Embassy of India
Budapest

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
For the month of AUGUST 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

0	5	2	0	2	4

	export (US$ mln)	import (US$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	41.8	69.1	F
Country's total global trade	12901.9	11820.0	F

Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary

b) Preferential trade in goods during

0	5	2	0	2	4

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	5	2	0	2	4

S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	8.8	98.3	kgs	8.8%
2	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	4.7	41.5	kgs	44.9%
3	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	3.4	9.2	kgs	49.5%
4	390769 Poly"ethylene terephthalate"	3.1	2,808.0	kgs	53.2%

5	293499 "Nucleic acids and their salts	2.4	3.4	kgs	50.9%
6	401110 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	2.4	787.5	kgs	7.0%
7	293399 "Heterocyclic compounds	1.4	1.2	kgs	27.4%
8	847340 Parts and accessories of other office machines of heading 8472, n.e.s.	1.4	23.6	kgs	25.8%
9	610910 T-shirts, singlets and other vests of cotton, knitted or crocheted	1.2	70.7	kgs	4.1%
10	870893 Clutches and parts thereof	1.2	294.6	kgs	2.8%

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

d) Top 10 items of export to India during

0	5	2	0	2	4

S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof	4.4	1.7	kgs
2	847150 Processing units for automatic data processing machines	4.2	13.4	kgs
3	294190 Antibiotics (excl. penicillins and their derivatives	3.7	.2	kgs
4	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses	2.2	52.0	kgs
5	847180 Units for digital automatic data processing machines (excl. processing units, input or output units and storage units)	1.4	.2	kgs
6	850440 Static converters	1.4	56.7	kgs
7	681513 Articles of carbon fibres, for non-electrical purposes (excl. fabrics)	1.1	62.1	kgs
8	870893 Clutches and parts thereof, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	1.1	160.4	kgs
9	300691 Appliances identifiable for ostomy use	1.0	15.2	kgs
10	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control	1.0	8.8	kgs

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

e) Potential products of imports from India during

0	5	2	0	2	4

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	382499 Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, incl. those consisting of mixtures of natural products, n.e.s.	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 172.6 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 171.4 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.2 mln
3	300215 Immunological products	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 247.5mln, 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 162.3 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were 0.2
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 159.3mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.8 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?lang=en&text=Trade+Barrier&qid=1592639361096&type=quick&scope=EURLEX&sortone=DD&sortoneorder=desc&sortoneorder=desc&page=2#SearchCriteriaPanel

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

e. Alert on services, regulatory regime,
Qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

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

Overview of General Barriers to FDI in Hungary:

Regulatory barriers and administrative burden are affecting all sectors but particularly energy, construction, and banking: The overall administrative burden, including start-ups, negatively affects investment decisions. The instability of the regulatory framework, with frequent and unpredictable regulatory changes, creates uncertainty for investors and is hindering both internal investment and FDIs.

The Hungarian government imposes a 100% offset requirement for defined sector investments over HUF 1bln (EUR 2.8 mln). Efficiency of procedures in construction and environmental permits is insufficient; corruption also raises risk for investors. There is no requirement that investors must purchase from local sources, but the EU Rules of origin applies.

Ownership restrictions (all non-EU)

according to the 2014 Land Law, only private Hungarian or EU citizens resident in Hungary with a minimum of three years experience of working in agriculture or holding degree in agriculture can purchase farmland, which is limited to 300 hectares. All others may lease farmland. All farmland purchases must be approved by a local land committee and Hungarian authorities, local farmers and young farmers must be offered a chance to purchase the land first. Up to 1200 hectares for a maximum of 20 years may be leased.

Price controls in consumer facing sectors and others considered to be of strategic importance.

The Hungarian government regulates the prices of certain goods, setting the upper and lower limits to which the private sector must adhere. Sectors include energy, pharmaceuticals. Cuts on regulated utilities prices have put considerable pressure on private utilities companies, decreasing profit margins and adding to an increasingly difficult operating environment.

State intervention in Banking, energy, agriculture, media, telecommunications, and retail sectors.

Since 2012 government has invested in state-owned enterprises with the objective of lessening the participation of foreign-owned competitors, especially in the energy sector. From 1 Jan 2019, the chemical industry, the telecom sector, vehicle construction, metallurgy, optics and electric equipment production, the defence industry, water and sewage management, the financial sector, food industry and agriculture, production of construction materials, state administration, health care, wage management, transport and tourism sectors have been added. Foreign investors in the targeted sectors have expressed concerns that the tax regime has become unpredictable and the additional levies appear to have been aimed against some industries with a high level of foreign ownership.

