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

Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce for the month of August 2025

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-August 2025 is estimated at US\$ 349.35 Billion, as compared to US\$ 329.03 Billion in April-August 2024, a growth of 6.18%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-August 2025 was US\$ 184.13 Billion, as compared to US\$ 179.60 Billion during April-August 2024, registering a positive growth of 2.52%.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-August 2025 valued at US\$ 158.07 Billion registered an increase of 7.35% as compared to US\$ 147.25 Billion in April-August 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in August 2025 include Electronic Goods, Engineering Goods, Gems & Jewellery, Petroleum Products and Drugs & Pharmaceuticals.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 25.93 % from US\$ 2.32 Billion in August 2024 to US\$ 2.93 Billion in August 2025.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 4.91 % from US\$ 9.44 Billion in August 2024 to US\$ 9.90 Billion in August 2025.
- Gems & Jewellery exports increased by 15.57 % from US\$ 2 Billion in August 2024 to US\$ 2.31 Billion in August 2025.
- Petroleum Products exports increased by 6.54 % from US\$ 4.20 Billion in August 2024 to US\$ 4.48 Billion in August 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 6.94 % from US\$ 2.35 Billion in August 2024 to US\$ 2.51 Billion in August 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- A meeting between HCIM, India and Minister of Foreign Trade, UAE was held on 29th - 30th August 2025 to discuss bilateral trade and market access issues and progress on India UAE CEPA. Both the Ministers attended an interaction with Business leaders on 30th August, 2025 in Mumbai.
- A meeting of HCIM with Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition of South Africa was held on 26th August, 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi wherein trade related issues of both the countries were discussed along with matter related to India-

Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). It was also concurred to explore the India-South Africa Free Trade Agreement.

- A meeting of HCIM with Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Mauritius was held on 28th August, 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss matters related to bilateral trade.
- A meeting of MoS(C&I) with Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry of Republic of Chad was held on the margins of the 20th CII India Africa Business Conclave on 28th August, 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss matter related to bilateral cooperation.
- A meeting of Hon'ble MoS with Minister of Trade, Regional Integration and Employment of the Republic of The Gambia was held on 29th August, 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss matter related to bilateral cooperation.
- The 2nd round of India Chile CEPA negotiations and the 8th round of India Peru trade negotiations were held virtually from 19th-22nd August, 2025 and from 25th August respectively.
- India-Singapore Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment (JWGTI) meeting held on 14th August 2025 at the level of Commerce Secretary. The meeting discussed Growing Trade and Investments, Improving Trade Facilitation, Regional and Multilateral Fora and related issues
- A virtual meeting was held with EPCs in collaboration with Indian Mission in Oman on 14th August 2025 to discuss untapped opportunities in **India-Oman** trade relations covering both goods and services.
- 20th edition of CII India Africa Business Conclave was held during 27th– 29th August 2025 at Taj Palace, New Delhi. 20 senior ministers and over 40 senior government officials from Africa participated in the Conclave. The Conclave witnessed the participation of more than 1,800 industry leaders from 65 countries, including 1,100 delegates from Africa and 700 delegates from India. Over 2,000 B2B meetings were concluded during the Conclave. The conclave highlighted the importance of local value addition, greater localization of industries, and integrating sustainability into business models as critical pathways for future growth.

III. **Export Infrastructure**

- During the month of July, 2025, following funds/ sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 25 Lakhs (4th tranche of 5th installment of TIES Grant) to Council for Leather Exports (CLE) for the project 'Creation of additional ZLD capacity in VISHTEC CETP'.
 - ii. Rs. 1.68 Crore (1st tranche of 1st installment of TIES) to Tidel Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Melmanavur and Abdullapuram Villages, Vellore, Tamil Nadu'.

- iii. Rs. 1.3275 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project – ‘Plug and Play Infrastructure at Dharwad, Karnataka’.
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- v. Rs. 1.3775 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project ‘Establishment of Plug And Play Infrastructure in Nandur-Kisartagi Industrial Area, Phase II, Nandur Kesartagi Village in Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) District, Karnataka’.
- vi. Rs. 1.085 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project ‘Establishment of plug-play in Plot No. AM-02, Apparel Park Industrial Area, Mini Textile Park, Doddaballapur Industrial Area, Bengaluru Rural District’.

IV. **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)**

- During the month of August 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 1729.51 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 12,673 persons.

V. **Export Promotion**

- IOPEPC participated in a Stakeholders Consultation Meeting in Mumbai regarding reciprocal tariffs on India by the USA, held on 2nd August 2025 in the presence of Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- Chairman of Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC), participated in the *China International Sesame Conference (Autumn) 2025*, organized by the China Chamber of Commerce of Import & Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-products (CFNA) conducted on 22nd and 23rd August 2025 in Shanghai.
- IOPEPC in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad and Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agriculture University (RLBCAU), Jhansi, organized a Stakeholders Consultation Programme on 28th – 29th August 2025 at Jhansi.

VI. **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**

- APEDA, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and the Government of Uttarakhand, organized a stakeholder interaction with apple value chain players on 21st August 2025. The session was chaired by the Commerce Secretary and witnessed

active participation from officials of the State Government along with key stakeholders from the sector.

