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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(EPL-I Section)

Subject: -Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during June 2020.

I. Trade

- The trade deficit for May 2020 is USD 3.15 billion as compared to USD 15.36 billion in May 2019, a decrease of (-) 79.51%.

II. Export Promotion Councils

- EP(PHARMA) Division has launched the Beta Version of iVEDA web portal (Integrated validation of Export of Drugs from India and its Authentication) on 24th June, 2020 and Pharma Companies have started registering with iVEDA web portal.
- The restrictions on APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) made from Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) have been removed on 28th May, 2020 and those on HCQ as formulations were removed on 18th June, 2020.
- Project Export Promotion Council (PEPC) has circulated information about eighty-two (82) upcoming projects to its members in June, 2020.

III. MPEDA

- MPEDA has Issued 2,929 export certificates and 1121 Pre harvest test certificates on antibiotic residue – All online, in June 2020. MPEDA also Started pilot scale project of Indian Aquaculture Certification System - SHAPHARI - involving 14 hatcheries.
- MPEDA has allotted Rs. 1 Crore to CMFRI for a study on Stock assessment of Marine Mammals.

IV Bilateral Cooperation

- USTR office proposed to remove 6 rice products from the GSP list and USITC is investigating the issue now. In this regard, NAFTA Division in consultation with APEDA and CTIL finalized the pre-hearing and post-hearing brief and forwarded it to EOI, Washington D C for filing the same before USTR on the online portal during the hearing as well as post-hearing respectively.

V. Export Credit and Insurance

- Progress Report for Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) for June, 2020 is as follows: -

(Value in ₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	June 2020
1	Value of Exports supported (Business Covered)	₹45,922
2	Gross Premium Earned	₹89
3	Number of new buyers added	1,142
4	Number of policies issued	997
5	Number of Claims Paid	28
6	Claims Paid Amount	₹51.57

- Progress Report for National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) for the month of June 2020 is as under

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	June 2020
1	Number of new projects supported	1
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value)	₹8.19
3	Number of Covers issued	1
4	Value of Covers issued	₹8.19

VI. Plantation

- The Coffee Board extended support of Rs. 1.34 crores to 395 coffee stakeholders towards coffee re-plantation, water augmentation activities and coffee roasting and grinding units. The Board also issued 14 advisories to the coffee growers on critical agronomic practices and published 4 advisories on critical interventions in coffee cultivation in local newspapers.
- The Rubber Board, in backdrop of COVID 19, has chalked out a scheme to extend financial support to growers for rain guarding, which is very crucial for enhancing production. Hence, the Board launched a scheme through Regional Offices with a target of 25,000 ha. It is estimated that total area brought under rain-guarding during the year will be around 1.75 lakh hectare, including 25000 ha targeted under rain-guarding scheme.
- The Rubber Training Institute of the Board undertook technology initiatives and launched the webinar series on various topics to maintain the sector vibrant & motivate the growers and about 492 beneficiaries from different stakeholders of the rubber industry attended in June 2020.
- The Spice Board has sold a quantity of 499 tons of cardamom (small) through e-auction at an average price of Rs. 1458.93 per kg during June, 2020.

- The Spice Board has issued 213 Certificates of Registration as Exporters of Registration (CRES) and 4 Cardamom Dealer License during June, 2020 and has issued 193 Test Reports and 50 Health Certificates to the stakeholders.
- The Quality Evaluation Lab of the Spice Board received a total number of 2350 of samples and 4396 parameters were analysed during June, 2020.

VII. DGFT

Regional Authorities of DGFT have issued the following Authorizations/ Scrips during the month of June, 2020: -

S. No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations /Scrips issued during the month of June, 2020
1.	Importers Exporter Code (IEC)	11315
2.	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)	15188
3.	Advance Authorizations	1588
4.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	635

VIII. Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- Important activities/achievements on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) during June, 2020.

Sr No.	Parameter	Number added during the preceding month		Cumulative total	
		Number	Value	Number	Value
1	Number of Users	21,640	--	5,89,497	--
2	Number of Government organizations	387	--	45,523	--
3	Number of Sellers/Service Providers	19,432	--	403,287	--
4	Number of Product categories (level 3) in market	32	--	1096	--
5	Number of Products	114,928	--	1,883,209	--
6	Number of product orders placed	156,817	--	4,105,056	--
7	Value of product	--	1275.12 INR	--	45,551.31

	orders placed		CR		INR CR
8	Number of service orders placed	2,096	--	36,175	--
9	Value of service	--	451.78 INR CR	--	4,895.15 INR
	orders placed				CR
10	Number of Government buyers trained on GeM	2,139	--	1,51,610	--
11	Number of vendors trained on GeM	1,446	--	45,075	--
