#### **REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**

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

I. Monthly- Trade in Goods, Tourism & Technologies;

## Name of the Mission (Country): Embassy of India, Riyadh

### I. MONTHLY REPORT: August, 2024

#### A. Trade in goods

### a) Total trade in goods during:

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Trade	Export (US\$ million) Aug	Import (US\$ million) Aug	Status (P) Provisional/(F) Final
Country's trade with India	2352.58	1047.27	Р
Country's total global trade	24742.11	17276.98	Р

Source: General Authority for Statistics\_https://stats.gov.sa/en/1250\_

## b) Top 10 items of import from India during:

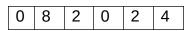
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S. No.	Commodity	Value (US\$ Million) From World	Value (US\$ million) from India	% share in total import of the commodity
1	Transport Equipment and Parts Thereof	2328.16	183.2	7.87%
2	Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment; Parts Thereof	4522.77	180.8	3.99%
3	Base Metals and Articles of Base Metals	1665.31	177.50	10.66%
4	Products of The Chemical and Allied Industries	1703.6	160.1	9.39%
5	Plant Products	756.24	145.23	19.20%

6	Textiles and Textile Articles	489.79	57.15	11.67%
7	Plastics and Articles Thereof; Rubber and Articles Thereof	667.4	31.1	4.66%
8	Live Animals; Animal Products	563.6	25.89	4.59%
9	Mineral products	1026.13	24.64	2.40%
10	Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	826.19	22.4	2.66%

Source: General Authority for Statistics https://stats.gov.sa/en/1250

## c) Top 10 items of export to India during:



S.No.	Commodity	Value (US\$ Million) to World	Value (US\$ million) to India	% share in total import of the commodity
1	Products of The Chemical and Allied Industries	1893.81	308	16.26%
2	Plastics and Articles Thereof; Rubber and Articles Thereof	1752.75	132.56	7.56%
3	Base Metals and Articles of Base Metals	503.52	97.76	19.42%
4	Pearls, Precious and Semi- Precious, False Jewelry	212.56	4.99	2.35%
5	Paper-making Material; paper and Articles Thereof	66.69	3.39	5.1%
6	Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment; Parts Thereof	1110.91	2.72	0.24%
7	Mineral products	88.29	1.23	1.39%
8	Plant Products	45.81	1.01	2.20%

9	Raw Hides and skins, Leather, Furs and Articles Thereof; Suitcases; Handbags and Similar	6.16	0.96	15.58%
10	Textiles and Textile Articles	64.4	0.77	1.2%

Source: General Authority for Statistics

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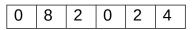
\*Data shown above include only non-oil exports.

## d) Significant trends in trade and investment:

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max.200 words)
1.	Trade	India Saudi bilateral Trade, August 2024	India's export in August 2024 was marked at US\$ 895.28 million with an increase of 8.15% when compared to July 2024 exports (US\$ 827.85 mn) and a growth of 5.21% as compared to exports during August 2023 (US\$ 850.94 mn). During August 2024, exports increased across all commodities including major increase in Engineering Goods, Chemicals and Electronic Goods. <i>Source- Niryat</i>
2.	Investment	Indian FDI in Saudi Arabia:Approx.US\$ 3 billion(August 2023).Source-MinistryMinistryofInvestment,SaudiArabia(MISA)Saudi FDI in India:	As per the latest data shared by MISA as on August 2023, a total of 2923 Indian companies are registered in Saudi Arabia with investments amounting to US\$ 3 billion, investing in sectors such as Airports, Steel Manufacturing, Mining, Construction among others. Recently, L&T has been awarded 2 major contracts including one in Saudi Mega project Amaala.
		Approx. US\$ 3.228 billion (June 2024) Now, Saudi Arabia ranks 20 <sup>th</sup> position in India. Source: DPIIT Total Saudi Investments in	<b>PIF</b> has also invested approximately US\$1.3 billion for an equity stake of 2.04% in Reliance Retail Ventures Limited ("RRVL"). They have invested approximately US\$1.5 billion in Jio Platform; this will be translated into a 2.32% equity stake in Jio on a fully diluted basis.
		Total Saudi Investments in India : US\$ 7.828 billion	In 2020, SALIC, a wholly-owned subside of PIF acquired 30% stake in Daawat F