Basic Rules of The Protection of Strategic assets Concerning Foreign investments

The European Commission has issued Communication 2020/C 99 i/01 in which it has given guidance to the Member States of the EU concerning the protection of Europe's strategic assets from the foreign direct investment, ahead of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation) which is applicable from 11 October 2020.Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1298 of 13 July 2020 amended the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/452.

Hungary first adopted FDI screening mechanisms by act LVII of 2018 for FDIs violating the security interests of the country, then in the economic crisis caused by COVID-19, further screening rules were adopted for FDIs by Government Decree nr. 227/2020. (V.25.). According to the above, certain transactions concerning Hungarian-seated companies operated in strategic sectors by foreign investors shall be reported to the Minister of Finance and the acknowledgement of the Minister of Finance is necessary for the realisation of the acquisition of the shares until 31 December 2020. These transactions include the acquisition of shares, the increase of the registered capital and the transformation of the company. The strategic sectors specified by the Government Decree include energy, communication, finance, agriculture and food industry, healthcare, construction, transport industry, tourism, IT, mechanical engineering, etc. Those foreign investors that have shares in a company registered in the EU, European economic Community or in Switzerland shall only report the transaction if majority interest will be acquired indirectly. Conversely, the foreign investors wishing to acquire shares in a Hungarian company directly have to report any transactions by which the foreign investor would acquire shares at a ratio of at least 10% and the value of the investment is at least 350 000 000 HUF (appx EUR 1 mln). The Minister of Finance has 45 days or in specific and duly justified cases 60 days to decide on the acknowledgement of the transaction. Should the Minister provide a negative decision, then the exact reason of the prohibition is not required to be mentioned. Aggrieved investor may appeal before The metropolitan Court for a review of the prohibiting decision.

Banking, agriculture, defence and energy

The Hungarian government has publicly declared that reducing foreign bank market share in the Hungarian financial sector and tightening regulations governing NGOs are key priority areas. Several state-led initiatives over the past several years targeted the banking sector and reduced foreign participation.

(iii). Other Feedback

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

S. No.	Name of business house	activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
	NIL at the time of the report			

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

S. No.	activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI 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)
1					na	na

(iv) any other submission 3000 char

1. Tourism record figures in July: Some 2.4 mln visitors spent 6.6 mln guest nights at Hungarian hotels and accommodation sites in July, record figures for the month, up 4.1% and 2% yr/yr, the Economy Ministry said. Overnight stays by foreign guests rose 5.4% to 2.8 mln. Budapest accounted for 22.8% of the traffic, with 1.52 mln guest nights, up 8.7% yr/yr. Some 5.1 mln guest nights were registered outside the capital. The first seven months' figures show that close to 10 mln visitors spent 24.5 mln nights at accommodation sites, up 10.6% and 6% respectively yr/yr. The tourism industry is a strategic pillar of Hungary's economy, contributing over 10% of GDP and providing livelihoods for around 400,000 people, the ministry said.

2. Inflation stood at 4.1% yr/yr in July, up from 3.7% in June, the KSH said. Compared to June, prices rose by 0.7%. Among the largest increases, the price of sugar soared by 46.3%, flour by 12.4% and pork by 10.7% yr/yr. The price of chocolate and cocoa both went up by 10%. Fuel prices increased by 6%. The cost of eggs dropped by 14.7%, dairy products by 8%, and pasta fell by 7.6%, bread by 4.6%. Household energy became 4.5% cheaper. In July, core inflation – which excludes energy and seasonal foods – rose by 4.7% yr/yr and by 0.7% on the previous month. Over the first seven months, the average inflation was 3.8% yr/yr. The acceleration of inflation in July was higher than expected, which was mainly due to the end of mandatory price controls on certain food items, the fuel price increase, and a significant increase in the price of holiday-related services.

3. Industrial output was down 8.2% in annual terms in June and by 3.7% when adjusted for working days, the KSH siad. Output edged up 0.5% compared to May. Output of the automotive industry, with a 28% weight, shrank by 11.8%, yr/yr, while production of electric equipment – including EV batteries – declined by 22.6%, due to the slowdown in external markets and lower demand for electric vehicles in Europe. The stock of new orders was flat in June as new domestic orders declined by 4.2%, and new export orders rose by 0.7%. The total stock of orders was 28% lower than a year earlier. Tamás Székely, President of the Chemical Workers' Union, warned that companies are reducing shifts and laying off staff. Europe has not recovered from the pandemic, he said, adding that the EU’s Green Deal has had a negative impact on the automotive industry.

