

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 JULY 2023

A. Trade in goods

(a) Total trade in goods

	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million)
Country's trade with India (Jan-Dec 2022)	2 728	1 395
Country's total global trade (Jan-Dec 2022)	42 861	73 744

Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

During the calendar year 2022, both exports and imports from/to India have registered a healthy growth via-a-vis the corresponding period last year 2021. Figures show a new record of exports in the current calendar year 2022 from USD 1080 million in CY 2021 to USD 1395 million in CY 2022, registering a growth of 29.16%. In the same period the imports to India rose from USD 1825 million USD in CY 2021 to USD 2728 million USD, registering a growth of 49.5%. India imports a large number of phosphates, fertilizers and derivatives, whose prices have increased significantly in year 2022.

As per DGFT trade data, during the FY 2022-2023 exports from India to Morocco reached USD1047.15 against USD 962.28 in 21-22, registering a growth of 8.82%. As regard imports from Morocco, total value for the period 2022- 2023 stood at USD 2,549.44 as compared to USD 2,244.19 in 2021- 2022 registering a growth of 13.60% on y to y basis, due mainly to the increase in prices of fertilizers and their derivatives. **The first three month of the current FY 2023-24, has seen total exports of USD 199.8 million from India to Morocco (April -June 2023)**

(b)

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-Dec 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	296
2.	87	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	140
3.	84	Machinery, mechanical appliances, nuclear reactors, boilers; parts thereof	89
4.	54	Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials	80
5.	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	75
6.	39	Plastics and articles thereof	67
7.	30	Pharmaceutical products	66
8.	55	Man-made staple fibers	62
9.	52	Cotton	61
10.	9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	52

* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

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

	HS tariff chapter	Commodity (HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)
1.	31	Fertilizers	1741
2.	28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals; Phosphoric Acid of rare earth metals, of radio-active elements and of isotopes	618
3.	25	Salt; sulphur; earths, stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	312
4.	76	Aluminum and articles thereof	20
5.	72	Iron and steel	9

6.	74	Copper and articles thereof	6
7.	47	Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard	6
8.	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	5
9.	85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	4
10.	79	Zinc and articles thereof	2

* Source: Exchange Office, Morocco

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India.

	Name of goods -HSN Code	Export from India Apr-May2022 USD Million	Export from India Apr-May 2023 USD Million	% change
1	Cotton Chapter 52	6.08	13.11	115.74
2	Vehicles other than tramway; railways rolling stock and parts and accessories thereof; mechanical Chapter 87	25.60	12.48	-51.22
3	Pharmaceutical Products Chapter 30	8.21	10.44	27.12
4	Articles of Iron or Steel Chapter 73	0.88	9.68	1,003.50
5	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, parts thereof Chapter 84	7.49	9.57	27.72
6	Coffee, tea, spices Chapter 9	11.28	9.27	-17.79
7	Plastic and Articles Thereof	6.49	9.17	41.45
8	Man Made filaments Chapter 54	7.82	7.42	-5.07
9	Man Made staple fibers. Chapter 55	8.83	6.43	27.16
10	Cereals Chapter 10	3.25	6.25	92.60

Source: DGFT.

On a consolidated basis, cotton, heavy engineering goods as automotive and defense, and pharmaceutical products are key items of export from India to Morocco during the first two months of the new Financial Year 2023-2024. There has been some demand slow down in electronic goods, Man Made staple fibers and filaments, cereals and organic chemicals.

(e) Top 10 Potential products of imports from India – Consolidated basis sector wise

	Commodity View	Total Exports Apr 2023- Jun '23 (\$M)
1.	Engineering Goods	64.56
2.	Man-made Yarn / fabs. /madeups Etc.	21.29
3.	Drugs and Pharmaceutical products	19.58
4.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	18.84
5.	Plastic and Linoleum	12.56
6.	Spices	10.27
7.	Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	9.66
8.	Others	9.58
9.	Rice	9.35
10.	Electronic Goods	6.43

Source: Niryat, Government of India

At the beginning of the current financial year, the demand for engineering goods, man-made yarn, Cotton Yarn, drugs and pharmaceuticals commodities remained strong. However there has been some demand slow down in organic and inorganic chemicals, rice and electronic goods.

(ii) Qualitative Feedback

Market Access Alerts:

There has been no specific issues in the month of July 2023 as regards market access for the Indian products in the Kingdom of Morocco.