Apart from FDI, PIF has shown interest in Indirect Foreign Investment by	9.2 % stake in LT Foods, India with an
partnering with Soft bank's Vision Fund I (PIF's share is 45 % in Vision Fund I). Soft bank's Vision Fund I has	<b>Alfanar</b> has invested approximately USD 600 million in Wind Plant in Gujarat an Solar Power Plant in Rajasthan.
invested approx \$11.25 billion (PIF's share : approx \$4.6 billion) in India, in the	<b>SABIC</b> has opened its Technology Centre in Bangalore with an investment of \$100 mn.
last five years in Indian companies such as Lenskart, Flipkart, OYO, Delhivery, FirstCry, Grofers, Ola, Paytm, Unacademy,	<b>Petromin, Saudi Arabia</b> in collaboration with HPCL has plans to invest around \$700 mn in India in fuel stations, multi-brand vehicle service workshops & EV charging stations.
Policy Bazaar etc.	<b>Al Jomaih</b> has invested in renewable energy projects in India including developing of a 120 MW solar plant in Gujarat.
	<b>Source</b> - Media Reports / concerned companies

## B. Market Access on Alerts



## a) Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

Sr. No	Notificatio n no. and date	HS cod e	Descriptio n	Original custom s tariff	Present custom s tariff	Effectiv e from	Remark s if any	Upload notificatio n (pdf only)
	NIL during the reporting period							

Source: -

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

SI. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any		
NIL during reporting period							
Source	e:						

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

SI. No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	Classificat ion / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	Technical Regulation for Special-use Vehicle Equipment and Accessories Date: 23 August, 2024				Link : https://www.saso.gov. sa/ar/Laws-And- Regulations/Technical _regulations/ Documents/TR- Special-Use-Vehicle- Equipment-and- Accessories.pdf
2.	Technical Regulation for Communications and Information Technology Devices Date: 16 August, 2024				https:// www.saso.gov.sa/ar/ Laws-And- Regulations/ Technical_regulations/ Documents/TR- Communications-and- Information- Technology- Devices.pdf

Source: Saudi Standard(SASO)

https://www.saso.gov.sa/en/laws-and-regulations/technical\_regulations/pages/default.aspx\_

# d) Any other alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: (Safeguards including special safeguard, anti dumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S. No.	Details
	<b>Notification no. date or other references :</b> GCC Notice on initiation of investigation published on 5.11.2018 in the Official Gazette of GCC
	<b>Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) :</b> The duties have been imposed for a period of 5 years from June 6, 2020 till June 5, 2025. Definitive anti-dumping duty rate between 17.6% to 106% on imports from India.
	Details of products/ sectors affected : Ceramic tiles

**Description :** Anti-dumping duties have been applied against import of ceramic tiles originating from India, China.

The Indian companies had given their responses to the final provisional report in Oct 2019. A 6-member delegation led by ADG, DGTR, Ministry of Commerce visited GCC Secretariat on 26 Nov, 2019 and conveyed India's concerns to the GCC Anti-Dumping team.

GCC authorities imposed definitive anti-dumping duty against imports of ceramic and porcelain tiles from India for a period of 5 years from June 6, 2020. Concerns of India on the same were raised with GCC and Saudi authorities, including during CIM's bilateral virtual meeting with Saudi Commerce Minister in June 2020 and April 2021, and through written letters. Mission is pursuing the matter.

The matter was taken up by HCIM, during his bilateral meeting with his Saudi counterpart in September, 2022, June, 2023 and October, 2023. The matter was also taken up by DG, DGTR with Governor, GAFT during his visit to Riyadh on 24 November, 2022; and by Secretary (CPV & OIA) during visit to Riyadh for first India-GCC SOM on 20 March, 2023.

2. Notification no. date or other references : GCC Notice on Initiation of Investigation published on 05/04/2021 and shared with the Mission through an NV

**Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)** : The duties have been imposed for a period of 5 years from October 1, 2022 till September 30, 2027. Definitive anti-dumping duty rate between 17.6% to 106% on imports from India.

**Details of products/ sectors affected :** Automotive batteries of capacity from 32 to 225 Amp

**Description :** The Ministerial Committee formed by the Ministers of Industry in the GCC Council adopted the recommendations of the Permanent Committee to Combat Harmful Practices in international Trade for the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, to impose final anti-dumping duties on export engine batteries with a capacity of 32 to 225 amps originating from Turkey and India. However, there is no anti-dumping duty imposed on export from Spain. The matter was taken up by Secretary (CPV & OIA) during visit to Riyadh for first India-GCC SOM on 20 March, 2023; and during his visit in May 2024.