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 *decreased* by 8.% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 from USD 205.1 mln reaching USD 182.8 mln yr/yr.
		8526 Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control	The product group *decreased* by 36.5% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 to USD 12.2mln. It represents 6.7% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8507 Electric accumulators, incl. separators therefor	The product group increased by 43.2% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 to USD 20.3 mln. It represents 11.1% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	The product group *decreased* by 13.7% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 to USD 15.7 mln. It represents 8.6% 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 11.4% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 to USD 10.2 mln. It represents 5.6% of imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group increased by 51.6% in the Jan-Mar period of 2023 to USD 16.8 mln. It represents 9.2% 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 4.9% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 from USD 5.5 bln to USD 5.8 bln.
		Travel Services	The service group experienced a 41.4% growth in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 830.3 mln. It represents 14.2% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group increased by of 11.4 % in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 614.8. It represents 10.5% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group increased by of 6.9% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 162.5 mln. It represents 2.8% of total service imports to Hungary.
		Engineering services	The service group increased by 15.3% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 119.3 mln. It represents 2% of total service imports from India to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group increased by 34.1% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 32.8 mln. It represents 0.6% of total service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Global investment	
	1.	Flex lays foundation stone for car parts factory in Zalaegerszeg (EUR 90 mln)	Flex, the US manufacturing company, laid the foundation stone of its new car parts factory in Zalaegerszeg on 08 Aug. The plant will produce high-voltage converters for electric and hybrid cars. Production is set to begin in the summer of 2025, said Flex Hungary Vice-President Agota Peter. PMs Office Leader Gergely Gulyas, noted that 20 percent of the investment costs would be provided by a state subsidy. The factory will create a total of 210 jobs, of which 20 will be in research and development.

	2	BYD to import EV batteries from China for Szeged plant	Chinese vehicle maker BYD will import EV batteries from China and install them in cars to be assembled at its new plant under construction in Szeged, Zhang Bo, Senior Engineer and Deputy General Manager of BYDs logistics department, said. BYD announced plans to build a new EV factory in the south Hungarian city late last year. Plans call for the foundation stone to be laid in the autumn. BYD is set to start production a year from now and produce 150,000 cars annually, with a future target of 300,000. The factory will employ 3,000 to 4,000 people at the start, expanding to 10,000 over time. Bo stressed that BYD plans to comply with all EU and Hungarian environmental regulations and will collaborate with the University of Szeged and local NGOs.
	3	Spanish government blocks sale of Talgo to Hungarian group	The Spanish government has blocked the sale of train manufacturer Talgo to a Hungarian consortium, citing national security concerns and the protection of strategic interests according to the media. The Spanish suspect that the Hungarian government is behind the bid and that the consortium led by Ganz MaVag may have links to Russia. The Spanish government has the authority to veto foreign acquisitions under a special decree designed to protect domestic companies from hostile takeovers. Talgos board of directors assessed the bid as friendly and described the EUR 5 per share offer, putting the company market value at EUR 619 mln, as attractive. Minority shareholder Pegaso, led by the British fund Trilantic, which holds 40 percent of the shares, was willing to sell its stake. The Spanish government considered Skoda as a potential buyer, but the Czech company decided not to make a bid. Talgo manufactures trains with adjustable gauge axles, which allows high-speed trains to operate on different track gauges.

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	Hungary – Software support services – Oracle software SUP24 OJ S 157/2024 13/08/2024 Address: Digitalis Kormanyzati Ugynokseg Zrt 1134 Budapest Vaci u. 35 Contact person: Jakoi Viktoria Email: jakoi.viktoria@dkuzrt.hu Telephone: +36 307166293 Publication date: 13/08/2024 Deadline for receipt of tenders: 11/09/2024 - 15:00:00 (UTC+2) Link: https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/487197-2024 Uploaded on Trade portal: 19 Aug 2024	IT Software	Value excluding VAT: HUF 25.48 bln / appx USD 70.8 mln