(a) Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
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1.	Circular No. 6486/211 July 27 th , 2023	Tariff studies: Modification of the import duty quotas applicable to certain pharmaceuticals	Chapter 30	From July 27 th , 2023	- The circular informed that within the framework of Finance Bill 2023, chapter 30 of import duty relating to pharmaceuticals. provides for the modification of the import duty applicable to certain pharmaceutical products through, in particular, a reorganization of the aforementioned chapter 30.
2.	Circular No. 6477/211 July 6 th , 2023	Value Added Tax on imported drugs whose manufacturer price excluding tax exceeds 588dhs	-----	From July 7 th , 2023	- Based on the Ministry of Health and Social Protection communication, this circular is publishing the updated list of drugs eligible for VAT import exemption.
3.	Circular No. 6476/211 July 6 th , 2023	Authorized pharmaceutical laboratories.		From July 6 th , 2023	- The circular is informing that the list of pharmaceutical establishments for human products and veterinarians benefiting from the value added tax of 7% on the import of pharmaceuticals, raw materials and packaging intended for the packaging of pharmaceuticals for human and veterinary use, is amended by adding the pharmaceutical establishment for veterinary products called "CALIER MAROC" to this list.
4.	Circular No. 6473/211 July 4 th , 2023	Tariff studies: Suspension of the import duty collection applicable to certain steel tubes.		From July 3 th , 2023	- The circular is informing that the decree n° 2-23-317 of 28 June 2023 (BO n° 7209 of 03 July 2023) provides for the suspension of the collection of import duty applicable to steel tubes with a diameter of 3200 mm, until to December 31, 2023.

(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: (*Safeguards including special safeguard, anti-dumping, CVD or anti- subsidy*): **NIL**

(iii) Other Feedback

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

Mission has assisted a number of leading automobile & centrifugal Indian companies on their business visit to Morocco. These companies were interested to explore business opportunities in order to expand their commercial activities locally. Eventually, some of those

companies were considering setting up a manufacturing unit in Morocco. Mission extended all support to these companies including liaising with several ministries and arranging meetings with them as well as with local trade associations and other concerned Moroccan companies.

(b) Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation): **NIL**

(c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM: **NIL**

(d) Number of Business Visas issued in July: 33

33 Business Visas issued for the Month of July 2023 showing a very good number of business exchanges between the both countries as compared to **26** business visas issued in July 22, 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.

(e) 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	iPHEX-2023: India's Mega Pharma Exhibition & B2B	5 th to 7 th July, 2023 at Hitex, Hyderabad				
2	2ND GI (Geographical Indications) Fair India 2023	20 th to 24 th July, 2023 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi Ncr				

B. Trade and Investment:

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

Trade Scoreboard – Kingdom of Morocco

Trade in goods

Year	Jan-June 2023 Billion USD	Jan-June 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	35.9	36.5	-1.6
Exports FOB	22.1	21.7	+1.9
Balance of Trade	-13.8	-14.8	-

Trade in services

Year	Jan-June 2023 Billion USD	Jan-June 2022 Billion USD	% terms
Imports CIF	5.9	5.1	+14.7
Exports FOB	12.1	8.9	+36.3
Balance	+6.2	+3.7	-

Imports of goods by main products

Products	Jan-June 2023 Billion USD	Jan-June 2022 Billion USD	% increase/ decrease
Semi-finished products (Ammonia, Chemicals, Plastics)	7.5	8.6	-13.3
Energy products (Coals; cokes and similar solid fuels, Gas oils and fuel oils, Petroleum gas and other hydrocarbons)	6.0	7.1	-14.8
Raw products (Crude and unrefined sulfurs, Crude or refined soybean oil)	1.9	2.4	-21.5
Foodstuffs (Wheat, Barley, Milk, dairy products other than butter/cheese)	4.5	4.6	-0.7
Finished consumer products (Passenger cars, plastics and articles thereof, Seats, furniture, mattresses)	7.8	7.0	+12.5
Equipment (Parts of airplanes and other aerial vehicles, Seagoing vessels and other floating devices, Automatic information processing machines.)	7.9	6.6	+19.2

Exports of goods by main sectors

Products	Jan-June 2023 Billion USD	Jan-June 2022 Billion USD	% increase/decrease
Automobile (Construction Wiring, Interior vehicles and seats)	7.0	5.2	+34.3
Agriculture and Agri-food	4.762	4.820	-1.2

Phosphates and derivatives	3.6	5.6	-35.0
Textile and Leather (garments, footwear, hosiery articles)	2.5	2.2	+13.6
Other industries (Metallurgy and Metalworking, Plastic and rubber industry, pharmaceutical industry)	1.57	1.44	+8.4
Electronics and Electricity (Electronic components, wire, cables)	1.1	0.87	+33.3
Aeronautics	1.05	1.1	-4.5
Other mining extractions	0.282	0.30	-6.2

Source “ Exchange Office Kingdom of Morocco

(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.