3. Notification no. date or other references : GCC Notice on Initiation of Investigation published on 13/08/2023

**Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review) :** Initiation of Anti-dumping investigation by TSAIP, GCC Secretariat on import of product of Sanitary Ware made of Porcelain or Chinese Porcelain or others

**Details of products/ sectors affected :** Ceramic Sinks-Wash Basins, Wash Basin Pedestals, Baths, Bidets, Water Closet Pans, Flushing Cisterns, Urinals and Similar

Sanitary Fixtures

**Description :** GCC-TSAIP had initiated ADD Investigation on Products of Sanitary Ware made of Porcelain or Chinese Porcelain or others from India on August 13, 2023. [The Mission on request of DGTR had requested GCC for extension of deadline by 5 working days for submitting of representation by Indian exporters. However GCC denied the extension of deadline]. The issue has been taken up with GCC and Saudi side on different occasions.

A 4-member delegation from GCC-TSAIP visited India in February 2024 for on-spot verification of three private establishments regarding anti-dumping investigation of Products of Sanitary Ware. Preliminary Report on the Investigation was shared by GCC on 28 March, 2024. The comments on the Preliminary Report from the Indian side was forwarded to the Secretariat in April 2024. The matter was also raised by Secretary (CPV & OIA) with Secretary General, GCC during his visit to Riyadh in May 2024.

# e) Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

SI.	Notification no.,	Service	Modes	Effective	Remarks if any		
No	and date or other	sectors		from			
•	references	affected					
NIL during reporting period							

Source:

## f) Representation of trade issues

Sr.	Selec	Issue	HS	Products	Reportin	Company/	Status	Importin
No.	t	S	Cod	Descriptio	g	Exporter Name	of the	g
	Issue	Detail	е	n	Agency	if any	Issue #	Country
	Field*	S			(India)			Authority
								Name
								and
								Remarks
	NIL during the period.							

Source: -

Note

\* Issue Selection Fields – Tariff / Non-Tariff Barriers / Trade Remedies / Customs Clearance / Others

# Status of Issue Selection Fields – Three fields (forwarded to concerned authority / under discussion / resolved)

## C. Stakeholders' Feedback and Action Taken

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

Sr. No	Name of the Firm/Company	Sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	Visit of a team from Engineers India Limited (EIL)	Engineering Consultancy & EPC		On August 4, Ambassador met with a team from Engineers India Limited (EIL) led by Mr. Vivek Midha, Sr. General Manager & Mr. Mandip Kapoor, CGM. EIL, a leading Indian public sector engineering consultancy and EPC company under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is all set to make an entry into the Saudi market.
2.	Visit of Vice Chairman and CEO of Rashmi Metaliks Limited	Construction Items		On August 13, Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan met with Mr. Sunil Patwari, Vice Chairman and CEO of Rashmi Metaliks Limited. and his team today. Mr. Patwari briefed the Ambassador on their business plans in Saudi Arabia, and they discussed other issues of mutual interests.
3.	Visit of a team from Tata Motors	Automobile		On August 19, Regional Manager International Business at Tata Motors, Mr Abhishek Mathur & his team met Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan. The team briefed the Ambassador on the Tata Motors' current business strategy in the Kingdom and their future expansion plans.
4.	Visit of MD/CEO Medicare Group	Pharmaceuticals		On August 25, Dr C P Gaur, MD/CEO of Medicare Group, met with Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan at the Embassy. He, along with his

			local partner, briefed Ambassador on their upcoming JV in the Kingdom. He also discussed plans to open a series of Medical Diagnostics Centers in Saudi Arabia.
5.	Visit of VP, Apollo Hospitals	Pharmaceuticals	 On August 28, Mr Jithu Jose, Vice President International Patient Division, Apollo Hospitals Group, called on Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan. He briefed the Ambassador about the plans of the Apollo Group to engage with Saudi Arabia in the health care sector.

