

Embassy of India Budapest

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT For the month of NOVEMBER 2024

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS (Data Source: KSH, Central Statistical Office of Hungary)

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

I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR HUNGARY

A. Trade in goods

(I) Quantitative data

a) Total trade in goods during

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	export (US\$ mln)	import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	33.4	64.7	F
Country's total global trade	11818.6	11330.7	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	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	4.7	60.5	kgs	35.3%
2	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	3.9	10.6	kgs	67.5%
3	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	3.8	39.3	kgs	3.2%
4	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	3.0	62.1	kgs	4.7%

5	401110 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used for motor cars, incl. station wagons and racing cars	2.4	746.5	kgs	5.1%
6	401170 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on agricultural or forestry vehicles and machines	1.8	496.9	kgs	60.1%
7	293339 "Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only	1.3	9.5	kgs	48.5%
8	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles	1.3	52.9	kgs	1.5%
9	880730 Parts of aeroplanes, helicopters or unmanned aircraft, n.e.s. (excl. those for gliders)	1.1	6.2	kgs	10.0%
10	847340 Parts and accessories of other office machines of heading 8472, n.e.s.	1.1	36.0	kgs	21.5%

(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	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses	4.2	121.0	Kgs
2	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof	3.2	1.4	kgs
3	870380 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of <10 persons	2.3	82.1	kgs
4	903040 Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, specifically for telecommunications,	2.2	.0	Kgs
5	730431 Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of circular cross-section, of iron or non-alloy steel, cold-drawn or cold-rolled "cold-reduced"	1.0	72.9	kgs
6	220210 Waters, incl. mineral and aerated, with added sugar, sweetener or flavour, for direct consumption as a beverage	1.0	1,072.3	Kgs
7	480640 Glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers, in rolls	.9	630.0	kgs
8	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity	.8	6.0	Kgs
9	841330 Fuel, lubricating or cooling medium pumps for internal combustion piston engine	.7	26.1	kgs
10	842121 Machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying water	.7	23.2	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	847330 Parts and accessories of automatic data-processing machines or for other machines of heading 8471, n.e.s.	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 191.7 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were Nil
2	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 162.3mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.4 mln
3	300215 Immunological products	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 279.9 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were NIL.
4	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 157.3 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.1 mln
5	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 161.5 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.7 mln.

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

(ii) **Qualitative Feedback**

1. Market access alerts (attach copy of notification):

The Director General for Trade of the European Commission in Brussels issues notifications of investigations based on the complaints of the specific industries in various EU countries. The status of the current measures/investigations on India can be accessed on the links:

- EU Tariffs: <https://madb.europa.EU/madb/euTariffs.htm>
- TBT: <http://trade.ec.europa.EU/tdi/completed.cfm>
<http://ec.europa.EU/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>
- RASFF: https://ec.europa.EU/food/safety/rasff_en
- <https://webgate.ec.europa.EU/rasff-winebopsdow/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>
- Taxation and Customs union: http://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/index_en.htm
- Taric Database (Trade Tariffs): https://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp?Lang=en

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report							

Source: Market access Map <https://www.macmap.org/en>

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

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

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

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

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

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?lang=en&text=Trade+Barrier&qid=1592639361096&type=quick&scope=EURLEX&sortone=DD&sortoneorder=desc&sortoneorder=desc&page=2#SearchCriteriaPanel)

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S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

e. Alert on services, regulatory regime,

Qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
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	or other references				
	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)
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NIL at the time of the report				

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

S. No	activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI TA/TC)
1	Automotive Hungary	7-10 May 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
2	Industry Days	7-10 May 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
3	AutoTech Future Expo & Show	24-25 May 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
4	China Brand Fair	13-15 June 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
5	Environtec	1-3 Oct 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
6	Animashexpo	28-30 Nov 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
7	Agromashexpo	22-25 Jan 2025	Na	Na	-	Na
8	Travel Expo	20-23 Feb 2025	Na	Na	-	Na
Hungexpo is the largest fair organizer in Hungary a full list of upcoming events can be found here: https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/						

c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr of Business Visas issued:

S. No	activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
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(iv) any other submission 3000 char

1. The tourism sector achieved robust growth in October as arrivals were up 15.1% yr/yr to 1.5 mln and overnight stays increased by 8.5% to 3.4 mln. The growth was driven by foreign guests, who spent 1.8 mln nights at Hungarian accommodation, a 13% yr/yr rise. Overnight stays in the first ten months rose by 5.3% to 38.5 million, as domestic guests spent 1.9% more nights in commercial accommodation, and foreign visitors 9.0% more. Total revenue for accommodations reached Ft 91.5 billion last month, up 21% yr/yr.