There are ample scope of investment in Morocco in the field of renewable energy, automobiles and OEMs, chemicals, textiles and so on

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

- Open tender for services:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=719410&orgAcronyme=q1s>
- Open tender for ONCF supplies:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=716397&orgAcronyme=o8p>
- Open tender for ONEEBELEC works:
 - <https://www.marchespublics.gov.ma/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDetailsConsultation&refConsultation=713170&orgAcronyme=d4q>
- Indian Trade Portal: <https://www.indiantradeportal.in/20tt15/index.jsp>

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender / procurement
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1.	Ref: 47/2023/DAM Development of the South-East zone of the Gharb perimeter: execution study of the Hricha supply system Regional Office Of Agricultural Development Of El Gharb Province of Sidi Kacem, Province of Kenitra, Province of Sidi Slimane Deadline: 21/09/2023 10:30	Services / Engineering studies / Technical studies (choice of ground, geological, geophysical, hydrological, etc.)	12 978 000.00 Dhs equivalent to \$1.2 M
2.	Ref: AOF0401/PFL/2023 Supply of rail-road machinery to ensure the positioning of wagons. ONCF- National Railway Office, Casablanca Deadline : 20/09/2023 09:00	Supplies / Construction machinery, handling and lifting equipment / handling and lifting equipment (Forklift, cranes, platforms, etc.)	84 000 000.00 Dhs equivalent to \$ 8.4 M
3.	Ref: GN4120677/ONEEBE/DXG/2023 Inspection and repair work on the complete turbocharger rotor of the gas turbine type 6001B ONEEBELEC-National Office Of Electricity And Drinking Water - Electricity Branch, Mediouna Deadline: 21/09/2023 09:00	Works / Installation works / Installation works of hydro-electromechanical, electronic, electromechanical and similar materials and equipment	12 129 600. 00 DH equivalent to \$ 1.2 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	Prisloren Global Care Pvt Ltd	04	Paneer And Other Milk Product	Export	Information Supplied
2	Koradiya Group Impex	69	Ceramic Tiles And Sanitary Ware	Export	-do-
3	Modish International	33	Cosmetics Pharmaceutical Food Itms	Export	-do-
4	L.J. Export Solution	42	Leather Products	Export	-do-
5	Refine Impex	10	Bajra / Millets	Export	-do-
6	Curis Healthcare	96	Adult Diaper, Bandages & Ortho Products	Export	-do-
7	M/S Kriya Enterprises	08	Coconut Powder	Export	-do-

8	Narayan Enterprises	09	Turmeric Powder	Export	-do-
9	Deveo Global	09	Spices And Oilseeds	Export	-do-
10	Uvt Exports	10	Rice	Export	-do-
11	Koyka electronics Pvt. Ltd.	84	Logistics Handling Conveyors	Export	-do-
12	Murlidhar International	04	Natural Honey	Export	-do-
13	Chitkara Exports	48	Paper Bags And Cardboard Paper Bags	Export	-do-
14	Texwin Spinning Pvt Ltd,	52	Cotton Yarn Single Combed Grey	Export	-do-
15	Accura Pharmaquip Pvt. Ltd.	84	Machines And Pharma Equipment	Export	-do-
16	M/S B M Marble And Granites Pvt. Ltd.	25	Marble And Granites	Export	-do-
17	Shubbha Exim Llp	69	Ceramic Tiles	Export	-do-
18	Goskyexim	54	Fabric Apparels Cotton	Export	-do-
19	Elcom International Pvt. Ltd.	85	Power Distribution Units Iec Connectors Industrial Plugs-Sockets	Export	-do-
20	Rk Global Exporter	10	All Types Of Rice	Export	-do-
21	Shree Stone India	68	Marbles, Granites And Other Natural Stones	Export	-do-
22	Jet Exports	20	Pickles	Export	-do-
23	Riya Export	09	Cardamom , Dry Whole Red Chilli	Export	-do-
24	Waaho Interio	94	Wood And Metal Furniture And Home Decor Products.	Export	-do-
25	Angana Hardware	73	Bathroom Accessories, Mortise Handles, Main Door Handles, Cabinet Handles, Drawer Knobs, Wardrobe Handles, Glass Door Handles, Drawer Kadi And Sofa Legs	Export	-do-
26	Universal Heads	09	Organic Turmeric	Export	-do-
27	Topaz Exim	04	Honey Products	Export	-do-
28	Techfirst Technologies	85	CrM Erp Products Software Development Services	Export	-do-