d. Trade Queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal).
For the month the Mission received 66 trade inquiries from India and Nil 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	Anunavi Apparels	6109, 6110, 6111 a	Texties, garments	Export		Query received: 01/08/24 Query answered: 01/08/24
2	Hygreev Sri Balaji Retail Essentials	091030, 0910	Agro: spice	Export		Query received: 02/08/24 Query answered: 02/08/24
3	SSP		Engineering: machinery	Export		Query received: 02/08/24 Query answered: 02/08/24
4	Bihar Fruits	08109060	Agro: fruits	Export		Query received: 04/08/24 Query answered: 05/08/24
5	Faye Exim		Agro: spice, edible oils	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 05/08/24
6	MIGO Farms		Agro: nuts, edible oils	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 05/08/24
7	Uniphos Industries		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
8	Won Technologies		Engineering for various sectors	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
9	JR Exim		Textiles, garments, fabrics	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
10	Hari Textiles	63026090	Textiles: home textiles	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
11	Gel Ashish chem Impex		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 06/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
12	Illjin Electronics		Electronics	Export		Query received: 06/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
13	Goldy Export		Agro: Herbs, spice	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
14	RK Rosto Foods		Foodstuff	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
15	Indian Carpet Gallery	5701, 5702, 5703, 5704, 5705	Home textiles	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
16	Alps Exports		Pet accessories	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
17	Daffodils Resources		Services: manpower	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
18	The Risign Eastern Global		Foodstuff	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
19	Reva Fisheries		Seafood	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
20	Third eye group		Stones	Export		Query received: 08/08/24 Query answered: 08/08/24
21	Rug Weavers		Home textiles	Export		Query received: 08/08/24 Query answered: 08/08/24
22	TransGlobal Express		Miscellaneous	Export		Query received: 08/08/24 Query answered: 08/08/24
23	GuardhH		Chemicals: cleaning product	Export		Query received: 09/08/24 Query answered: 09/08/24
24	Super Impex	7411,7412, 7418, 7419,8536,8538.	Engineering: fittings	Export		Query received: 09/08/24 Query answered: 13/08/24
25	ATIPL Fabrics	5516, 5208, 540822, 520811	Texties, fabrics	Export		Query received: 10/08/24 Query answered: 13/08/24
26	Prgatai Polyking		Garden articles	Export		Query received: 10/08/24 Query answered: 13/08/24
27	Infinity Engineering Services	9031, 9983, 8479, 8542,	Engineering: machinery	Export		Query received: 11/08/24

		8535,8536,8537				Query answered: 13/08/24
28	Tiach International	63026090,63023100,63041910	Home textiles	Export		Query received: 12/08/24 Query answered: 13/08/24
29	Paragon Tapes	3919,4811,7607	Adhesive tapes	Export		Query received: 10/08/24 Query answered: 14/08/24
30	Impals		Agro: spice, nuts	Export		Query received: 13/08/24 Query answered: 14/08/24
31	Ashva Donkey Farm		Agro: milk	Export		Query received: 14/08/24 Query answered: 16/08/24
32	Floral Biotech		Helath supplements, nutraceuticals	Export		Query received: 16/08/24 Query answered: 16/08/24
33	Engimold Techno Engineering		Engineering: machinery parts	Export		Query received: 17/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
34	Vikas Exports		Food	Export		Query received: 18/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
35	Mipa Overseas	2922, 23099010, 3002, 30024200, 23099020, 2309	Animal feed	Export		Query received: 19/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
36	Easterilly Tradez		Gift bags, handicrafts	Export		Query received: 21/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
37	Anvesanam Infotech		Misc	Export		Query received: 21/08/24 Query answered: 22/08/24
38	Aspire Exports	2506	Stones	Export		Query received: 21/08/24 Query answered: 22/08/24
39	Mais India Medical Devices		Medical equipment, hospital products	Export		Query received: 22/08/24 Query answered: 22/08/24
40	Ekikrta Industries		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 22/08/24 Query answered: 22/08/24
41	Srijan Global		Copper wire	Export		Query received: 22/08/24 Query answered: 23/08/24
42	Golden Village Exports		Food: mango pulp	Export		Query received: 23/08/24 Query answered: 23/08/24
43	UH Fashion	42022910	Leather bags	Export		Query received: 23/08/24 Query answered: 23/08/24
44	Venkatesh Group		Home textiles, Cement	Export		Query received: 24/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
45	Viva Global india		Engineering goods	Export		Query received: 24/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
46	Widevalley Export and Import		Agro: fruits	Export		Query received: 25/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
47	Jairam strap	392062	packaging: straps	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
48	Vikas Exports		Agro: vege, spice, seafood	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
49	Gosky Exim		Herbal extracts	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
50	The Rising Eastern Glboal		Packaging	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
51	Tirubala International	4107, 4113	leather footwear	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
52	Hoock Exim		Misc	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
53	J Rana and Company	980410	Pharma	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
54	Indexpreneur Venture, Vivanture Lifestyle		Misc	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
55	Stylee Lifestyle	5407, 08, 5504, 6006	Textiles fashion	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
56	Prakash Engineering		Engineering: machinery parts	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
57	Sunria Bioscience	3301,3302,3303,3304,3305,3306	Cosmetics	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
58	Prefine Chemicals	28061000	Chemicals	Export		Query received: 28/08/24 Query answered: 29/08/24

59	Anita International	04081100	Food: egg powder	Export		Query received: 28/08/24 Query answered: 29/08/24
60	Megamerch		Misc	Export		Query received: 29/08/24 Query answered: 30/08/24
61	Infijet Exim		Misc	Export		Query received: 29/08/24 Query answered: 30/08/24
62	Sapphhrehealthcare India		Food supplements, nutraceuticals	Export		Query received: 31/08/24 Query answered: 30/08/24
63	Panacea Medical Technologies		Medical equipment	Export		Query received: 31/08/24 Query answered: 02/09/24
64	HiTech Pattern Craft		Engineering: Steel and metal	Export		Query received: 31/09/24 Query answered: 02/09/24
65	Seahath Canning Company		Food canned vegetables, spices	Export		Query received: 31/09/24 Query answered: 02/09/24
66	Briskon Impex		Agro: rice	Export		Query received: 31/09/24 Query answered: 02/09/24