2. Annual inflation reached 3.2% in October, rising from 3.0% in the previous month, but below analysts' expectations of 3.5%, according to the Central Statistical Office KSH. The monthly increase was 0.1% and core inflation was unchanged. The easing of inflationary pressures is reflected in the decline in core inflation to 4.5% last month from 4.8% in September. One negative surprise was the steep rise in food prices, up 4.5% year-on-year, the largest annual increase so far in 2024. On a monthly basis, food prices went up by 0.7%. Repricing in the service sector was moderate in October as price growth decelerated from 8.4% in September to 7.2% due to the decline in mobile and internet subscription fees. Prices of consumer durables contracted by 0.3% yr/yr but edged up 0.1% m/m. Analysts warned of renewed inflationary pressure from potential price increases in food, fuel, and imported goods, especially if the forint's decline continues. MBH bank said it expects inflation to edge up to 4.4% at the end of the year and to average 3.7% for the year.

3. The European Commission has cut its GDP growth forecast for Hungary for this year to 0.6%, a dramatic cut from the 2.4% estimated last February. The 2025 growth projection has fallen from 3.6% envisioned in February to 1.8%. Consumption will be the main driver for growth, the EC added. Inflation, although it will have fallen significantly in 2024, will remain high, as will the budget deficit, according to the analysis. The relatively high state debt to GDP ratio of 74.5% this year is partly due to the purchase of the Budapest Airport, and is expected to only fall to 73.8% in 2026. The budget deficit is forecast to drop from 6.7% of GDP in 2023 to 5.4% in 2024, 4.6% in 2025 and 4.1% in 2026.

B. Trade and investment:

The Hungarian investment Promotion agency(HIPA offers) a list of investment opportunities in Hungary on its website: http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=854

a. Significant trends in trade and investment

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

S. No	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods Hungarian imports from India	Total imports from India	The value of imports <i>decreased</i> by 8% in the Jan-June period of 2023 from USD 422.8 mln reaching USD 388.8 mln yr/yr.
		8526 Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 36.6% in the Jan-June period of 2023 to USD 23.8mln. It represents 6.1% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8507 Electric accumulators, incl. separators therefor	The product group increased by 10.6% in the Jan-June period of 2023 to USD 36.3 mln. It represents 9.3% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 7.7% in the Jan-June period of 2023 to USD 32.5mln. It represents 8.4% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8708 Parts and accessories for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons,...	The product group increased by 26.1% in the Jan-June period of 2023 to USD 24.2mln. It represents 6.2% of imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group increased by 20.9% in the Jan-June period of 2023 to USD 26.8 mln. It represents 6.9% 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 4.3.% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 from USD 11.6 bln to USD 12.1 bln.
		Travel Services	The service group experienced a 28.8% growth in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 1.8 bln. It represents 15% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group increased by of 1.1% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 1.1. bln It represents 9.2% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group increased by of 3.5% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 358.1 mln. It represents 3% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Engineering services	The service group increased by 25.8% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 259.2 mln. It represents 2.2% of total service imports from India to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group increased by 18.7% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 70.9 mln. It represents 0.6% of total service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Global investment	

S. No	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.		Dunaferr becomes insolvent	The interim asset supervisor of Liberty Steels Hungarian unit initiated the procedure to tap the Wage Guarantee Fund after the company's owners signalled they have no available funds to pay the October salaries. This essentially means the insolvency of the company, Liberty Steel, owned by industrialist Sanjeev Gupta. The businessman acquired Dunaferr in 2023 after a liquidation procedure with a promise to turn around the troubled steelmaker. It planned a transition to green steel production, which would have required an estimated Ft 200 bln in funding. Dunaferr employed nearly 3,700 people, but had lost its environmental permits and had accumulated debts of around Ft 500 bln. Liberty Steel needs short-term support from the government and other stakeholders to restart production and manufacturing. If this is not possible, negotiations with potential new investors will also be considered, the company added.
2		Jabil dismissing 500 in Tiszaujvaros	Jabil, one of the largest employers in Northern Hungary, has dismissed appx 500 workers from its factory in Tiszaujvaros in recent months, mainly due to the drastic drop in orders for electric car parts. The company told that several functions had been reorganised, which affected the number of employees at the unit.
3		Market Epeto completes construction of BWM factory (EUR 367 mln)	Market Epeto has completed construction of the BMW plant in Debrecen for EUR 367 mln, concluding a project that began in the spring of 2019. The company executed site preparation and full infrastructure development, including the construction of the 140,000m2 manufacturing facility. The project involved significant groundwork, with 1.5 mln cubic metres of soil moved, and the establishment of other critical infrastructure such as a training centre and fire safety facilities. BMW laid the cornerstone of the plant in Debrecen in the summer of 2022 and production is set to start in 2025.
4		MOL building EUR 40mn solar park	MOL subsidiary MOL Petrokemia will invest EUR 40 mln in building a 48MW solar park at the units base in Tiszaujvaros, CEO Gyorgy Bacsza announced. The new solar park, situated on a 66-hectare tailings pond site next to an existing 6MW facility, will directly supply the petrochemical plant with green energy, meeting its growing energy needs, including demand from the new polyol plant in the city. The solar plant will meet about 5 percent of MOL Petrochemicals electricity needs, generating power equivalent to the annual consumption of 28,000 households and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 17,000 tons annually. MOL currently operates five solar parks, including two at its refinery in Szazhalombatta, with a total capacity of 31.5MW.

