to 10% for duplex paper subject to its specialization under HS Code n°4810.92.00.00; □

From 40% to 17.5% for **rubber seals, metal and plastic components**, used to manufacture vehicles filters, with their specialization, respectively, under HS code n°s 4016.93.00.00, 8421.99.21.00 and 8421.99.91.00.

From 17.5% to 2.5% for paper meant for manufacturing **vehicles filters** under HS code n°4811.59.00.90.

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

- Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures: **NIL**
- Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

**NIL**

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

- Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.: **NIL**

**(iii) Other Feedback**

(a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country : Mission has facilitated visit of a number of delegations who visit the country including liaison with local trade bodies, existing Indian players as well as arranging meeting and in-depth information of the products concerned

**A large delegation of Indian textile companies participated in Morocco Fashion Tex Exhibition held in El Jadida from 7-10 December 2022. Ambassador H E Rajesh Vaishnaw inaugurated the Indian pavilion comprising of 25 Indian companies led by SRTEPC and WVEPC. There was satisfactory response towards Indian products in the exhibition**

(b) Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation) As above (a)

(c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM ; There was positive feedback from the Moroccan businessmen who traveled to India to participate in various exhibitions including delegation from OCP to attend Conclave organized by Indian Fertilizers Association

**(D) Number of Business Visas issued in December: 30**

**30 Business Visas** issued for the Month of December 2022 showing a very good number of business exchanges between the both countries as compared to same period last year where only 6 business visas were issued which indicates that there is renewed interest from Moroccan side. Also there is significant increase in normal tourist visas, indicating that there is ample interest from Moroccan side to visit India for tourism and business purposes.

**Participation from Morocco was encouraged in these expos/fairs.**

S.No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1	11 <sup>th</sup> edition of India "Soul of Textiles" ITME	8 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 India Exposition Mart Ltd, Knowledge Park II, Greater Noida.				

2	FAI Annual Seminar 2022 'Fertilizer Sector by 2030'	7-9 December, 2022 at Hotel Pullman & Novotel, Aerocity New Delhi, India.				
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## **B. Trade and Investment:**

(a) Significant trends in trade and investment (Sources: Exchange Office)

### **Trade Scoreboard – Kingdom of Morocco**

#### **Trade in goods**

Year	Jan- Nov 2022 Billion USD	Jan- Nov 2021 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	67	47	+42
Exports FOB	38	29	+33
Balance of Trade	-26	-18	56.9

#### **Trade in services**

Year	Jan- Nov 2022 Billion USD	Jan- Nov 2021 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	9.6	6.7	+41.4
Exports FOB	19.8	12.7	+56.4
Balance	10	6	+73.7

### **Imports of goods by main products**

Products	Jan- Nov 2022 Billion USD	Jan- Nov 2021 Billion USD	% increase/ decrease
Energy products (Gas-oils and fuel-oils)	14	6.7	+108
Semi-finished products (Ammonia, Chemicals, Plastics)	15.6	10.4	+49
Foodstuffs (Wheat, Barley)	8	5.4	+48.8
Equipment (Parts of airplanes and other aerial vehicles, Seagoing vessels and other floating devices, Automatic information processing machines.)	13.5	11	+20.8
Raw products (Crude and unrefined sulfurs, Crude or refined soybean oil )	4	2.6	+54
Consumer products (Fabrics and yarns of man-made fibres, Parts	12.3	11.1	+10



and parts for passenger cars, Cotton fabrics and yarns			
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### **Exports of goods by main sectors**

Products	Jan- Nov 2022 Billion USD	Jan- Nov 2021 Billion USD	% increase/decrease
Phosphates and derivatives	10.8	7	+54.8
Automobile	10	7.4	+35
Agriculture and Agri-food	7.3	6.2	+18
Textile and Leather	4	3.3	+22
Aeronautics	1.9	1.4	+39.8
Electronics and Electricity	1.67	1.2	+38
Other mining extractions	0.5	0.43	+14.5
Other industries (Metallurgy and Metalworking,Plastic and rubber industry,pharmaceutical industry)	2.5	2.2	+13.5

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

**AMDIE**, the government authority to promote Morocco Now is emphasizing a lot to attract investment in Morocco and several Indian businesses have shown interest in various segments including plastics, poly-films packaging, automotive ancillaries and so on. Tangier Med and freezone are seen as a preferred destination in Morocco due to its locational advantage and availability of land and resources.