29	Krishna Roller Industries	84	Conveyor Roller And Conveyor Parts	Export	-do-
30	Threeview	48	Printed Books, Paperbags And Folding Cartons	Export	-do-
31	S.B Global	39	Compostable Carry Bags	Export	-do-
32	Chhelas Mehendi Industries	14	Henna & Herbal Products	Export	-do-
33	Kingsorganic Products Pvt Ltd	21	Sauces And Condiments	Export	-do-
34	M/S Usp Tradex	30	Healthcare Supplements	Export	-do-
35	Jordan999	10	Vegetables And Spice	Export	-do-
36	Lovson Industrieis	95	Construction Equipments	Export	-do-
37	Pentagon Waterlines Pvt Ltd	10	Rice	Export	-do-
38	Sk Sales	59	Textiles, Mono Filament Yarn, Cotton Yarn, Nylon Fabric, Polester Fabric, Cotton Fabric	Export	-do-
39	Apiro	57	Home Textile And Apparel Segment	Export	-do-
40	Ila Exports	73	Mechanical Components	Export	-do-
41	Carrefour Event	10	Rice	Import	-do-
42	Indian Ion Exchange	84	Water Treatment Plants, Bottling Plants, Desalination Plants, And Products Dealing With Waste Water Management.	Export	-do-
43	Shree Krishna Traders	30	Phamra Products	Export	-do-
44	Goskyexim	90	Pharamaceutical, Drugs And Medicine, Api And Surgical Equipment	Export	-do-
45	Soex India Pvt Ltd (Fazlani Group)	24	Tobacco Products	Export	-do-
46	Champalal Group	39	Fibc , Woven Sacs And Geo Textiles	Export	-do-
47	R.R.Exports	09	Turmeric Finger Turmeric Powder Red Chili Whole Red Chili Powder Dehydrated Garlic Flakes Dehydrated Garlic Powder Dehydrated Onion Flakes, Dehydrated Onion Powder Green Cardamom Psyllium Husk Kabuli Chana Millet Peanut	Export	-do-

48	Genuine Export Import	63	Terry Towels Cotton Towels	Export	-do-
49	Al Minar Al Hind Pvt.Ltd	87	Parts And Accessories Of The Motor Vehicles	Export	-do-
50	Kumar Industries	84	Automobile Bearing And Spherical Roller Bearing	Export	-do-
51	Onyx Foods	08	Agro Food Products	Export	-do-
52	Miraclus Orthotech Pvt. Ltd.	90	Orthopaedic Implants	Export	-do-
53	Shakti Foods	07	Dehydrated Onions, Dehydrated Garlic And Vegetables.	Export	-do-
54	M/S Avy Exporters & Dealers Llp	10	Basmati Rice	Export	-do-
55	Ssd Global	10	Basmati Rice And Non Basmati Rice	Export	-do-
56	Smt Exports	38	Indian Rice Agro Chemicals Paper Based Disposable Glasses, Cups, Plates, Bags Shopping Bags Made Of Cloth & Jute	Export	-do-
57	Ever Glob Expo	09	Spices	Export	-do-
58	Hq Lamps Manufacturing Co Pvt Ltd	94	Indoor And Outdoor Lightings	Export	-do-
59	M/S Tapti Overseas Private Limited	38	All Types Of Organic, In-Organic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Surface Active Agents, Organic Fertilizers, Fungicide, Pesticides, Insecticides Herbicide, Dyes, Plastics	Export	-do-
60	Shree Laxmi Industries	46	Biodegradable, Disposable Products	Export	-do-
61	Stone Surface Export Pvt. Ltd	68	Sandstone, Slate, Granite	Export	-do-
62	Kaushal Lal Gupta	10	Rice, Spices	Export	-do-
63	Metaglobe Exim Worldwide Pvt. Ltd.	13	Guar Gum	Export	-do-
64	Bakyashwri Sea Food Pvt. Ltd	03	Frozen Marine And Culture Shrimps	Export	-do-
65	Saaho Fresh	23	Feed Fish Flour	Import	-do-
66	Raw Freeze Private limited	09	Red Chilli	Export	-do-