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

S.No	Sector Name	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.		NIL at the time of the report	

http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=955

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

a.) The Hungarian Public Procurement authority is the official body for public procurement tenders: <http://www.kozbeszerzes.hu/english/>, <https://ekr.gov.hu/>

b.) European union Tenders electronic Daily, the main official database of English language public procurement tenders from Hungary: <https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>

c.) Tenders may be also found on the Procurement Map, which provides detailed information for public tenders and contract awards. <https://procurementmap.intracen.org/>

d.) Tenders up from EUR 15 mln uploaded on the India Trade Portal /www.indiantradeportal.in

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1	NIL at the time of the report		

d. Trade Queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal).
For the month the Mission received 65 trade inquiries from India and 1 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	Xpocity Enterprises	6111, 6209	Texties: garments	Export		Query received: 01/11/24 Query answered: 01/11/24
2	Shree Asthavinayk Enterprises.		Agro: fruit, vege, spice, rice	Export		Query received: 01/11/24 Query answered: 01/11/24
3	Sai Samarth Enterprise	570500	Textiles: Carpets, rugs	Export		Query received: 04/11/24 Query answered: 04/11/24
4	Legion Exim		Agro vege, spice,	Export		Query received: 04/11/24 Query answered: 04/11/24
5	Sirat Farms		Agro vege, spice,	Export		Query received: 05/11/24 Query answered: 05/11/24
6	Latha International		Misc	Export		Query received: 06/11/24 Query answered: 06/11/24
7	Tomar Exports	17011410	Agro and food Sugar, Meat	Export		Query received: 06/11/24 Query answered: 06/11/24
8	Inmount Global		Leather bags	Export		Query received: 06/11/24 Query answered: 08/11/24
9	Namaste Exports		Biodegradable tableware	Export		Query received: 07/11/24 Query answered: 08/11/24
10	Simplex Engineering and Foundry Works		Misc engineering	Export		Query received: 07/11/24 Query answered: 08/11/24
11	Imperia Glboal		ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 08/11/24 Query answered: 08/11/24
12	AJ Exports		Herbs	Export		Query received: 08/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
13	Saga Elastomer		Rubber seals	Export		Query received: 09/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
14	Siscon Tiles	67907, 6710	ceramic tiles, sanitary ware	Export		Query received: 09/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
15	Ecowoodies		Photography props	Export		Query received: 09/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
16	Ashima Knit Fab		Textiles fabrics	Export		Query received: 10/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
17	Global Victus		Adhesive tapes	Export		Query received: 10/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
18	Ruar Export		Tobacco	Export		Query received: 12/11/24 Query answered: 12/11/24
19	Stallion Enterprises		Agro: vege	Export		Query received: 12/11/24 Query answered: 13/11/24
20	Shree Metals		Engineering: fittings	Export		Query received: 13/11/24 Query answered: 13/11/24
21	Star Air conditioning		Air coolers	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24
22	Cardinal Global Impex		Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24