(c) Information on tender Notices for projects and procurement of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 15 million & above)

- Open Tender in Morocco: [www.marchespublics.gov.ma](http://www.marchespublics.gov.ma)
  - Open tender for works:  
<https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=663248&orgAcronyme=g3h>
  - Open tender for stationary:  
<https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=681892&orgAcronyme=g3h>
  - Open tender for ONCF:  
<https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=683153&orgAcronyme=o8p>
  - Open tender for Works:  
<https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=682525&orgAcronyme=d4q>
- Indian Trade Portal: <https://www.indiantradeportal.in/20t15/index.jsp>

S.No	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender /
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			<b>procurement</b>
1.	15/2022/CTSA/F  Services for the implementation of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the central station for traffic management and video protection in Casablanca Casablanca Transport En Site Amenage SA  Deadline: 02/02/2023 11:00	Works / Installation works / Audio-visual equipment installation works Supplies / Computer hardware, software and spare parts / Computer hardware and equipment	728 000 000,00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 7.28 M
2.	Ref: 10/2022  Supply and installation of tricolor light signals Project of the first line of BHLS in the city of Agadir Company of local development " Grand Agadir pour la Mobilite et Les Deplacements Urbains "  Deadline : 02/02/2023 11:00	Stationery Works / Road works, paths and tracks / Road and road signaling works	58 564 260,00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 5.8 M
3.	Ref: 27121/E1/PM  Supply of kit for semi-automatic door closing system ONCF - National Office of Railways Casablanca  Deadline : 01/02/2023 09:00	Supplies / Transport equipment, spare parts and tires / Railway and tram locomotives and rolling stock, railway supplies and spare parts	21 455 332,68 Dhs equivalent to \$ 2 M

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

S.No	Enquiry Originator	Hs Code	Product	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken
1	Apex International	55	Fiber and yarn	Export	Information Supplied
2	Avani Ayurveda	10	Sorghum (Jowar) Pearl Millet (Bajra) Finger Millet (Ragi) Natural Honey	Export	-do-
3	Tiyasha Import and Export Private Limited	10	rice	Export	-do-
4	SHREE NATURAL BODY CARE	10	rice	Export	-do-
5	Mahadev import & export	09	spices	Export	-do-
6	RSS International	33	Incense Sticks	Export	-do-
7	JB Corporation	48	corrugated boxes	Export	-do-
8	J Sai International	32	Dyes & Pigments	Export	-do-
9	Rey International	69	glazed ceramic tiles	Export	-do-
10	Kenkyo	87	motorcycle	Import	-do-

11	Ambuja Impex	68	granite	Export	-do-
12	Vairag International	32	Food dyes/ Acid dyes (Food grade) Solvent dyes	Export	-do-
13	INDOMAS ELECTRICAL PVT LTD	85	Electrical products	Export	-do-
14	Arjun Polymers	39	Paver Tile Moulds	Export	-do-
15	SUFIYA CARPET	57	carpets	Export	-do-
16	IMPERIAL EXPORTING COMPANY	33	essential oil	Export	-do-
17	Magneeto Beeto Industries Private Limited	28	Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate	Export	-do-
18	TOP LIGHT FABRICS (P) LTD	60	knitted fabric	Export	-do-
19	Green Territory India	94	Wooden dinning table	Export	-do-
20	ADL Exim	84	pumps for liquids	Export	-do-
21	SATVATZ Exim Pvt Ltd	30	Pharma API Nutra Cosmetic Herbal	Export	-do-
22	TetraRays Foods Private Limited	33	essential oils	Export	-do-
23	JAYBEE IMPEX	09	dry fruits and spices	Export	-do-
24	Shree Yamunaji Impex	58	Laces Sarees	Export	-do-
25	Shri Bajrang Ferro Alloys Co	72	ferro alloys	Export	-do-
26	BHIKSHU	94	OFFICE CHAIR	Export	-do-
27	Convex Group	40	Condoms	Export	-do-
28	M/s. LIVETTE EXPORTS LLP	09	Spices	Export	-do-
29	AYLEN PHARMACEUTICA L PVT. LTD.	30	Pharma products	Export	-do-
30	SKY Export House	44	handicrafts	Export	-do-
31	Skint	74	Precision Brass Components	Export	-do-
32	Chinkral Products & Services	29	chemicals	Export	-do-
33	Toshniwal granites pvt ltd	68	granite	Export	-do-
34	pinghalya vet care	23	animal feed supplement	Export	-do-