Hungarian Trade enquiries

Enquiry originator	**Product with HS codes**	**Nature import/ export)**	**Value (US$ mln)**	**Action Taken (Max.200 words)** (List of companies sent)
NIL at the time of the report				

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

Nil at the time of the report

C. **Tourism**

(a) Tourist Visa issued: AUG 2024

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	na	1	na	41

(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	0	0	6	8	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-			407	-		
No. of Likes	-			12	-		

(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)

NIL at the time of the report

D. Transfer of Technology to India

(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:

S.No.	Name of Technology	Details (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	Tender Bhel: Supply Of Containerized Solution Of Battery Modules, Bms And Ems	Information was circulated on 05 Aug to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA), Hungarian Chemical Association (MAVESZ), Hungarian National Association of Machinery and Power Engineering Industries (MAGEOSZ). Information was placed on the website of the Mission
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Telecom 2024 Oct 15-17j, New Delhi	Information was circulated on 6 Aug to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Economy, Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Association of IT Companies (IVSZ), National Media and Infocommunication Authority, Hungarian Defence Association Information was placed on the website of the Mission. Mission also sent list of contacts and companies for TEPC.
3	Information dissemination	Anuga Select India and Anuga FoodTec India 28-30 Aug 2024	Information was circulated on 06 Aug to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Ministry of Agriculture (AM), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), National Chamber of Agriculture,
4	Information dissemination	Grainsworld Conference Dubai, UAE 25-27 Nov 2024	Information was circulated on 06 Aug to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Ministry of Agriculture (AM), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), National Chamber of Agriculture,

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		NIL	
	Total Rs:	-	

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	11th India-Hungary Joint S&T Committee Meeting [online] held on 29 July 2020, hosted by NRDI office, Hungaryeducation, 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	6th JCEC Meeting 17-18 Oct 2022	1. Trade and investment 2. Agriculture 3. Collaboration between HAKI and ICAR 4. Water Management 5. Culture and Tourism 6. Science and Technology 7. Digital Technology 8. Energy 9. Education	The 6th Session of the India-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held in Budapest on 17-18 Oct 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He was accompanied by Mr. Y.P. Deval, Director, DoC, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Shatrughna Sinha, Director (CE),

		10. Food processing 11. Health Industry 12. Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ms. Sunaina Khanna, Sr. Manager, Invest India. The JCEC took place in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade where discussions were held on 17th October 2022 with experts and counterparts. Ms. Martina Laura Kasnyik, HoD, Department for Joint Economic Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade led the Hungarian side. At the Experts' Level meeting, Hungarian 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. Followed by a brief panel discussion between the two sides, the final Protocol was signed by H.E. Mr. Peter Sztaray, State Secretary for Security Policy and Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, DPIIT on 18th October 2022. The Indian delegation met with investors and some members of the Indian business community in Hungary on the evening on 17th October. Mr. Ratnoo give a brief overview of the business environment in India, the policy initiatives of the Government of India and the economic growth and prospects of India. He mentioned several schemes open for investors to take advantage of in India like the Make in India initiative, Smart Cities, New Logistics Policy, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, PM Ghati Shakti, productivity Linked incentive schemes etc. The delegation also had a meeting with HIPA on 18th afternoon where they discussed ideas how to enhance investments and promote cooperation between the two countries. The next round of the JCEC is to be held in H1 of 2025 in New Delhi.
3.	1st JWG on Water	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 preservation of the quality of water resources, and training and capacity building.	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).

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

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)

i. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)

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

1. **Real wage growth at 9% last month:** The average gross wage was up 13.3% yr/yr in July to Ft 642,000 a month, the KSH said. The average net wage was Ft 427,000, also rising by 13.3% yr/yr. There were increases of 15.3% in the median gross wage to Ft 518,800 and 15.1% in the median net wage to Ft 359,200. Real wages were up by 9.3% in July, compared to a year earlier. In the first seven months gross wages were up by 14% yr/yr to Ft 634,800, while the average net wage was Ft 422,100, also a 14% rise from a year earlier.