23	Infra-products		Construction: road safety materials	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24
24	Ankita Agro Trading		Agro: vege, fruits, spice	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24
25	Ultrachain Global		Tea	Export		Query received: 15/11/24 Query answered: 15/11/24
26	Cyclone Pharmaceuticals		Pharma	Export		Query received: 15/11/24 Query answered: 15/11/24
27	Ararla International		Engineering steel, metal, aluminum, Auto parts	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
28	Ecodine supply	48236900, 48195090.	Biodegradable tableware	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
29	Voyage Internatioals Impex	0910	Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
30	Gayatri Exports Enterprises		Agro: fruits	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
31	AM Rising Energy		Agro: fruits, vege	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
32	Bhaat Cereals		Agro: rice	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 18/11/24
33	Valenza Ceramic	69072100, 69072300	ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 19/11/24
34	Excel Engineering		Engineering: Fasteners, fittings	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 19/11/24
35	Rashi Granite Exports		Stones	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 19/11/24
36	Shricure Herbs India		Pharma, Ayurveda	Export		Query received: 19/11/24 Query answered: 20/11/24
37	Tamilnad Cartons		Packaging	Export		Query received: 19/11/24 Query answered: 20/11/24
38	Medhya Enterprises		Agro: rice	Export		Query received: 20/11/24 Query answered: 20/11/24
39	ANK Overseas		Engineering goods bearings	Export		Query received: 21/11/24 Query answered: 21/11/24
40	JLD Enterprises	07114000, 20011000	Agro: vege	Export		Query received: 21/11/24 Query answered: 21/11/24
41	Ami Polymer		Engineering silicone products for various industries	Export		Query received: 21/11/24 Query answered: 21/11/24
42	Nexces Granatio	6907, 6910	ceramic tiles, glazed tiles, porcelain tiles and sanitary ware	Export		Query received: 21/11/24 Query answered: 22/11/24
43	ReNis Agro International		Agro: vege, fruits, etc	Export		Query received: 21/11/24 Query answered: 22/11/24
44	Mahadule Exports		Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 22/11/24 Query answered: 22/11/24
45	Nav Global		Engineering: construction materials	Export		Query received: 22/11/24 Query answered: 22/11/24
46	Aatomize Manufacturing		Engineering: Steel and metal	Export		Query received: 22/11/24 Query answered: 25/11/24
47	Earthly Fusion		Agro: vege, spice, etc	Export		Query received: 23/11/24 Query answered: 25/11/24
48	Pinnacle Exim		fashion jewellery	Export		Query received: 23/11/24 Query answered: 26/11/24
49	Biobloom		Misc	Export		Query received: 24/11/24 Query answered: 26/11/24
50	Interocity Impex		Air coolers, fans	Export		Query received: 26/11/24 Query answered: 26/11/24
51	Jandu Engineering Works	843930	Engineering (paper industry)	Export		Query received: 27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
52	Brans Valves india		Engineering: valves	Export		Query received: 27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
53	UD International Solutions	4202	Leather bags, accessories, saddles	Export		Query received: 27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
54	Indo farm Equipment Limited		Tractors, cranes	Export		Query received: 27/11/24

						Query answered: 27/11/24
55	Brahmarshi Nutraceuticals		Nutraceuticals	Export		Query received: 27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
56	Dhamsons Healthcare		Surgical, medical disposables	Export		Query received: 28/11/24 Query answered: 28/11/24
57	Bhavya Creation		Textiles: fabrics	Export		Query received: 28/11/24 Query answered: 28/11/24
58	Goodsector Industrial Store, Metral Enterprise		Misc	Export		Query received: 28/11/24 Query answered: 28/11/24
59	Shri Raghavendra Marketing		Misc	Export		Query received: 29/11/24 Query answered: 29/11/24
60	Iscon Life Sciences Pvt Ltd , Bennevolance Pharma Pvt Ltd		Nutraceuticals	Export		Query received: 29/11/24 Query answered: 29/11/24
61	Simha Ceramic		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 29/11/24 Query answered: 29/11/24
62	GRIFFON PROCESS EQUIPMENTS	84198910	Engineering (industrial machinery, equipment)	Export		Query received: 29/11/24 Query answered: 29/11/24
63	AJ Exports		Misc	Export		Query received: 29/11/24 Query answered: 02/12/24
64	Navikar Art and Craft		Handicrafts	Export		Query received: 30/11/24 Query answered: 02/12/24
65	Export Genie		Engineering (industrial machinery, equipment)	Export		Query received: 30/11/24 Query answered: 02/12/24

Hungarian Trade enquiries

Enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature import/export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words) (List of companies sent)
Frommer Kft	Firearms for sport	Import		Query received: 23/11/24 Query answered: 23/10/24

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: NOV

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year (2024 Jan->)	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year (2023 Jan->)
1	15	9	70	51

(b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
1	NIL		

(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other

No. of posts	Na	Incredible India article on Haryana in Travelo Magazine 27-29 Nov 2024	0	5	5	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	Appx 125000	-	489	-		
No. of Likes	-	-	-	4	-		

(d) any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India (230 char):

s.No.	advisory	Reason	action taken
1	NIL at the time of the report More details available at: https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india	-	With effect from 16 Mar 16 2022 regular visa services have been restored.

(e) interactions held with Tour operators for promoting tourism in India

S.No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
1	NIL at the time of the report	

(f) any other information (3000 char)

Mission placed an Incredible India online ad in the Travelo.hu magazine about Haryana on 27-29 Nov 2024 reaching appx 125,000 viewers.
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D. Transfer of Technology to India

(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:

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

(b) any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
Nil			

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

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
Nil			

(d) any science/technology exhibition held:

S.No	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India

Nil

(e) any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of applicant
Nil				

(f) any other information (250 char)

NIL

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

S. No	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information dissemination	SANJEEVANI – An International Event (Exhibition cum Conference) on Healthcare and Wellness 16 – 18 December 2024, Yashobhoomi Convention Centre Sector - 25, Dwarka, New Delhi	Information was circulated on 15 Nov to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce (BCCI) Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and placed on website of the Mission.
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2025 incorporating 72nd India International Garment Fair from 14-17 February, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan) New Delhi	Information was circulated on 15 Nov to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce (BCCI) Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and placed on website of the Mission.