35	Indotech Speciality Private Limited	29	organic chemicals	Export	-do-
36	Saanvi enterprises	08	Raisins	Export	-do-
37	Wings Impex	09	Rice & Spices	Export	-do-
38	Aspire Exports	68	Granite Stone and Slabs	Export	-do-
39	Nandan GSE Private Limited	84	Material Handling equipment	Export	-do-
40	BLACK X CLOTHING	62	Men's Suits and Blazers	Export	-do-
41	ELANZA OVERSEAS	69	Ceramic Tiles, Digital Wall Tiles, Porcelain Tiles, Glazed Floor Tiles, Parking Tiles, Sanitary Wares.	Export	-do-
42	PATANJALI AYURVED LTD	33	FMCG	Export	-do-
43	Nutritual Pharma	29	Pharmaceutical API Fast Moving Consumer Goods	Export	-do-
44	Jai Ambey Exim	15	mustard oil	Export	-do-
45	Royal Import Export House	74	COPPER MILLBERRY WIRE SCRAP	Export	-do-
46	Sthira Technovations	90	Mobile Soil Testing Unit	Export	-do-
47	FaShioNiTe Impex Pvt. Ltd	71	Fashion jewelry	Export	-do-
48	Stack Export	12	Vegetable Seeds	Export	-do-
49	Vivek Modanwal	07	Onions	Export	-do-
50	Well International	38	Activated Carbon	Export	-do-
51	Mohammad Perwez Alam	71	Jewelery	Export	-do-
52	SWASTI ENTERPRISES	09	Spices	Export	-do-
53	Shri Balaji Exports	28	Organic and Inorganic chemicals	Export	-do-
54	HOSTA IMPEX LLP	04	NATURAL HONEY	Export	-do-
55	MEGHMANI ORGANICS LIMITED	31	fertilisers	Export	-do-
56	Vallabhi Impex Private Limited	84	Agriculture Commodities Engineered & Non Engineered Goods Mineral, Ores & Chemicals Pharmaceuticals & Medical Apparatus	Export	-do-
57	Gorang International	30	Pharmaceutical APIs	Export	-do-
58	SAVITRI STEEL, INDIA	72	Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap	Export	-do-
59	HANUMANTA GLOBAL TRADING LLP	12	GROUNDNUT	Export	-do-

60	Bardhaman Export	68	Marble and Granite slabs	Export	-do-
61	THE GREAT POLYMERS	56	ROPES	Export	-do-
62	Balaji Enterprise	12	shell peanuts	Export	-do-
63	Anzsaw	11	Wheat. Onion. Redchilli dry and other spices groundnut kernels. papad.	Export	-do-
64	Sandip International	25	Marbles Granites Ceramics Screws, Bolts, Nuts Cashew Nuts	Export	-do-
65	IMPERIAL EXPORTING COMPANY	49	Pamphlets booklets leaflets and brochures	Export	-do-
66	Krishan Enterprises	62	Ladies garments	Export	-do-
67	Limpio chem LLP	33	FMCG	Export	-do-
68	Srikanth Exports	84	Agriculture Products	Export	-do-
69	SHIVPRIYA EXIM		organic vegetables	Export	-do-
70	NK International	64	footwear	Export	-do-
71	Rineet Exports LLP	52	Cotton Bales	Export	-do-
72	Sahajanand Laser Technology Ltd.	90	medical devices	Export	-do-
73	Bionics Pharma	30	Ayurvedic Medicines and Herbal products	Export	-do-
74	Pathexim	07	Dehydrated Garlic Powder	Export	-do-
75	Vava World	69	Ceramic Tiles Sanitaryware	Export	-do-
76	AZEEZA IMPORT AND EXPORT	07	FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES SPICES OIL RICE WHEAT FLOUR	Export	-do-
77	SEVASTU GLOBAL	42	Jute Handbags & Shopping Bags Jute Sacking Bags	Export	-do-
78	Jewelsxo	71	gems & jewellery products	Export	-do-
79	MAA KARNI AGRO FOOD OVERSEAS PRIVATE LIMITED	09	TURMERIC CORIANDER SEEDS RED CHILLI	Export	-do-
80	Kalpavruksha Exim	87	engineering items Casting Items Automobile spares, construction Machinery	Export	-do-
81	Sunfly Food and Spices Exports Private Limited	71	Grains Cereals and Spices	Export	-do-
82	Healthy Grow Agro Pvt Ltd	09	Spices	Export	-do-
83	landmark tiles pvt ltd	69	Ceramic Tiles ,quartz stone ,sanitary ware	Export	-do-