67	Concot Yarn	52	Cotton Yarn	Export	-do-
68	Madhuri Offset Private Limited	48	Packaging Applications	Export	-do-
69	Ijaro International	84	Agriculture Tools & Equipments	Export	-do-
70	Pratik Industries	09	Turmeric Spice	Export	-do-
71	Nagun Contractors Private Limited	09	Tea	Export	-do-
72	Akshar International	74	Hardware Item, Copper Hardware Item, Pvc Item, Cement Sheets, Iron Sheets	Export	-do-
73	The Pilltraders	30	Pharmaceutical And Surgical Products	Export	-do-
74	Divra Clothing	61	Tshirt, Hoodie, Shirt, Kurta Petticoat, Sweatshirts	Export	-do-
75	Freedom International	33	Air Fresheners, Body Deodorants & All Kinds of Aerosol Spray Products, Hand Wash, body Wash, Face Wash & All Skin Care Products, Wipes - Dry & Wet Wipes & All Kind, Home Care, Toilet Cleaner, Floor Cleaner, Garbage Bags Biodegradable	Export	-do-
76	Bhavani Corporation	59	Woolen Felts, Pressed Woolen Felts	Export	-do-
77	Nayansh International Private Limited	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
78	Ck Exports	33	Agro Commodities And Spices	Export	-do-
79	Hulani International	69	Ceramic Tiles, Sanitary Ware, Pp Woven Bag, Pp Woven Fabric, Jumbo Bag, Pet Preform Bottle, Bottle Cap.	Export	-do-
80	Vastton Overseas	10	Green Millet Sorghum	Export	-do-
81	Prisloren Global Care Pvt. Ltd.	33	Herbal Product Like Henna Powder, Senna Powder	Export	-do-
82	Arcameimpex Pvt. Ltd	31	Inorganic Fertilizers	Export	-do-
83	Rudolf Life Sciences Pvt Ltd	30	Pharmaceutical	Export	-do-
84	Aditi Toys Pvt Ltd	95	Toys	Export	-do-
85	Shri Maa Polyfabs Ltd.	63	Fibc, Jumbo Bags, Big Bags And Pp Woven Sacks, Pp	Export	-do-

			Cement Bags, Pp Bags For Animal Feed, Fertilizer		
86	Floessenc Perfumes	33	Perfumes And Deodorant	Export	-do-
87	Jijai Masale Pvt Ltd	09	Spices	Export	-do-
88	Bio Green Industries & Leafcycle Limited	48	Biodegradable Bagasse Tableware Products	Export	-do-
89	Erika Rugs International	57	All Types Of Rugs And Carpets	Export	-do-
90	Spirea Incorporated	09	Turmeric	Export	-do-
91	Sparten granito Pvt.Ltd	69	Porcelain, Glazed Vitrified Tiles	Export	-do-
92	Rosyrime Export Pvt. Ltd.	56	Pp and Hdpe Rope	Export	-do-
93	M/S Avy Exporters & Dealers Llp	08	Fruits & Vegetables	Export	-do-
94	Maske Brothers International	08	Dried Coconut Veterinary Products Compounded Animal Feed poultry, Pig Feed, Supplement Compounded Animal Feed Turmeric Powder Turmeric Finger turmeric Oils raw Turmeric leather Belt leather Purse And Wallets Leather Gloves leather Handmade Formal Shoes Leather Handmade Chappals And Slipper	Export	-do-
95	Eco Grain Exporters	09	Chikpeas & Cumin Seed	Export	-do-

There is significant increase in trade queries from India, which means that there is renewed interest in export from India to Morocco.

(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 July 2023

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
	July 2023	July 2022	Jan-July 2023	Jan-Dec 2022
1.	51	36	325	628

(b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events held / organized: **NIL**

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

Activity	Print	Electronic	Twitter	Facebook	Instagram	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts			5	9	0		
No. of impressions			13	3	0		
No. of likes			38	183	0		

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

Morocco issues E-visas for nationals from India, Guatemala, Azerbaijan and Jordan, started from January 10, 2023. Following this, there has been great increase of tourist inflow from India to Morocco in the last couple of months

(e) Interactions held with Tour Operators for promoting tourism in India: On March 1, 2023, Mission interacted with the tour operators during India Morocco Business Conference in Casablanca.