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

BE for current financial year (2024-25) Rs	RE for current financial year	amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
120,000		28,732	Purchase of tea and spices from TRIFED for gifting purposes showcasing tribal products of India in Sept 2024
		37,037	Purchase of spices for display and gifting purposes, expenditures related to lighting, video for trade promotion on Ayush Day 25 Oct 2024
	Total Rs:	65,749.-	

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	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

		<p>7. Digital Technology 8. Energy 9. Education 10. Food processing 11. Health Industry 12. Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices</p>	<p>& 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.</p> <p>At the Experts' Level meeting, Hungarian and Indian experts discussed areas of trade cooperation, policy reforms, business environment, ease of doing business, cooperation in various fields like agriculture, finances, science & technology etc. The meeting was held in hybrid format in which some experts from both sides could join online also. From the Indian side, delegates from from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi, ICAR, and Ministry of Information Technology (MeITY) as well as representative from the Embassy of Hungary, New Delhi joined. From the Hungarian side also there were representatives from various departments and concerned institutions. The discussions were completed in a friendly and congenial atmosphere. Both sides agreed on the need to further deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>Followed by a brief panel discussion between the two sides, the final Protocol was signed by H.E. Mr. Peter Sztaray, State Secretary for Security Policy and Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, DPIIT on 18th October 2022.</p> <p>The Indian delegation met with investors and some members of the Indian business community in Hungary on the evening on 17th October. Mr. Ratnoo give a brief overview of the business environment in India, the policy initiatives of the Government of India and the economic growth and prospects of India. He mentioned several schemes open for investors to take advantage of in India like the Make in India initiative, Smart Cities, New Logistics Policy, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, PM Ghati Shakti, productivity Linked incentive schemes etc. The delegation also had a meeting with HIPA on 18th afternoon where they discussed ideas how to enhance investments and promote cooperation between the two countries. The next round of the JCEC is to be held in H1 of 2025 in New Delhi.</p>
3.	1 st JWG on Water	<p>Six areas of priority for cooperation were identified and agreed upon namely, Management of extreme Phenomenon, Exploration and management of ground water, Rejuvenation of rives and water bodies, Mitigation of impact of climate change on water resources, protection and</p>	<p>The 1st JWG meeting was held in Delhi on 25-27 April 2023. A Working Programme plan for Bilateral Cooperation for the period 2023-2025 was signed during the event (on 25 April).</p>

		preservation of the quality of water resources, and training and capacity building.	
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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)
Kore International vinay@koreagro.com www.koreagro.com O.COM 3-star export house +91-9979711225	Gasztro-Max Kft Mr. Csaba Legradi 4600 Kisvarda Szabadsag u. 20 www.fuszerek-gasztro-maxkft.hu gasztromaxkft@gmail.com	Quality problems: M/s Gasztromax ordered 7 different spices from Kore International in amount of USD 26059.- From the 7 items two were problematic. a. premium cumin powder in amount of USD 5500 /2500 kgs had too high pesticide levels, and was destroyed on the border failing EU SPS regulations. b. garlic granules, which were stone hard due to a bonding agent making it useless. Gasztromax had incurred fines and extra costs in the amount of USD 22058.35	Mission wrote email to Kore International, APEDA, Embassy of Hungary	Kore and Gasztromax started correspondence on a compromise with a discount to the buyer

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)