84	Orion corporation	69	Ceramic Tiles ,quartz stone ,sanitary ware	Export	-do-
85	Nanak Shipping Pvt. Ltd.	09	Coffee	Export	-do-
86	Kapsun Industrial	84	Air Coolers	Export	-do-
87	IMAEC Medntek	90	Medical Devices, Hospital Supplies and Hygiene products	Export	-do-
88	Nakoda Steel	73	Module Mounting Structures	Export	-do-

(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)

*Pl see para 10 below*

### C. Tourism

#### (a) Tourist Visa issued in December 2022

S.No.	No. of tourist visa issued during the month	No. of tourist visa issued during the same month last year	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the year	No. of tourist visa issued cumulatively during the last year
1.	<b>140</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>11</b>

*There is significant increase in the number of visas issued by the Mission as compared to last year.*

#### (b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events held / organized:

#### (c) Use of Social Media/Print Media/Electronic Media for promoting Tourism:

Activity	Print	Electronic	Twitter	Facebook	Instagram	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts			21	7	0		
No. of impressions			6	0	0		
No. of likes			91	112	0		

(d) Any advisory issued by the country for traveling to India: NIL

(e) Interactions held with Tour Operators for promoting tourism in India: NIL

(f) Any other information: NIL

### D. Transfer of Technology to India

(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press: NIL

(b) Any interest received from Foreign companies for technology transfer: NIL

(c) Any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions: NIL

(d) Any science/technology exhibition held: NIL

- (e) Any press coverage on new patents/designs/IPR filed/granted: NIL  
(f) Any other information: NIL

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

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

G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.

Mission is in constant touch with the Foreign Office and following up with Indian counterparts on a number of issues discussed in last Joint Commission Meeting as well as follow up on joint committee/joint working groups on a number of area including health, agriculture, water resources, mines & minerals among others. Mission is also pursuing for holding the first Joint Working Group meeting on tariff and non tariff barriers, JWG on Health as well as other important forums to boost bilateral trade between both countries.

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

I. **Complaints of Indian exporter / Moroccan importer:**

S.No	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
1	Jay Baba Group of Companies Diamond Heritage  Sabyasachi Dutta 16, Strand Road 14th Floor Room No.1413 Kolkata-700 001  MOB: 0091 90739 00836 L. 0091 90739 00894/ 895 <a href="http://www.jbbrm.com">www.jbbrm.com</a>	Etablissements Benchaib S.A. Rue soldat Raphael Mariscal Ain Borja, 20300  Casablanca  Morocco  Mr. Ghalab <a href="tel:+212661142066">+212 661-142066</a>	The Indian company exported two shipments to Casablanca on 28th June & 16th July. The terms of payment is CAD. The buyer has released the cargo from the destination port in September but the exporter hasn't received the payment from the buyer's bank.	The Mission has contacted Mr. Ghallab who informed that he has made the payment before releasing the cargo. Also, the Moroccan bank was contacted. The Agency Director told us that they were working on this transaction and they will receive the swift in few days. For the second shipment, the Mission has contacted the bank's Director who informed us that documents are still in the bank. Mr. Ghalab has been contacted also and he informed us that he will clear the consignment in the coming weeks.	The Indian company has received the amount of the first shipment the second one is awaited.
2	Shree Ambica Geotex Pvt. Ltd.  Sajipur Shahwadi Road, Sajipur Gopalpur, Narolgam, Ahmedabad,	Ramouche Agriculture Sarl-Aux Hay Nahda 01 AV Mouahidine N 76 Dakhla Morocco <a href="tel:00212662038124">00 212 662 03 81 24</a>	The Moroccan company ordered pp woven sack. The terms of payment are 30% advance and 70% on cash against documents. After getting the advance and completing the	The Embassy of India in Rabat contacted Dakhla-Oued Eddahab Chamber of Commerce and industry. Also Regional Directorate of Agriculture of Dakhla-Oued Eddahab has been	Dakhla-Oued Eddahab Chamber of Commerce and Industry informed us that Ramouche