- APEDA launched its transformative BHARATI Initiative (Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation) on 30th August 2025, at Mumbai in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries and HE Minister of Foreign Trade, UAE.
- APEDA co-organized SIAL Inspire Food Business Mumbai Edition 2025 by taking 1000 SQM area with over 70 exhibitor and more than 100 hosted buyers from over 28 countries, from 28th to 30th August 2025 at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai. A hosted buyer seller meet was also conducted during the event.
- APEDA organized BIOFACH India in association with NürnbergMesse by taking 1200 SQM area with over 40 exhibitor and 25 international buyers from over 28 countries, from 30th August to 1st September 2025 at India Expo Center and Mart, Greater Noida. A reverse buyer seller meet was also conducted during the event.
- During the month of August 2025, APEDA flagged off following New Product to New Destinations:
 - i. On 07th August 2025, flagged off the first ever shipment of 1.5 MT of Fresh Halman Apricot from Kargil, Ladakh to Gulf Countries.
 - ii. On 21st August 2025, flagged off the first ever trial shipment of 1.2 MT of Garwali Apple from Paudi Gharwal, Uttarakhand to UAE.
 - iii. On 24th August 2025, flagged off the first ever shipment of 3 MT of GI-tagged Indi Lemon from Vijayapura, Karnataka to UAE.

VII. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- During the month of August 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 11 exporters, 1 processing plants, 2 handling facilities, 1 storage facilities and 1 peeling shed. Currently, 468 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 70 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.
- MPEDA organized a HACCP training program in Porbandar from 04 to 07 August 2025. 27 participants have attended and qualified for the training. As part of HACCP training programme at Porbandar, the team also conducted HACCP compliance audit at M/s. Hiravati Marine Products Pvt Ltd Unit II Porbandar on 08.08.2025.
- The Deputy Director (QC) attended the 23rd Meeting of the Food Hygiene, safety management and other systems sectional committee, conducted by FAD 15, BIS held on 25.08.2025 through VC.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During August 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 95.97 Crore, issued 1,070 policies, added 1,800 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 36.13 Crore.

IX. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 19,223 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,030 under Advance Authorizations, 06 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 15,349 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,838 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during August 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of August 2025: -
 - i. Corrigendum to Notification No. 24/2025-26 dated 11.08.2025 on Port restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India under ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule 1 (Import Policy)-reg.
 - ii. Corrigendum to Notification No. 25/2025-26 dated 19.08.2025 on Amendment to Para 4.61 and Para 4.63 of FTP-2023.
 - iii. Corrigendum to Notification No. 26/2025-26 dated 22.08.2025 on Amendment in Import Policy Condition of specific items covered under Chapter 48 of ITC HS, 2022, Schedule – I (Import Policy)-reg.
 - iv. Corrigendum to Notification No. 27/2025-26 dated 22.08.2025 on Amendment of Minimum Export Price (MEP) on export of Honey-reg. vide Corrigendum to Notification No. 27/2025-26 dated 22.08.2025.
 - v. Corrigendum to Notification No. 28/2025-26 dated 28.08.2025 on Amendment in Para 2.03(A) (i) (g) of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, laying down enabling provisions for import of inputs, that are subjected to mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs), by Advance Authorisation holders, EOU and SEZ.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued no Initiation notification(s) during the month August 2025:
- CBIC imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR on the following product(s) during the month August 2025:
 - i. to extend imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Fluoroelastomers (FKM)” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - ii. to extend imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Toluene Di-isocyanate (TDI)” originating in or exported from European Union and Saudi Arabia.
 - iii. to extend ADD on ‘Woven Fabric (having more than 50% Flax content) commonly known as “Flax Fabric”’, originating in or exported from China PR and Hong Kong.
 - iv. to continue anti-dumping duty on imports of Black Toner in powder form originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Taiwan for 5 years.

XI. Government eMarketplace (GeM)

- During August 2025, 215 training sessions and 30 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers' organizations. 7,213 buyers and 2,170 sellers participated in these events.
- 25 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 crore in August 2025.
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) has awarded a bid for "Handling, Transport and Other Mining Services – Percentage Quote Based" for Rs. 3,489 crore in August 2025.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,346 crore in overall GMV in June 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 851 crore and Bihar with Rs. 351 crore respectively. Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,324 crore in overall GMV in August 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 520 crore and Assam with Rs. 348 crore respectively.
- On 7th August, as part of GeM's ongoing outreach to strengthen adoption at state level, the States team led by Dy. CEO – States & Union Territories, visited Bihar to meet state dignitaries, including the Hon'ble Governor, the Hon'ble Dy CM, senior officials & the State Nodal Officer of the Government of Bihar, to review the current status of GeM adoption and outline the roadmap for fostering Efficiency, Transparency and Inclusivity.
- On 11th August 2025, CEO-GeM had fruitful meeting with Chief Secretary of Odisha and the Principal Secretary Finance Dept. Odisha, regarding the full adoption of GeM in the State.
- On 19th August 2025, Sri Lankan Diplomat and Chair of the Expert Committee on Contracting Modalities for Digital Economy Acceleration (appointed by the Chief Advisor on Digital Economy to the President of Sri Lanka), visited GeM to gain insights into India's public procurement platform. The visit aimed at exploring the possibility of establishing public procurement model similar to GeM in Sri Lanka. During his interaction with GeM team, discussions highlighted GeM's nine-year journey, buyer-seller functionalities, and GeM's role in driving digital public procurement growth.