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

- Windfall profit reduced for banks:** The government has announced changes to the windfall profit tax, maintaining the rates for retail companies while lowering the levy for banks and increasing it somewhat for insurers. For banks the tax base is the pre-tax profit, subject to modification depending on other factors. From next year banks will be able to deduct part of their increased state bond investment for maturities beyond January 1, 2029. The new conditions encourage banks to increase their exposure to government securities even more than before, HVG notes. For insurers the tax is 3% on non-life insurance premium revenues up to Ft 48 billion, and 14% above it. This year the tax for non-life products was 2% up to revenues of Ft 2 billion, and 4% up to Ft 46 billion, rising to 12% for higher revenue. The tax is 2% on life insurance premium revenues up to Ft 48 billion and 6% above that.
- Wage growth at 12.5% in September:** The average gross wage was Ft 627,400 a month in Sept up by 12.5% from one year earlier, the KSH announced. The average net wage was Ft 417,200, also increasing by 12.5% yr/yr. The median value of gross wages came to Ft 519,500, a 15.5% rise from a year earlier, while the net median wage stood at Ft 359,100, up by 15.4%. Real wage growth was 9.2% in September from a year earlier, as inflation was 3%. In the first nine months, gross wages were up by 13.7% year-on-year to Ft 633,500, while the average net wage also expanded by 13.7% to Ft 421,300. Wages continued to grow significantly in September, although the rate of increase slowed slightly compared to previous month. However, due to low inflation, the real wage is rising rapidly.
- Industrial output was 5.4% lower in September** than one year earlier, according to the KSH. Unadjusted data show a 7.2% decline in industrial output. Both seasonally and workday adjusted figures show output shrinking by 0.7% from August to September. The performance of industry has not been so poor in four years. Output has been on a downward trend for two years, and it seems that a sudden rebound cannot be expected. Industrial export volume decreased by 5%, yr/yr while domestic industrial sales dropped by 2.9% in September. Output of the manufacturing sector, which represents a 96% weight within the industrial sector, was down 8.3%, that of the energy industry fell by 2.2%, while the output of the relatively small mining sector increased by 29%. Automotive sector production decreased by 11.4%. Within that category vehicle production fell by 14.8% and parts production was down by 8.5%. The production of electrical equipment, with a weight of 10% in the total, was 10.4% lower than a year earlier. There were declines of 11.6% in EV battery production, and 8.6% in the production of electric motors, power generators, and distribution and control devices.
- Average Monthly exchange rates Nov 2024**
1US\$= 385.9720 HUF
1EUR= 409.6105 HUF
Source: Hungarian National Bank www.mnb.hu, <https://statisztika.mnb.hu/>

EMBASSY OF INDIA BUDAPEST

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH of NOVEMBER 2024

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS

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

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

I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

A. Trade in goods

(I) Quantitative Data

(a) Total trade in goods during

0	6	2	0	2	4
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	Export (US\$ mln)	Import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	0.6	12.7	F
Country's total global trade	728.3	1421.5	F

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

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

0	6	2	0	2	4
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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	6	2	0	2	4
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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	'690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight ...	2.4	-	kgs	36.2%
2	'851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	.9	-	kgs	13.2%
3	'090111 Coffee (excl. roasted and decaffeinated)	.9	-	kgs	14.2%
4	'841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	.6	-	kgs	24.8%
5	'843229 Harrows, scarifiers, cultivators, weeders and hoes for use in agriculture, horticulture or ...	.3	-	kgs	46.2%
6	'870192 Tractors, of an engine power > 18 kW but <= 37 kW (excl. those of heading 8709, pedestrian-controlled ...	.3	-	kgs	35.6%
7	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	.3	-	kgs	1.2%
8	'251611 Granite, crude or roughly trimmed (excl. already with the characteristics of setts, curbstones ...	.3	-	kgs	47.3%
9	'640399 Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics or composition leather, with uppers of leather ...	.2	-	kgs	9.9%
10	'680223 Granite and articles thereof, simply cut or sawn, with a flat or even surface (excl. with a ...	.2	-	kgs	42.7%

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

(d) Top items of export to India during

0	6	2	0	2	4
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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	'410150 Whole raw hides and skins of bovine "incl. buffalo" or equine animals, whether or not dehaired17	-	kgs
2	'848291 Balls, needles and rollers for bearings (excl. steel balls of heading 7326)	.12	-	kgs
3	'842199 Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s.	.09	-	kgs
4	'790700 Articles of zinc, n.e.s.	.09	-	kgs
5	'283620 Disodium carbonate	.06	-	kgs
6	'847989 Machines and mechanical appliances, n.e.s.	.05	-	kgs
7	'842131 Intake air filters for internal combustion engines	.01	-	kgs
8	'731029 Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, of iron or steel, for any material, ...	.01	-	kgs

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

(e) Potential products of imports from India (May 2024)

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	'721070 Flat products of iron or non-alloy steel,	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 12.3 mln while imports from India were NIL.
2	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 25.5 mln while imports from India were USD 0.3 mln.
3	'870332 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 28.7 mln, while imports from India were NIL.

4	'740811 Wire of refined copper, with a max cross-sectional dimension of > 6 mm	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 23.7 mln, while imports from India were NIL.
5	'210690 Food preparations, n.e.s.	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 13.6 mln while imports from India were USD 0.02 mln.

Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat, BHAS 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	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
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			(incl. HS codes)	
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 TA/TC)
1	Mostarski Sajam International Trade Fair	16-20 Apr 2024 Mostar	Na	Na	-	Na
2.	Sarajevo Business Forum 2024	21-23 May 2024 Sarajevo	Na	Na	-	Na
3	ZEPS 2024	1-5 Oct 2024 Zenica	Na	Na	-	Na
4	International Agricultural Symposium 2024	10-13 Oct 2024 Jahorina	Na	Na	-	Na
5	International Conference on Economics, Business Management and Social Sciences 2024	16 - 20 Oct 2024 Sarajevo	Na	Na	-	Na
6	International Symposium on Industrial Electronics and Applications 2024	06 - 08 Nov 2024 Banja Luka	Na	Na	-	Na
7	Bosnia Healthcare & Services Expo 2024	17 - 18 Nov 2024 Sarajevo	Na	Na	-	Na
8	Balkan's Power - Hydro Solar Wind 2024	4 - 05 Dec, 2024 Sarajevo	Na	Na	-	Na

c.) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr of Business Visas issued:

S. No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
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(iv) Any other submission (3000 char):

Nil at the time of the report

B. Trade and investment:

Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH www.fipa.gov.ba

Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders): http://europa.ba/?page_id=320

a.) **Significant trends in trade and investment**

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

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods BiH imports	Total imports	The value of imports from India <i>decreased</i> by 40 % in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 reaching USD

	from India		72.2 mln.
		7605 Aluminium wire	The product group increased by 24.4% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 5 mln. It represents 6.9% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 24.7% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 7.6 mln. It represents 10.6% of imports from India to BiH.
		8517 Telephone sets, incl. smartphones and other telephones for cellular networks	The product group increased by 27.2% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 4.5 mln. It represents 6.2% of imports from India to BiH.
		6907 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; ceramic mosaic cubes and the like, whether ...	The product group increased by 51.1% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 6.4 mln. It represents 8.9% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 18.3% in the Jan-June period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 4.1 mln. It represents 5.6% 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 23.1% in the Jan-Dec period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 from USD 897.6 mln to USD 1.1 bln.
		Commercial services	The import of services increased by 23.2 % in the Jan-Dec period of 2023 over the same period of 2022to USD 1.1 bln. It represents 99.3% of all imported services.
		Travel	The import of these services increased by 28.8% in the Jan-Dec period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 363.6mln. It represents 33% of all imported services.
		Transport	The import of these services increased by 7.1% in the Jan-Dec period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 426.6 mln. It represents 38.6% of all imported services.
		Government goods and services n.i.e.	The import of these services increased by 21.4% in the Jan-Dec period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 7.4 mln. It represents 0.7% of all imported services.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	-Nil at the time of the report
		Global investment	
		Production Facility Opened in Rama (EUR 20 mln)	The GS-Rama factory was opened on 5th November in the municipality of Prozor Rama, and will produce welded metal structures with machining and anti-corrosion protection for export. The head of Prozor-Rama Municipality, Jozo Ivancevic, said at the opening ceremony that this is the first production facility opened in the municipality after more than 40 years. So far, KM 20 mln has been invested in the factory, and by the end of construction, the investment will amount to KM 40 mln. Currently 70 workers are currently employed at the GS-Rama factory, with the plan to hire a total of 250. The owner of the GS-Rama factory, Snjezana Kopruner, also the owner of the GS-TMT company in Travnik for 20 years said that the workers in Travnik made it possible to create this investment in ProzorRama.
		Chinese Brand Geely Has Officially Arrived in BiH	Geely, the fastest growing Chinese conglomerate, is set to expand to the BiH market. The first model to enter the market is Coolray with a starting price of 45,999 KM. The Geely brand with its supporting brands through the SEEAL Group is active in 12 markets in Southeast Europe, including BiH. Currently, a representative office has been opened in Sarajevo, and the expansion of the network to four Geely partners is expected soon with the planned expansion to Banja Luka, Mostar and Tuzla underway. Geely is holding owns brands such as Volvo, Smart, Lotus, Polestar, Lynk anc co and Zeekr, and under the same roof less well-known brands such as Geometry, London Electric vehicle company (LEvc), Proton as well as and Terrafugia. All these brands share platforms, drive systems, batteries and a number of other components, which simplifies development, production, and the availability of parts. For now, only Geely and Lynk and co brands will be sold in BiH.

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.	KASTEL FORTRESS BANJA LUKA Total investment cost: appx EUR 25.6 mln https://www.fipa.gov.ba/investinbih/index_htm_files/Kastel%20Fortress,%20Banja%20Luka.pdf e-mail: fipa@fipa.gov.ba Uploaded on Trade Portal 29 Nov 2024		appx EUR 25.6 mln

d. Trade queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal): In the month, Embassy of India has received 14 queries from India and NIL from BiH.