(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.: NIL

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

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/imp	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	M/s. Shah Enterprises Ms. Rakhi Kumari Business Head Phone: <u>+917982948791</u> Mobile: <u>+919810099412</u> <u>info@shahenterprisesfbd.com</u> <u>shahenterprisesfbd@gmail.com</u> <u>www.shahenterprisesfbd.com</u>	M/s. Ocean Tradeline And Logistics Sarl Au Mr. Oussama Meni Mahzoum CEO & Founder Mobile : <u>+212669-693-937 /</u> Whatsapp: <u>+212661-941-405</u> <u>ocean.tradeline.logistics@gmail.com</u>	The Moroccan company informed us that they placed an Order of non-basmati rice before 10/05/2023. As agreed in the Proforma Invoice, M/s. Ocean Tradeline And Logistics Sarl Au sent the upfront payment on 11/05/2023 but Mr. Mohammad Nayeem, the CEO of the India, company has stopped communicating with them since 1st June 2023 after receiving the advance of USD 3585. The Cargo has not been loaded yet on the ship. Hence, they lost their clients and credibility because of the irresponsible behavior of the Indian company. Now They have also stopped their activity.	The Mission sent and email to the owner of M/s. Shah Enterprises requesting to resolve the issue at earliest and to communicate with the Moroccan company. The Indian company replied that there has been a drastic price increase in the Indian non basmati rice market because of which it was not possible for them to complete the shipment at present. They suggested either to wait until market stabilize or to initiate the refund.	The Moroccan company claimed the refund of full amount. The Indian company, before stopping replying our emails, rejected the Moroccan company's request under pretext that they have already got customized packaging ready with them and the material is useless.

I. Complaints of Indian exporter / Moroccan importer:

S. No	Name of Indian exporter/imp	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
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1	<p>M/s. Vermo Ceramica</p> <p>Mr. Sachin Dalsaniya</p> <p>Director of International Business Development</p> <p>+9919099447303 sachin@vermoceramica.com www.vermoceramica.com</p>	<p>Moroccan Customs Authorities</p>	<p>M/s. Vermo Ceramica informed us that they sent two containers to M/s. Ouzoud Carreaux Sarl and the cargo was laying in Casablanca Port for more than 30 days. Port authorities were taking samples and making tests in different laboratories. Consequently, client in Morocco was having difficulties to release the cargo and demurrage charges are getting high every day.</p>	<p>The Indian company informed us that they are the same quality exporting to the more many European Countries, they have never get a problem regarding quality and other tests to release he container. The mission contacted the Moroccan company requesting results of the tests and discussion the issue. Mission contacted also many other authorities in Morocco.</p>	<p>Mission discussed the issue with to all concerned parties. After consultations and taken into consideration results of the different Moroccan laboratories, and after speaking to the importer, we have been given to understand that it is difficult or nearly impossible to get the containers released due to quality issues flagged by laboratories.</p>
2	<p>M/s. N M Overseas</p> <p>Mr. Hitesh Patel</p> <p>+91982 016383 6</p> <p>nmoverseas2003@gmail.com</p> <p>www.nmoverseas.com</p>	<p>M/s. Globmarex</p> <p>Mr.Mohammed Marzouki: +212 660-538169</p> <p>Mr.Abdersalam Marzouki: +212 661-108574</p> <p>globmarexcompany@gmail.com</p>	<p>M/s. N M Overseas requested to contact owners of M/s. Globmarex for the payment against invoice number 050 for 42873 \$ due on 10/05/2023 & payment for invoice 052 of the amount of \$ 19940 due on 20/05/2023 and invoice no 006 of the amount of \$ 27270 is due on 09/07/2023. The payment was given on 60 days credit but it's been more than 90 days and they are not responding to their calls.</p>	<p>Mission contacted Mr. Abdersalam Marzouki he informed us that he is not responding to Mr. Patel calls because he does not speak English very well. He notified also that they have an issue with the bank. He promised to make the payment at the earliest.</p>	<p>Mr. Patel informed that Invoice number 050 was paid. Payment for invoice no 052 has been processed however according to Mr. Marzouki the payment order is ready but the issue they have with the bank is not yet resolved as this is summer holidays period. Mr. Marzouki upraised that they are trying their best to make the payment at the earliest.</p> <p>As regards invoice n 006, Mr.</p>

					Marzouki informed that they should have settlement discussion with the Indian company.
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J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

Bilateral

(I). Inauguration of the new Global Delivery Center of the Indian group HCL Technology

Ambassador H.E Rajesh Vaishnav participated in the inauguration of the new nearshore Global Delivery Center of HCL Technologies in Technopolis Rabat. The inauguration ceremony was attended also by Ms Ghita Mezzour, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform, as well as Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech in addition to a number of other officials. The center in Rabat marks HCL Tech's first division in Morocco and is part of the company's strategy to bring its services closer to global clients.