## b) Feedback on major trade promotion activities/events

Sr. No.	Activity/Events (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name of EPC/Trade Body coordinating participants	Mission's Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	India Utsav	14 August, 2024, Lulu Hypermark et in Riyadh			Ambassador inaugurated a week- long festival organized by Lulu Group across all its stores in Saudi Arabia on the occasion of Indian Independence Day and launched a number of Indian products in Saudi Arabia.
2.	SFDA Workshop for the Indian Pharma Industry	27 August 2024 Virtual	60	Pharmexil, IPA, IDMA	Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) organized a Workshop for the Indian Pharma Industry. It was attended by Department of Commerce, Government of India, Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association President, Pharmexcil (Pharmaceuticals

					Export Promotion Council of India), Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, etc. The Workshop was addressed by CEO SFDA, Ambassador of India to KSA & Senior Advisor, NITI Aayog.
3.	Sweet Catalogue" commercial show organised by Jazan Chamber of Commerce	28-29 August, 2024 Jazan	36	FICCI, CII, SGCCI, and MPEDA	Catalogues of 36 Indian Companies from sectors such as – Construction, Agricultural Equipment, Fertilizers, Cosmetics, Food & Beverages, and Food Packaging were showcased at this event. The event provided a global platform for Indian companies to expand their outreach in the Kingdom which had around 1200 visitors.

# c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under RBSM; number of Business Visas issued:

Sr. 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	Mission's Feedback
1.					74	

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

S. No.	Enquiry Originator & Company Name	Product	Nature (Import/ Export)	Action Taken

*Eol Riyadh* received a Total of **241 Trade queries** in August 2024, details attached in **Annexure 1**.

**CGI Jeddah** received **43 trade queries** during the month of August, 2024. All the queries have been replied to. The queries were mainly related to seeking list of importers of food products, coffee, men wears, brass jewellery, spices, honey, fruits and vegetables, ready made garments, rice, handicrafts, industrial products, aluminium foil tissue, frozen food disposable cup tiles,

sanitary ware, building hardware and accessories, metal leather, glass etc.

## D. <u>Tourism:</u>

## a) Tourist / Business Visa Issued by Mission:

Sr.	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the	No. of Business Visa issued during the
No	<month>, <year></year></month>	<month>, <year></year></month>
1.	August, 2024: 121	August, 2024: 74

## b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events/Interactions held / organised:

Sr. No.	Details of Event/ Interaction	Theme/Topic	Description / No. of Participants and type of participation (tour operators/ tourism companies/ social influencers etc.)		
Catao	1. Prominent Indian Tourism destinations' videos and photos were displayed during the Sweet Cataog Show, which had around 1200 visitors, organized by Jazan Chamber of Commerce, Jazan, Saudi Arabia in August, 2024.				

2. Famous Indian Tourism destinations were publicized digitally through social media handles of the Embassy during August 2024.

## c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:

Sr. No.	Date	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken		
NIL during the period						

### E. <u>Opportunities in Technology/Investment/Procurement:</u>

## a) Opportunities in Technology:

Sr.	Name of	Sector	Potential opportunity for ToT/	B2B
No	Technology		collaboration	partnership possible/ identified companies
1	Semi-	Semi-	Saudi Arabia is rapidly emerging as a key	
	conductor	conductor	player in the global semiconductor	

industry, driven by ambitious initiatives	
aimed at establishing a strong foothold in	
this crucial sector. At the forefront of Saudi	
Arabia's semiconductor push is the \$100	
billion Alat project, led by the Kingdom's	
wealth fund. Alat aims to address rising	
domestic demand and position the nation	
as a global hub for semiconductor	
innovation and production.	
https://www.arabnews.com/node/2566001/	
business-economy	

b) Out borne opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

Sr. No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
		NIL during reporting period	

Source:

c) Export Opportunities - Information on tender Notices for projects and procurement which are open to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD 5 million & above) – Government Procurement (GP) as well as non-GP.

Sr.	Tender/	GP/Non-GP	Sector	Value of tender/				
No.	procurement notice			procurement				
	No and date							
57 Tend	57 Tenders notices issued during the month of August 2024 which were published by CGI							
Jeddah on the India Trade Portal.								

Source: -

### d) Any press coverage/notification on new technology/ IPR Regulations:

Sr. No.	Sector	Details	Remarks	Upload Documents
1.	Energy	AdvanceGreenEconomywithHydrogenand	Technology (KAUST) has announced a strategic partnership with NEOM to accelerate the transformation of the	

technologies through three cutting-edge	
applied research projects.	