	Gujarat 382405 <a href="mailto:surajranchi01@gmail.com">surajranchi01@gmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:ramoucheagriculture@gmail.com">ramoucheagriculture@gmail.com</a>	production, the Indian company has received in November one advisory regarding fraud of other Indian exporters. The Indian company requested to give complete details of the Moroccan customer.	contacted. Furthermore, the Mission has sent an advisory to the Indian company asking to take adequate precaution while sending the shipping document to the bank, to check the credential of bank, its address, try to get the advance payment, and ensure that documents are not released without making payment.	Agriculture Sarl is not member of the chamber. Regional Directorate of Agriculture of Dakhla-Oued Eddahab didn't respond to our several calls.
3	Brew Code  Abhimanu ( delivery) : <a href="tel:+917719699873">+91 77196 99873</a> Pragati ( project Manager) : <a href="tel:+13322304370">+1 332-230-4370</a> <a href="mailto:pragati@code-brew.com">pragati@code-brew.com</a> <a href="mailto:Admin@groupysror.com">Admin@groupysror.com</a> <a href="mailto:ranaabhimanyu@code-brew.com">ranaabhimanyu@code-brew.com</a>	Groupy SARL  Mr. Abdelouahed Hachim Manager Groupy SARL <a href="tel:+212660462947">+212660462947</a> <a href="mailto:abdelouahedhachim@gmail.com">abdelouahedhachim@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Admin@groupysror.com">Admin@groupysror.com</a>	The Moroccan company informed us that after several months of the payment for the service, the Indian company is delivering partially the service and without follow-up, the opposite of what was mentioned in the contract.	The Embassy sent an email to the Indian company requesting to fulfill the duty and resolve this matter with the Moroccan company.	The reply is awaited.
4	Allied Natural Product  Arshdeep Singh  13-C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, LIG Flats, Pocket-D Ambedkar Chowk, Ashok Vihar, Phase 3, New Delhi 110052  Mob: 00918800771245 L: 00911145098433/00911140204634 <a href="mailto:sales@alliednaturalproduct.com">sales@alliednaturalproduct.com</a>	STE Notam SARL  Ms. Fairouz Zamzani  1,zone industrielle, Tasnia 1 Massira I, Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër, 12020, Temara, Morocco  <a href="tel:+212661236973">+212661236973</a>  Ms. Zaina <a href="tel:+212661236973">+212 661 236973</a>  <a href="mailto:ighramtrading@gmail.com">ighramtrading@gmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:zaina.zemzami@gmail.com">zaina.zemzami@gmail.com</a>	Allied Natural Product India shipped to the Moroccan company STE Notam SARL 15x20fcls of Honey worth \$ 1.1 million. Terms of payment were 100% CAD. Containers arrived to Casablanca Port on November and documents were sent to the bank. Even after one month the importer has not cleared the consignment and did not release the documents from the bank (did not make payment)	The Mission has contacted the Director of the Moroccan company who were not picking up the phone. The employee Ms. Zaina informed us that they had a meeting to try to find a solution to the issue at the earliest before not replying to our emails and calls. The Mission contacted the bank branch in Rabat who informed us that the documents are still into the bank and they didn't come to to release them or to make the payment. After that Mission contacted headquarters of the Bank to return the documents to India and speed up the procedures.	The Embassy of India sent a "Note Verbale" N 476/2022 to the Foreign Ministry about this issue.  After Embassy's persuasion and intervention with the bank, the documents have been returned to the Bank in India.