(II). International Year of Millets 2023

In continuation of the celebration of International Year of Millets 2023, Ambassador Mr. Rajesh Vaishnav visited various training facilities at National Federation of Floor-Milling (FNM) and Bakery and Pastry Training Institute (IFMBP). During the visit, it was discussed millet promotion, capacity building and cooperation in cereal processing with FNM President Mr. Moulay Abdlekar Alaoui & senior officials

(III). Meetings with multiple leading Indian companies

Ambassador had a series of meetings with senior officials of KEC International Limited, Bajaj Auto and Kirloskar Brothers Limited to strengthen bilateral economic relations between Indian and Morocco.

Internal

Macro economic indicators

(I). Bank Al-Maghrib: Morocco's Banking Sector Remains 'Resilient'

In the face of a global economic slowdown and unprecedented inflationary pressures, Morocco's banking sector has remained "resilient," according to an annual report on the banking sector from the country's central bank, Bank Al-Maghrib (BAM). In the report, BAM explained that 2022 was marked by a deceleration in economic growth and a significant surge in inflation on a global scale. BAM further explained that credit demand surged by 6.5%, driven by businesses seeking financing to cope with rising prices of energy and raw materials.

(II). Moroccan Economy Improves by 3.5% in First Quarter of 2023

Morocco's economic growth recorded a noticeable improvement of 3.5% during the first quarter of 2023, compared to the same period last year, when this growth did not exceed 0.5%, according to the latest figures from the High Commission for Planning (HCP), the country's leading statistics institution. This improvement is mainly due to the 6.9% increase in agricultural activity and 3.2% increase in non-agricultural activities, the HCP noted in its note about Morocco's overall economic situation in the past quarter.

(III). HCP: inflation drops by 5.5% by end of June 2023

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures consumer price changes over time, increased by almost 5.5% in June 2023 when compared to the same month in 2022, according to the High Commission for Planning (HCP). Inflation dropped sharply in June to 5.5% year-over-year from 7.1% in May, according to the HCP's most recent information note. Compared with May 2023, the CPI decreased by 0.9% as a result of a 2.4% decrease in the food index and a 0.1% increase in the non-food index.

(IV). Morocco Unveils Ambitious Plan for Technological Sovereignty in Infrastructure

Morocco's Minister of Equipment and Water Nizar Baraka, along with the Minister Delegate in charge of the Budget Fouzi Lekjaa, announced an initiative aimed at securing Morocco's technological sovereignty over its infrastructure in the face of rapid technological advancements. The program involves the establishment of a technological complex and a comprehensive training ecosystem, with the aim of achieving "strategic autonomy" and full mastery of technical skills in key sectors, including water, construction, road infrastructure, ports, and meteorology, indicated the ministry in a press release.

(V). World Bank Commits \$350 Million to Bolster Water Security in Water-Scarce Morocco

The World Bank has approved a financing program of \$350 million to Morocco. The funding comes under the Results-for-Results Program Finance Instrument, and it aims to support the Moroccan Government in the implementation of its National Potable Water Supply and Irrigation Program (2020-2027).

(VI). Tourist Arrivals in Morocco Generate \$4.187 Billion in First 5 Months

Morocco's tourist arrivals reached 6.5 million within the first six months of 2023, with June accounting for 1.4 million visitors, as per the new data from the country's Ministry of Tourism. The number represents 21% higher as compared to 2019 statistics. The ministry also recalled the contribution of tourism to Morocco's economy, stressing that the sector generated MAD 41 billion (\$4.19 billion) in foreign currency travel receipts at the end of May this year. The number represents an "exceptional increase of 42%" compared to the same period of 2019.