2. **Hungary is in advanced negotiations on oil deliveries** after Ukraine cut off supplies from Lukoil, and can guarantee crude oil supplies in the long term," despite the measures and negligence of Kyiv and Brussels", Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijjarto said. Negotiations are "approaching the target" and "going well", he said, as he emphasised that "Hungary's energy supply is secure". He added that Hungary's supply of natural gas is not affected in any way by the fighting between Russia and Ukraine, nor Ukraine's occupation of the gas transit station in Sudzha, because deliveries arrive via the Turkish Stream pipeline, through Turkey, Bulgaria and Serbia.

3. **MNB leaves rates for first time in 15 months:** The MNB's monetary council left the base rate at 6.75% with a unanimous decision on 27 Aug, after a 25% cut in the previous month. The decision ended a series of 15 consecutive rate cuts, and leaves Hungary's base rate as the highest in the EU. Policymakers cited volatility in financial markets, renewed geopolitical tensions and risks to the inflation outlook for their decision, as consumer prices rose to over 4% in July, above the MNB's tolerance band.

4. **MOL has made three major gas discoveries in Pakistan** in the TAL Block, which it has been operating for 25 years and which has produced hydrocarbons for 19 years, the energy company announced. Drilling of the Razgir-1 exploratory well started on January 9, 2024 and reached a depth of 3,950 metres. So far, three successful well tests have been performed in three different geological formations. MOL has an 8.4% share of the mined quantity, so MOL's share is expected to be between 400-800 barrels equivalent per day, adding approximately 1% to the group's total hydrocarbon production. MOL Pakistan has been operating since 1999 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the MOL Group. The company has interests in four blocks, and operates the TAL and Margalla Blocks. MOL first found hydrocarbons in Pakistan in 2002, and has announced a total of 13 hits since then.

5. **Average Monthly exchange rates Aug 2024**
   1US$= 358.9325 HUF
   1EUR= 395.0275 HUF
   Source: Hungarian National Bank www.mnb.hu, https://statisztika.mnb.hu/

EMBASSY OF INDIA
BUDAPEST

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH of AUGUST 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	3	2	0	2	4

	Export (US$ mln)	Import (US$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	1.1	12.5	F
Country's total global trade	747.6	1413.0	F

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

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

0	3	2	0	2	4

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	3	2	0	2	4

S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measure ment	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	'760511 Wire of non-alloy aluminium, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 7 mm (excl. stranded ...	1.9	-	kgs	37.4%
2	'090111 Coffee (excl. roasted and decaffeinated)	1.2	-	kgs	22.6%
3	'841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors,..	.7	-	kgs	19.7%
4	'851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	.6	-	kgs	5.6%
5	'690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles..	.5	-	kgs	13.5%
6	'300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products..	.5	-	kgs	1.9%
7	'870192 Tractors, of an engine power > 18 kW..	.3	-	kgs	26.9%
8	'843229 Harrows, scarifiers, cultivators, weeders and hoes ..	.3	-	kgs	28.3%
9	'520524 Single cotton yarn, of combed fibres,..	.2	-	kgs	100.0%
10	'640399 Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics..	.2	-	kgs	4.1%

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

(d) Top items of export to India during

0	3	2	0	2	4

S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	'930630 Cartridges for smooth-barrelled shotguns, revolvers and pistols and cartridges for riveting ...	.65	-	kgs
2	'848291 Balls, needles and rollers for bearings (excl. steel balls of heading 7326)	.23	-	kgs
3	'842199 Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s.	.03	-	kgs
4	'440791 Oak "Quercus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded ...	.03	-	kgs
5	'732690 Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s. (excl. cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire)	.03	-	kgs
6	'440792 Beech "Fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded ...	.03	-	kgs
7	'853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution ...	.02	-	kgs
8	'842131 Intake air filters for internal combustion engines	.02		kgs
9	'281122 Silicon dioxide	.02		kgs

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

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

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	'851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 10.3 mln while imports from India were USD 0.6 mln
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 25.3 mln while imports from India were USD 0.5 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 31.2 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 19.4 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 14.9 mln while imports from India were NIL.

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

(ii)

Qualitative Feedback

Market access alerts (attach copy of notification)**:**

BiH is a member of Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). No specific market access alerts for India.
Ministry of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Department of Foreign Trade Policy and Control and Protection Measures deals with such issues. Information may be accessed on the following links:

- http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/
- http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/search/Results?searchTerm=India
- http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/Search/Results?searchTerm=customs

Published date	Title	Category
1/10/2020	Decision on the Determination of the Customs Tariff for 2020 (official Gazette of BiH no. 85/19)	Customs tariff

Regulations on VAT and Customs may be found at the website of the indirect Taxation authority of BiH

- http://www.new.uino.gov.ba/en

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes**:**
(Top 10 items of import from India)

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

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

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

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

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

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

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:
(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti-subsidy)

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

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

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

Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade:

import Tariffs: The tariff rate on imports averages a comparatively low 1.1% of the value of goods (for international trade), which is the lowest figure regionally and third lowest figure in the whole emerging Europe region. Bosnia's import tariffs are harmonised each year with the combined nomenclature of EU and legislative regulations.