## E. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the Commercial Wing

Sr. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars/webinars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ webinar 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.	SFDA Workshop for the Indian Pharma Industry	27 August 2024 Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) organized a Virtual Workshop for the Indian Pharma Industry. It was attended by representatives from Department of Commerce, Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association President, Pharmexcil (Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India), Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, etc. The Workshop was addressed by Dr. Hisham Aljadhey, CEO SFDA, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, Ambassador of India & Mr. Sanjeet Singh, Senior Advisor, NITI Aayog.	
2.	Ambassador's meeting with Assistant Secretary General, GCC	19 August, 2024 Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan had a meeting with Dr. Abdulaziz Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary General, The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC). They discussed India-GCC relations, exploring issues of mutual interests & areas for future collaborations.	
3.	Counsellor (E&C)'s meeting with Acting Deputy Manager, Asian Countries Relations, Saudi General Authority of Foreign Trade	On August 8, Counsellor (Economic & Commerce) Ms Manusmriti met with Mr. Faleh Al Mutairi, Acting Deputy Manager, Asian Countries Relations, Saudi General Authority of Foreign Trade and discussed strengthening India - Saudi bilateral trade relations.	
4.	Webinar for Indian companies	7 August, 2024 The Embassy of India in Riyadh is organized a webinar for Indian companies in collaboration with the Ministry of Investment, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the Regional Headquarters Programme of the Kingdom. Senior officials from the Ministry of Investment, KSA presented in the webinar, outlining key requirements and benefits of the programme. Around 50	

		Indian companies attended the webiner	
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5.	Virtual meeting between	7 August, 2024	
	SFDA and	A virtual meeting between SFDA and	
	APEDA/MPEDA	APEDA/MPEDA took place on 7th august	
		to discuss various outstanding issues viz.	
		ban on import of poultry products,	
		shrimps / lobsters, registration of merchant	
		exporters of rice and Mutual Recognition of	
		Halal scheme.	
6.	CGI Jeddah	1. A meeting was held on 22nd August,	
		2024 between Consul General and Mr.	
		Tilak Patil VP (ME & Africa, Invest India, to	
		explore potential investment opportunities	
		in India.	
		2. A meeting was held with Consul General	
		& CEO of Omer Kasim Al Esayi Marketing	
		Company on 25th August, 2024 to explore	
		the bilateral trade with India.	
		3. Consulate General of India, Jeddah	
		participated in "Sweet Catalogue Show"	
		held in Jazan, Saudi Arabia, between 28-	
		29 August, 2024 and showcased	
		catalogues of nearly 36 Indian companies	
		in the Sector of Food Products, Agricultural	
		Machinery, and Pharma Sector.	
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## F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current	RE for current	Amount utilized	Details of Activity
financial year	financial year		(Max.200 words)
Rs. 19,00,000 Eol Riyadh		Rs. 4,92,587/-	(i)Translation of ADD Documents by Certified Translator (ii) Meed Subscription
			(iii) Printing of WFI 2024 Brochures
			(iv) Procurement of India-Saudi Joint Lapel Pins
			(v) ODOP Promotion
			(vi) Webex Annual Subscription
Rs. 4,00,000 CGI Jeddah		Rs. 2,430.50	Payment towards custom duty for the Catalogues coming from Indian to be showcased in sweet catalogue show

		to be held in Jizan on 28-29 August, 2024

## G. Action taken on Complaints from foreign/ Indian Buyer/Supplier:

No. of Trade	From	Local	From	Indian	Description/ No. of complaints
complaints	companies		Companies		on which Action is Taken
received					
1	NIL during	August			As per different Purchased Orders
in August	2024		1. WOVEN	FABRIC	received from M/s. Commercial
2024			COMPANY		Central Systems for the supply of
					FR Winter Jackets, 100%
					COTTON WOVEN MENS FR
					INDUSTRIAL COVERALL and
					100% COTTON WOVEN MENS
					FR SHIRT & PANT supplied the
					Garments under Export Invoice
					Nos. EXP/121 dated 17.01.2024
					for USD 2,46,413.20 As per there
					bank due dated was 24.04.2024.
					In spite of regulars follow up they
					have defaulted the payments. We
					require your assistance for the
					recovery of the dues.
					As suggested by local authorities,
					the Mission has sought additional
					information related to the dispute
					through DGFT Portal.

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