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5	N. M. Overseas  B/302,Vardhaman nagar Dr. R.P.Road , Mulund (west) Mumbai 400080. INDIA Moblie : <a href="tel:+919820163836">+91 9820163836</a> <a href="mailto:nmoverseas2003@gmail.com">nmoverseas2003@gmail.com</a>  <a href="http://www.nmoverseas.com">www.nmoverseas.com</a> <a href="http://m">m</a>	Globmarex SARL  Mr. Abdersalam Marzouki <a href="tel:+212661108574">+212 661108574</a> Mr. Mohamed Marzouki <a href="tel:+212660538169">+212 660538169</a>  <a href="http://globmarexcompany@gmail.com">globmarexcompany@gmail.com</a>	The Indian company shipped the goods on 26/09/2022 for value of USD 52850.16. Goods reached Casablanca port on 22/10/2022 but the Moroccan company hasn't released the container.	The Embassy contacted Mr. Marzouki who informed us that he will make the transfer and will send us the swift copy in few days.	The Indian company has since received the payment.

## **10. Any other issue of importance** (Max. 500 words)

### **Macro economic indicators**

#### **Morocco's Trade Deficit Soars By 57% Amid Lingering Energy, Food Price Shock**

Morocco's trade deficit soared by nearly 57% at the end of November 2022, primarily due to high energy prices and high commodity prices. The rise in trade deficit reflects the fact that the monetary value of the country's imports is disproportionately higher than its exports, meaning that the country will have to resort to foreign currency reserves to cover the deficit.

Over the first eleven months of 2022, imports reached MAD 677 billion (\$64.8), a 42% increase from last year's MAD 475 billion (\$45.5 billion). On the other hand, exports rose by 33%, going from MAD 292 billion (\$30 billion) in November 2021 to MAD 390 billion (\$37 billion) a year later, according to data from the Exchange Office (OE), the country's foreign trade watchdog.

#### **Morocco's Central Bank Hikes Interest Rates to 2.5% to Weather Inflation**

In an attempt to curtail the increasing inflation, Morocco's central bank, Bank Al-Maghrib (BAM) announced raising interest rates by 50 basis points to 2.5%. This is the second interest rate hike in less than a year, as BAM announced the first raise in September 2022 following the bank's third quarterly meeting this year. BAM in its press release mentioned that it expects inflation to average an annual rate of 6.6% in 2022, up from 1.4% in 2021, and more than triple the recommended rate of 2%. The dramatic rise in inflation is mainly due to high prices of food and energy basket. BAM also expects the national economic growth (GDP) to drop to 1.1% I 2022 from 7.9% in 2021, with the deceleration being the direct result of a 15% decline in agriculture activities amid severe drought. However, for year 2023, the Central Bank expects a GDP Growth of nearly 3%.

#### **Morocco's Diaspora Remittances to Reach Over \$10 Billion in 2022**

Remittances from Morocco's diaspora is expected to reach MAD 105.8 billion (\$10.1 billion) in the year 2022, an increased of nearly 13% as compared to year 2021 with an expectation to reach MAD 104 billion, or \$9.93 billion in 2024.

#### **Balance of Trade/Current Account Deficit**

Morocco's current account deficit is expected to widen from 2.3% of gross domestic products in 2021 to 3.3% in 2022. The export improvement is driven by phosphate sales and derivatives price increases as well as the automotive sector. Meanwhile, imports are expected to increase by 38.4% in 2022 due to energy bills and purchases of semi-finished products, and wheat supplies. As regards travel and inbound tourism, revenues are on track to reach a record jump of MAD 88.8 billion (\$8.479 billion) by the end of 2022 from MAD 34.3 billion (\$3.27 billion) in 2021.

### **Consumer Price Index Records Small Rise in November**

Morocco's Consumer Price Index (CPI), rose by 0.4% in November 2022 compared to October 2022, according to Morocco's High Commission for Planning (HCP). The increase is a result of the rise in the price of certain food products which climbed by 0.4% and that of non-food products by 0.5%. The increase in the price of food products between October and November 2022 mainly concerns products such as oils and fats, which rose in price by 4.4%. The price of dairy products like milk, cheese, and eggs grew by 1.1%.

### **India-Morocco**

#### **Ambassador of India inaugurated Indian Pavilion of Morocco Fashion Tex 2022**

Ambassador Rajesh Vaishnav inaugurated the Indian pavilion in the Morocco Fashion Tex exhibition held in El Jadida from 7-10 Dec 2022. Total 25 companies led by SRTEPC and WVEPC participated in the exhibition. Textile as a whole comprising yarn, finished products, cotton etc is the one of the biggest export items from India to Morocco.