Anti-dumping and countervailing duties: in 2009 Bosnia introduced a law for the protection of domestic products against imports from Croatia and Serbia.
The law stipulates that safeguard measures were necessary owing to the influx of imports and the dumping of particular agricultural products from Croatia and Serbia, as well as a conceivable decrease in exports from Bosnia to Serbia.

Customs and Non-tariff Barriers: as a result of BiH not having EU member status event though the majority of its trading partners are EU member states, export and import supply chains will face more onerous border and documentary times and costs when compared with those of EU states.
The most salient risk is the high cost associated with import border compliance processes, which is higher than that of countries such as North Macedonia and contributes towards Bosnia's status as regional under performer in relation to customs burdens.
Businesses operating in BiH face a high import burden as infrastructural development, industrial capacity and diversification remains weak because of a dearth of fixed capital formation and a lack of political resolve in the country. Imports are driven by the country's need for complex machinery and its energy requirements, such as oil and gas, as well as metals and manufactured goods that cannot be produced locally.

To spur trade, Bosnia has exempted tariff payments from certain equipment that is being imported as part of share capital, with the exceptions of passenger vehicles and slot or gambling machines. To enjoy this benefit, foreign investors must submit a written request to the appropriate customs authority, along with evidence of the investment arrangement and registration of the foreign share. Alternatively, imports into one of Bosnia"s four free trade zones are exempt from customs duties and fees. These zones can be found at Vogosca, Visoko, Mostar and Holc Lukavac and clearly mitigate cost risks for businesses seeking to trade internationally with Bosnia.

Bosnia has applied to join the EU, and accession would open up trade, investment and growth opportunities for the economy. The country has already made good strides in establishing free trade and preliminary agreements to speed up the process of EU accession although, political instability threatens the prospect of EU membership in the medium term. Bosnia is also currently discussing the possibility of the creation of a Western Balkans Customs union with its South eastern-Europe counterparts.

(iii) Other Feedback

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

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
NIL at the time of the report				

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

S. No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI 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

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)
					0	

(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 from India	Total imports	The value of imports from India *decreased* by 27.1% % in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 reaching USD 33.1 mln.
		7605 Aluminium wire	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 3.6 mln. It represents 10.8% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group *decreased* by 10.9% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 4 mln. It represents

			12.2% of imports from India to BiH.
		8517 Telephone sets, incl. smartphones and other telephones for cellular networks	The product group decreased by 40.1% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 2 mln. It represents 5.9% 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 30.5% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 1.8 mln. It represents 5.5% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group decreased by 7.9% in the Jan-Mar period of 2024 over the same period of 2023 to USD 2.3 mln. It represents 6.9% 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	
		FDI in BiH in 2023 amounted to EUR 966 mln	The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH) announced that FDI in 2023 amounted to EUR 966 mln, EUR 193 mln higher than in the previous year, 2022 which registered an amount of EUR 777 mln. In terms of geographic origin, major investments in 2023 was from Russia (EUR 192.4 mln), Serbia (EUR 181.8 mln), and the Netherlands (EUR 121.5 mln). Most investments were realized in the field of production of coke and refined petroleum products in the field of financial services and telecommunications. The cumulative FDI at the end of 2023 amounted to EUR 9.9 bln. This does not only represent the result of investments in the previous period but through the retained earnings and the result of the foreign-owned company's operations.

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

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
NIL at the time of the report			

c. information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 mln & above)
Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH
www.fipa.gov.ba
Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders):
http://europa.ba/?page_id=320
https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do

S.No.	Tender/ Procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	Construction of cable railway (funicular) between Hrasnica and Igman e-mail: fipa@fipa.gov.ba http://www.fipa.gov.ba/investinbih/index_htm_files/Cable%20Railway,%20Hrasnica%20Igman.pdf Uploaded on Trade Portal 19 Aug 2024	Tourism	Total investment cost: appx appx EUR 30 mln

d. Trade queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal): In the month, Embassy of India has received 11 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	Uniphos Industries		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 05/08/24 Query answered: 06/08/24
2	Goldy Export		Agro: Herbs, spice	Export		Query received: 07/08/24 Query answered: 07/08/24
3	GuardhH		Chemicals: cleaning product	Export		Query received: 09/08/24 Query answered: 09/08/24
4	Vikas Exports		Food	Export		Query received: 18/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
5	Onyx Impex	63109010	textiles	Export		Query received: 20/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
6	Easterilly Tradez		Gift bags, handicrafts	Export		Query received: 21/08/24 Query answered: 21/08/24
7	Vikas Exports		Agro: vege, spice, seafood	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 27/08/24
8	Alpha Impex	33049190	Food: Coconut oil	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
9	Shree Samarth Enterprises		Medical equipment	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
10	Stylee Lifestyle	5407, 08, 5504, 6006	Textiles fashion	Export		Query received: 27/08/24 Query answered: 28/08/24
11	PK Scientific Works		Lab equipment, chemicals	Export		Query received: 30/08/24 Query answered: 30/08/24

