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

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-July 2025 is estimated at US\$ 277.63 Billion, as compared to US\$ 263.83 Billion in April-July 2024, an estimated growth of 5.23%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-July 2025 was US\$ 149.20 Billion, as compared to US\$ 144.76 Billion during April-July 2024, registering a positive growth of 3.07%.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-July 2025 valued at US\$ 127.46 Billion registered an increase of 7.70% as compared to US\$ 118.34 Billion in April-July 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in July 2025 include Engineering Goods, Electronic Goods, Gems & Jewellery, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals and Organic & Inorganic Chemicals
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 13.75% from US\$ 9.17 Billion in July 2024 to US\$ 10.43 Billion in July 2025.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 33.89% from US\$ 2.81 Billion in July 2024 to US\$ 3.77 Billion in July 2025.
- Gems & Jewellery exports increased by 28.95% from US\$ 1.85 Billion in July 2024 to US\$ 2.39 Billion in July 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 14.06% from US\$ 2.33 Billion in July 2024 to US\$ 2.66 Billion in July 2025.
- Organic & Inorganic Chemicals exports increased by 7.19% from US\$ 2.30 Billion in July 2024 to US\$ 2.47 Billion in July 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- India and United Kingdom have signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) on 24th July 2025 in UK. CETA provides an unprecedented duty-free access to almost 99 per cent of India's exports to the UK, covering nearly 100% of the trade value.
- The Indian delegation led by Commerce Secretary visited Maldives on 2nd – 3rd July 2025 and held comprehensive discussions with Maldivian authorities on trade issues. A dedicated session with Maldives Customs Service highlighted the need for capacity building and automation in certificate of origin issuance and port clearance Procedures.
- A meeting regarding export ban on Shea nuts from Burkina Faso, Togo, Mali and Cote D'Ivoire was held on 3rd July, 2025. The meeting was convened in the backdrop of concerns raised by Indian industries producing chocolate and cosmetics which are facing problems for want of raw material owing to the ban on export of shea nuts from the major producing countries in West Africa.

- An Inter-Ministerial Consultation (IMC) was held on 3rd July, 2025 as a preparatory meeting to finalise the agenda for the 2nd Session of India-Mauritius High Powered Joint Trade Committee (HPJTC). A virtual meeting was also organised between Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB) and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on 9th July, 2025.
- A stakeholder consultation with the industry representatives from Export Promotion Council /Chambers of Commerce & Industry on trade negotiations with Peru and Chile was held on 11th July, 2025 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- A meeting was held with the delegation of Panama led by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama, on 31st July, 2025 to discuss issues relating to the establishment of JETCO, sectoral cooperation and challenges faced by Indian pharma in Panama.
- The Second Round of negotiations for the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was successfully held in New Delhi from 14th to 25th July 2025. This round marked a significant step forward in strengthening bilateral trade and economic ties between the two countries.
- The 12th Round of India-EU FTA Negotiations was held from 7th – 11th July 2025 in Brussels, Belgium. Negotiations across policy areas/chapters of India-EU FTA were covered in 75 technical sessions and significant progress was made during the round.

III. **Export Infrastructure**

- During the month of July, 2025, following funds/ sanctioned for projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.48 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) released to Airport Authority of India (AAI) for the project ‘Establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, Manipur’.

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

- During the month of July 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 13,534.535 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 11,606 persons.

V. **Export Promotion**

- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) conducted a live webinar on 12th July 2025 to present the key findings of its Rabi (Summer) Crop Survey, undertaken in the states of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. The survey was carried out by RMSI Cropalytics Ltd., a reputed agri-analytics organization specializing in field-based crop assessments. The purpose of the webinar was to share critical field-level insights related to sowing trends, crop acreage, weather patterns, pest/disease observations, and yield outlook for the Rabi season in the two major oilseed-producing states.
- As part of its ongoing initiative to support data-driven planning in the oilseeds sector, the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) conducted a summer crop survey for Groundnut and Sesame in the states of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh during May and June 2025. The survey was undertaken through RMSI Cropalytics Ltd. The primary objective of the survey was to assess key parameters such

as acreage coverage, crop condition, growth stages, and yield outlook for the summer Groundnut and sesame crops-both crucial for India's oilseeds export portfolio. Field assessments were undertaken in major cultivation districts to provide a holistic view of the crop scenario.