#### **Ambassador visits Agadir to meet Chamber of Commerce officials and Agriculture Cooperatives officials:**

Ambassador visited Agadir on 22-24 December 2022 and met President of Chamber of Commerce of Souss Massa region and discussed possibilities of cooperation. Souss Massa region is known for its food-processing and fishing industries in Morocco. The Ambassador also visited Argan and Cactus Cooperatives in the region working on the value added products from these plants.

### **OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news**

#### **Morocco Launches Mega Project to Boost Green, Low-Carbon Economy**

Morocco's fertilizer giant OCP Group presented their new green investment plan to King Mohammed VI in a ceremony held in the Royal Palace in Rabat last month. The investment plan covers the period between 2023 and 2027, as well as a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the group and the Moroccan government. The investment plan totals \$13 billion over the 2023-2027 period and covers investments in renewables, green hydrogen, as well as support programs for SMEs.

During the ceremony, OCP Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Mostafa Terrab presented the group's investment plan. Mr Terrab explained that the group seeks to increase its fertilizer production capacity, while also being committed to achieving carbon neutrality before 2040 by boosting reliance on renewable energies.

According to the investment plan, the green energy will be used to supply the new seawater desalination capacities in order to meet the group's needs and provide the areas around OCP sites with drinking and irrigation water. In addition, the investment plan seeks to end the group's reliance on ammonia imports, a key component in the manufacturing of fertilizers, as OCP aims to use green hydrogen to cover its ammonia needs. The investment plan is expected to back 600 Moroccan industrial enterprises and create 25,000 direct and indirect jobs.

#### **OCP Africa Launches Soil Mapping Project in Kenya**

OCP Africa announced today a partnership with Kenya's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development to launch soil mapping exercises for over 100 participants. The project aims to achieve enhanced fertilizer customization for the participants, the company said in a statement.

## **Morocco Donates 5,000 Tonnes of Fertilizers to Smallholder Farmers in Mauritania**

Morocco has donated 5,000 tonnes of fertilizers to smallholder farmers in Mauritania. The donation was part of Morocco's OCP Program to support African farmers as the continent faces a food security crisis. The fertilizers will benefit smallholder farmers who represent the majority of food producers in Mauritania.

## **International relations**

### **European Investment Bank to Finance Medusa Subsea Cable Project**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) will finance the Medusa optical-fiber cable project, which seeks to benefit nine Mediterranean countries including Morocco. The Bank signed a €50 million (MAD 558 million) loan on December 21 for the EU-financed project. The bank also signed an agreement with the European Commission on November 24 for a €40 million (MAD 446 million) grant to the project.

### **Israel, Morocco Sign Deal for Offshore Gas Exploration in Boujdour**

Israel's NewMed Energy has signed agreements with Morocco's National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM) and Adarco Energy for the exploration and production of offshore gas and oil in the Southern Moroccan city of Boujdour. NewMed Energy stated that the agreements are part of the "performance of natural gas and/or oil exploration and production activities in the Boujdour Atlantique exploration license, which is located off the coast of Morocco in the Atlantic Ocean."

### **Morocco Signs 5 New Deals to Boost Nigeria-Morocco Pipeline Implementation**

Morocco's National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM) has signed five new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several countries, which emphasized their unwavering support for the implementation of the Nigeria-Morocco gas pipeline. Morocco signed the five agreements with Nigeria, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Ghana.

The signing of agreement shows the interest and commitment of the concerned countries to support the Morocco-Nigeria gas pipeline project which seeks to improve energy infrastructure in the region. The 5,600-kilometer-long pipeline project will span over more than 11 countries along the Atlantic coast, with the ambition of benefiting over 400 million inhabitants. Out of this, Morocco will have 1,672 kilometers of the pipeline, which will transport Nigerian gas to Europe through the North African country, Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, and Benin.

## **Industry**

### **Morocco to Invest €50 Million in Plant to Produce Moroccan-Made Cars**

Morocco is set to invest €50 million to establish a plant to produce local car brand in EV segment. The factory will be made with a 100% Moroccan investment, Morocco's Minister of Trade and Industry Ryad Mezzour said in a recent interview. Through the plant, Morocco is set to produce approximately 3,000 cars per year. The number is set to reach 20,000 units within four years. The price of the new car will be offered at competitive prices estimated at \$16,200.