S. No.	enquiry originator	Product with HS codes		Nature (import/ export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	Legion Exim		Agro vege, spice	Export		Query received: 04/11/24 Query answered: 04/11/24
2	Imperia Glboal		ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 08/11/24 Query answered: 08/11/24
3	AJ Exports		Herbs	Export		Query received: 08/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
4	Siscon Tiles	67907, 6710	ceramic tiles, sanitary ware	Export		Query received: 09/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
5	Ecowoodies		Photography props	Export		Query received: 09/11/24 Query answered: 11/11/24
6	UnityTrade International	48181000	Hygiene: tissue paper	Export		Query received: 12/11/24 Query answered: 13/11/24
7	Star Air conditioning		Air coolers	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24
8	Leconn		Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 14/11/24 Query answered: 14/11/24
9	Valenza Ceramic	69072100, 69072300	Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 18/11/24 Query answered: 19/11/24
10	Yash Imperial		Packaging: bags	Export		Query received: 24/11/24 Query answered: 25/11/24
11	Jandu Engineering Works	843930	Engineering (paper industry)	Export		Query received: 27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
12	Indo farm Equipment		Tractors, cranes	Export		Query received:

	Limited					27/11/24 Query answered: 27/11/24
13	Cyclone Pharmaceuticals		Pharma	Export		Query received: 28/11/24 Query answered: 28/11/24
14	Export Genie		Engineering (industrial machinery, equipment)	Export		Query received: 30/11/24 Query answered: 02/12/24

4. important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.:
(Max. 500 words)

Nil at the time of the report

C. Tourism

(a) Tourist Visa issued NOV 2024:

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year (2022)	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year 2023 Jan->	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year 2022 Jan->
1	0	0	0	0

(b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
Nil at the time of the report			

(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts	Na	Na	0	5	5	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-	-	-	489	-		
No. of Likes	-	-	-	4	-		

(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)

1. Annual Inflation 0.9%: According to the BiH Statistics Agency, consumer prices in BiH recorded a monthly increase of 0.2% in October compared to September 2024. On average, the price of food and nonalcoholic beverages increased by 0.8%, alcoholic beverages and tobacco by 0.2%, clothing and footwear by 1.6%, healthcare by 0.5%, education by 0.4%, restaurants and hotels by 0.4%, and other goods and services by 0.3%. Lower prices on average were recorded for housing and overhead expenses by 0.8%, furniture, household appliances and regular home maintenance by 0.2%, and transportation by 0.2%. On an annual basis, in October of this year compared to October of 2023, an average increase in price levels was 0.9%. Food and soft drinks became more expensive on average by 3.4%, alcoholic beverages and tobacco by 4.5%, healthcare by 4%, communications by 0.2%, recreation and culture by 3%, Education by 0.4%, restaurants and hotels by 6.7% and other goods and services by 3.9%. The average decline in prices for clothing and footwear was by 7.9%, housing and overhead expenses by 1.1%, furniture, household appliances and regular home maintenance by 0.4%, and transportation by 6.6%.

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

S. No	Name of Technology	Details	usage	Sector	Company
NIL					

(b) Any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
NIL			

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

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
NIL			

(d) Any science/technology exhibition held:

S.No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
NIL				

(e) Any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of Applicant
NIL				

(f) Any other information (250 char)

NIL

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

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information dissemination	SANJEEVANI – An International Event (Exhibition cum Conference) on Healthcare and Wellness 16 – 18 December 2024, Yashobhoomi	Information was circulated on 15 Nov to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the

		Convention Centre Sector - 25, Dwarka, New Delhi	Mission.
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2025 incorporating 72nd India International Garment Fair from 14-17 February, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan) New Delhi	Information was circulated on 15 Nov to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.

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

BE for current financial year Rs	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
120,000	...		
		NIL	

G. Action taken on the previous JWG's, 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. BiH with EUR 157.5 mln for Energy Transition and Economy: During recent intergovernmental development cooperation talks between Germany and BiH in Berlin, Germany pledged substantial assistance totalling €157.5 mln. This funding, provided through a combination of favourable loans, grants, and technical cooperation, shall target projects in energy transition and sustainable economic development. Germany, through the German Development Bank (KfW), is supporting initiatives such as the construction of wind farms and the decarbonization of BiHs energy sector. Additionally, the German organization Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is assisting businesses and public services in areas like digitalization, vocational training, and the development of a circular economy. Germany will also champion good governance practices and support public institutions in their ongoing efforts to align with European Union standards.

2. India and Bosnia and Herzegovina held their 4th Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Sarajevo on 28 November 2024. The Indian side was led by Shri Arun Kumar Sahu, Additional Secretary (Central Europe), Ministry of External Affairs. The Bosnian side was led by Mr Tarik Bukvic, Head of Department for Asia and Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the FOCs, both sides undertook a comprehensive review of bilateral, regional and international issues. Discussions were focussed on progress made in political relations, trade and investments, cooperation in S&T, cultural relations and people-to-people contacts through students and youth exchange and promotion of tourism between the two countries.

3. Average Monthly Exchange Rates Nov 2024:

1US\$= 1.836815 KM

1EUR= 1.955830 KM

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

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