Morocco- External

(I). Morocco Becomes Argentina's Second-Largest Trade Partner in Africa

Morocco has become Argentina's second-largest trading partner in Africa, after Egypt, Argentina's Ambassador to Morocco, Raul Ignacio Guastavino, said. Despite the challenging circumstances posed by the ongoing fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, bilateral trade between the two countries experienced significant growth in 2022, with Argentina's exports reaching nearly \$900 million and Morocco's exports amounting to \$500 million. While the South American country imports from Morocco phosphate, a key product in the agri-food sector, the ambassador noted, its exports to the North African kingdom include rice, corn, and soybeans.

(II). Morocco, China Sign Agricultural Cooperation Agreement

China's Minister of Agriculture Tang Renjian signed a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) along with his Moroccan counterpart Mohamed Sadiki in first week of July in Rabat. The agreement aims to help the two countries improve and boost cooperation in different fields in the agriculture sector, including distant water fishing and organic agriculture.

(III). Spain Calls for Renewal of EU-Morocco Fisheries Agreement

Spain's Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, Luis Planas Puchades, expressed strong support for the renewal of the EU-Morocco fisheries deal, urging the two partners to finalize a new protocol that will sustain their fisheries cooperation for the next four years. Signed on July 18, 2019 for a period of four years, Fisheries Protocol allows a fishing fleet of 128 European shipowners, including 93 Spanish, to fish in the Moroccan Atlantic zones, including off the Southern Provinces, for a grant in favor of Morocco of 208 million euros for the period of four years. This Protocol expired on July 17, 2023.

(IV). Morocco appeals to Africa's opportunity to speak for itself

The Head of the Moroccan government, Aziz Akhannouch, who attended the conclave on Russian territory on behalf of King Mohammed VI, in St Petersburg emphasised Africa's independence and its equality on an equal footing with the rest of the international players. The Head of the Moroccan Government recalled that the North African country has a strategic partnership with Africa and with several large countries, and also pointed out that the African continent needs a relationship on equal terms with the rest of the world.

OCP, Fertilizer and Phosphate news

(I). OCP Committed to Help Improve Morocco's Water Management

Morocco's government and the OCP group signed agreements, under which the two will cooperate to improve drinking water by desalinating seawater for the Safi and El Jadida regions. The agreements form part of OCP's sustainability-driven programs that encourage optimized water management through the use of non-conventional water resources, namely purified urban wastewater and desalinated seawater. With the presence of Head of Government Aziz Akhannouch, OCP and the Ministries of Water and Energy Transition, as well as the Secretary General of the Ministry of Interior, signed the Memorandum of Understanding as part of the implementation and acceleration of the National Program for Drinking Water Supply and Irrigation 2020-2027.

(II). African Bank: Morocco's abundance of phosphates serves electric car battery production ambitions

The African Development Bank said that Morocco's large phosphate reserves are a key factor in the country's transformation into a global center for the production of electric car batteries. According to the North African Economic Outlook report issued by the African Development Bank, the current trend in electric cars is based on replacing "lithium-ion" batteries made of nickel, manganese and cobalt (NMC) with "lithium-iron-phosphate" (LFP) batteries. The same source indicated that phosphate-based batteries remain cheaper, safer, and last for a long time compared to their cobalt-based counterparts.

Companies

(I). ONEE: Morocco's Boujdour Wind Farm Is Operational

Located in Morocco's Southern provinces, the Boujdour wind farm at a capacity of 400/225 thousand Volt. became operational in July 2023 according to a statement from the National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water (ONEE). With the opening of the Boujdour wind farm, Morocco's southern provinces are now home to 8 wind energy projects , with 17 at the national level.

(III). Emirati Masdar Energy to Launch Plastic Treatment Plant in Morocco

Masdar Energy, a UAE company focusing on renewable energy is expanding its operations in Morocco with the opening of a plastic waste recovery and treatment plant. The industrial venture will be situated in the Rabat region, focusing on the treatment and recovery of plastic waste, and will be developed by one of Masdar's subsidies, according to a news report from Atalayar. With a total investment of MAD 100 million (\$10 million), the project is set to generate more than 200 direct and indirect jobs.

(IV). Predator Oil Commences Drilling of 4th Gas Well in Morocco

Predator Oil & Gas, a Jersey-headquartered oil and gas firm, announced commencing drilling operations at the MOU-4 well. Predator announced earlier that it had successfully completed drilling and logging operations for the MOU-3 well appraising Moulouya Fan primary reservoir. The news

comes less than a month after the company issued a positive interim update regarding the progress of its MOU-3 well. The company revealed the identification of two potential gas reservoirs in the Moulouya Fan primary reservoir target located within the Guercif Petroleum Agreement in onshore Morocco.