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 AUG 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	na	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	0	0	6	8	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reach)	-			407	-		
No. of Likes	-			12	-		

(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. More than 227,000 tourists in H1 2024: A total of 227,192 tourists visited Republika Srpska (RS) in the first half of 2024, which is an increase of 0.2% compared to the same period of 2023. However, the number of registered overnight stays is significantly higher, by 5% or about 27,000 more compared to the same period last year. In H1 2024, 135,423 foreign tourists were registered. About 85% of foreign tourists came from the countries of the former Yugoslavia. Broken down by countries of origin, tourists mostly came from: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Turkiye, Montenegro, Germany, Austria, China, North Macedonia and Hungary.

2. CPI of products and services increased by 1.8% in July 2024 compared year-on-year. According to the data of the BiH Agency for Statistics, the prices of food and nonalcoholic beverages increased by 0.8%, alcoholic beverages and tobacco by 4.6%, housing and overhead expenses by 1.3%, furniture, household appliances and regular home maintenance by 1.1%, healthcare by 3.7%, transportation by 3.2%, communication by 1.2%, recreation and culture by 3.4%, education by 2%, and restaurants and hotels by 7.3%. Prices of clothing and footwear fell by 9.4% on average.

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	Tender Bhel: Supply Of Containerized Solution Of Battery Modules, Bms And Ems	Information has been circulated on 05 Aug to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website.
2	Information dissemination	Bharat Telecom 2024 Oct 15-17j, New Delhi	Information has been circulated on 06 Aug to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Foreign Trade Chamber (Komorabih), Bosnian Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of FBIH, Information placed on website.
3	Information dissemination	Anuga Select India and Anuga FoodTec India 28-30 Aug 2024	Information was circulated on 06 Aug 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.
4	Information dissemination	Grainsworld Conference Dubai, UAE 25-27 Nov 2024	Information was circulated on 06 Aug 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 JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. *(issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):*

S. No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	Third meeting of the Joint Committee on Trade took place in Sarajevo on 25 September, 2012. Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Mr. Mato Franjicevic, who is the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee from the BiH side, led a delegation to India in January 2016 and held a meeting with the Co-Chair from the Department of Commerce in India. The next meeting is proposed to be held in Sarajevo, for which dates will be decided through mutual consultations.		Embassy is starting to contact concerned Ministries, including the MFA of BiH for implementation of bilateral agreements/decisions. Mission followed up on the termination of the existing BiT and proposed new BiT with Bosnia.

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

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer	Name & address of Indian exporter	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
Nil at the time of the report					

i. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome
Nil at the time of the report				

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

1. Standard&Poor's maintained the credit rating of BIH a 'B+' with a stable outlook. S&P analysts state that, despite internal and external influences, the economy showed resilience in the first half of 2024, and that they expect that increased consumption, supported by lower inflation and rising real wages, will raise real growth in BiH to 2.8% in 2024. From 2025, there will be somewhat stronger investment, especially in the field of energy and road construction, and an increase in external demand, due to the economic recovery of key trade partners in the euro area, which will result in real growth of almost 3% in the period 2025-2027. The net debt of BiH is below 20% of GDP, which is a moderate debt for developing countries. About 65% of the consolidated gross debt of the general government refers to bilateral and multilateral creditors with longer maturities and favorable interest rates. Analysts further expect that the current account deficit will remain low over the next four years, at slightly above 3%, and that Bosnia and Herzegovina will maintain the currency board arrangement. According to analysts, an increase in the credit rating can occur if consensus-based political decisions are reached, which could speed up structural reforms, including those related to the country's accession to the European Union, as well as economic growth.

2. **July net salary in RS higher by 10.8%:** The average July net salary in the Republika Srpska (RS) was 1,416 KM (EUR 724) and compared to the same month last year, was nominally higher by 10.8%, and in real terms by 8.8%, the Republic Institute of Statistics announced. According to areas of activity, the highest average July net salary of 1,909 KM (EUR 976) was in financial and insurance activities, and the lowest of 1,115 KM (EUR 570) was

in construction. The average July gross salary was 2,165 KM (EUR 1,107).

3. Average Monthly Exchange Rates Aug 2024:

1US$= 1.779592 KM
1EUR= 1.955830 KM
Source: Central Bank BiH http://cbbh.ba

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