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

- During the month of July 2025, APEDA organized following Mango Promotion Programme in various international markets.
 - a) 'Mango Mania 2025' in Dubai and Abu Dhabi from 01st to 04th July 2025.
 - b) 'Flavours of Indian Mangoes' in Seattle, 09th and 10th July 2025.
 - c) 'Mango Promotion Programme' on 13th July 2025 at Dupont Circle Park in Washington D.C.
 - d) Two-day Mango Festival on 14th and 15th July 2025 in Jeddah.
 - e) Two-day Mango Festival and Trade Promotion Campaign on 16th and 17th July 2025 in Riyadh
 - f) The Indian Mango Festival on 23rd and 24th July 2025 in Kuwait. The initiatives aimed to promote India's rich heritage of mango varieties in the various international markets.
- During the month of July 2025, APEDA flagged off following New Product to New Destinations:
 - i. On 09th July 2025, flagged off the first ever shipment of 1.5 MT of Fresh GI-tagged Waigaon Turmeric from Wardha, Maharashtra to Dubai, UAE.
 - ii. On 14th July 2025, flagged off the first ever commercial shipment of 1.05 MT of assorted Fresh Fruits from West Bengal to Lisbon, Portugal.

VII. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- During the month of July 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 9 exporters, 5 processing plants, 1 handling facilities, 4 storage facilities and 2 peeling sheds. Currently, 468 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 70 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.
- MPEDA organized a HACCP training program in Goa from 15th to 18th July 2025. 24 participants have attended and completed the training. As part of the HACCP training programme at Goa, the team also conducted a HACCP compliance audit at M/s. Joecons Marine Exports Pvt. Ltd., Goa on 19th July 2025.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During July 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 121.84 Crore, issued 1,019 policies, added 1,586 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 23.95 Crore.

IX. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 23,994 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,475 under Advance Authorizations, 33 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 19,188 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 2,298 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during July 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of July 2025: -
 - i. Corrigendum to Notification No. 21/2025-26 dated 27.06.2025 on Port restriction on import of certain goods from Bangladesh to India under ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule 1 (Import Policy)-reg. vide Corrigendum to Notification No. 21/2025-26 dated 27.06.2025 dated 17th July 2025.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued no Initiation notification(s) during the month of July 2025.
- CBIC imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR on the following product(s) during the month July 2025:
 - i. Imposed to continue imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on Aniline originating in or exported from China PR for 5 years.
 - ii. Imposed to amend notification No. 37/2020-Customs (ADD), dated the 11th November, 2020 to extend the levy of Anti-Dumping duty on 'Clear Float Glass' originating in or exported from Malaysia, up to and inclusive of 10th February, 2026.
 - iii. Imposed to extend Countervailing Duty on Continuous Cast Copper Wire, originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

XI. Government e Marketplace (GeM)

- During July 2025, 247 training sessions and 17 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers' organizations. 7,516 buyers and 2,503 sellers participated in these events.
- 29 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 Crore in July 2025.
- Western Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) has awarded a bid for "Mine Development & Operations Service – Revenue Sharing Basis" for Rs. 6,726 crore July 2025.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services form GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,795 crore in overall GMV in July 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 1,065 crore and Telangana with Rs. 353 crore respectively.
- The GeM team led by Deputy CEO of GeM from 2nd to 4th July conducted a series of focused meetings with key stakeholders in State of Madhya Pradesh.
- On 14th July 2025, GeM Participated in the National SC-ST Hub Conclave in Koraput.