### **China's XEV To Produce Electric Cars for the Italian Market in Morocco**

China's XEV brand has announced plans to produce in Morocco its electric cars destined for the Italian market. Italian news outlets have reported that the Chinese company is planning to construct a plant for the production of its electric cars for the Italian market. The plant will be established near Tangier. The company is planning to begin exporting its electric cars from Morocco to Italy in year 2024.

### **Morocco's Investments in Mining Sector Hit Over \$1.14 Billion in 2021**

The volume of Morocco's investments in the mining sector exceeded MAD 13 billion, or \$1.14 billion in 2021, as per the recent reports. Morocco's Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development Leila Benali shared the recent data in the House of Councillors on Tuesday, emphasizing that the investment budget included MAD 12 billion

dedicated to phosphates. Benali said that the value of the contribution to the sector of national exports was 26% in 2021 or MAD 86 billion (\$8.23 billion), whereas the mining sector turnover reached nearly MAD 100 billion (\$9.57 billion) last year.

### **Airbus unveils its new A220 aircraft, partly "made in Morocco"**

Airbus unveiled on Thursday, December 8, in Casablanca, its new A220 aircraft with 25% less CO2 emissions than previous generation aircraft and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions 50% below standards, according to a statement from Airbus, which operates in the field of aeronautics, defense and space. Several hundred parts of this new generation aircraft were produced in Morocco, according to the statement.

### **UK-Morocco Green Energy Project Faces Political Deadlock**

The Morocco-UK Xlinks mega electricity project is facing the prospects of a political deadlock, as Britain's constant change of governments has delayed the execution of the project by a year. Xlinks' 3,800 km subsea cable garnered significant media attention as it included a plan to power seven million UK homes with 3.6 GW of green energy sourced from 1,500 square kilometers of solar and wind assets across the Guelmim-Oued Noun region in Morocco.

In recent months, however, Xlinks' executives have repeatedly stressed that the project is facing significant political hurdles. The main issue currently facing the execution of the project is the company's inability to secure a Contract for Difference (CfD) with the UK government. The contract would guarantee the company a fixed price for the electricity they supply to customers.

### **Morocco Adopts Draft Law on Self-Production of Electrical Energy**

Morocco's House of Representatives has adopted Bill No. 82.21 relating to a project for the self-production of electrical energy, the country's Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development announced. Developed in 2020, the project aims to ensure the self-production of electrical energy for individual consumption, as well as regulate the activity regardless of the source of production, the nature of the network, the level of voltage, and the capacity of the installation used.

### **ONEE Prepares to Supply Green Energy to Moroccan Car Manufacturers**

Morocco's state-owned utility company ONEE is planning to supply manufacturers in the automotive industry with green energy. Known as the "National Master Plan for Electric Mobility," the initiative is a step towards Morocco's aspiration of a carbon-neutral industry. The plan is also set to pave the way for the development of sustainable transport in the Kingdom of Morocco. The plan will be implemented by 2023, and is the result of cooperation between ONEE, the Institut de la Francophonie pour le Developpement Durable (IFDD), and the Global Sustainable Energy Partnership (GSEP), the report specifies.

### **British Company Chariot Reaches Agreement on Moroccan Gas Sales**

British energy company Chariot announced that it and Morocco's National Office of Hydrocarbons and Mines (ONHYM) reached an agreement with the National Office for Electricity and Potable Water (ONEE) on key principles for long-term gas sales from the Anchois Gas Project. The key principles include sales of up to 0.6 billion cubic meters of gas per year for a minimum of 10 years on a take or buy basis, which will be delivered through the Maghreb-Europe gas pipeline. The British firm holds a 75% interest in the project, while Morocco's ONHYM holds the other 25%.

### **Aeronautical Company Safran Inaugurates Photovoltaic Power Station in Casablanca**

Safran Nacelle Morocco, a subsidiary of French aeronautic parts manufacturer Safran, inaugurated a new photovoltaic power station to supply its plant in Nouaceur province with green energy. Safran's new photovoltaic power station has a capacity of 1.7 megawatts and could cover more than 20% of the annual energy need of the aeronautic parts production plant, according to a report from Morocco's Press Agency (MAP).

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