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

Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce during June 2024

I. Export Performance

- Total exports of merchandise and services in June 2024 is estimated at USD 65.47 Billion as against USD 62.12 Billion in June 2023, registering a positive growth of 5.40 percent.
- Merchandise exports grew by 2.55% at USD 35.20 Billion in June 2024 as compared to USD 34.32 Billion in June 2023.
- Non-petroleum & Non-Gems & Jewellery exports registered an increase of 8.48% from USD 25.29 Billion in June 2023 to USD 27.43 Billion in June 2024.
- The main drivers of merchandise exports growth in June 2024 include Engineering Goods, Electronic Goods, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Coffee and Organic & Inorganic Chemicals.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 10.27% from USD 8.52 Billion in June 2023 to USD 9.39 Billion in June 2024.
- Electronic goods exports increased by 16.91% from USD 2.42 Billion in June 2023 to USD 2.82 Billion in June 2024.
- Drugs and pharmaceuticals exports increased by 9.93% from USD 2.25 Billion in June 2023 to USD 2.47 Billion in June 2024.
- Coffee exports increased by 70.02% from USD 0.12 Billion in June 2023 to USD 0.20 Billion in June 2024.

II. Bilateral Trade

- The Commerce and Industry Minister (CIM) held a meeting with the Ambassador of Italy to India on June 18, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss bilateral trade issues.
- CIM held a meeting with the newly appointed British High Commissioner to India on June 20, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss bilateral trade issues.
- The Minister of State for Commerce and Industry held a meeting with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus on June 28, 2024 in New Delhi to discuss Belarusian-Indian cooperation in trade, economics, and investment fields.
- A curtain-raising event with regard to the upcoming 19th edition of the India-Africa Business Conclave was chaired by the Commerce Secretary on June 26, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was attended by the High Commissioners, Ambassadors, and officials from the resident missions of Africa in New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs, and CII.
- A Joint Secretary-level meeting with the Russian Counsellor was held on June 13, 2024 in New Delhi to discuss FTA in services and other issues.

- A Joint Secretary-level meeting was held with the Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Cuba in India, on June 26, 2024 in New Delhi to discuss the bilateral issues between India and Cuba.
- The 8th round of India-EU FTA negotiations was held on June 24-28, 2024 in Brussels at Chief Negotiator level. Negotiations on 21 policy areas or chapters of the India-EU FTA were covered in 90 technical sessions. In this round, extensive discussion was held, and good progress was made in the negotiations of many chapters.

III. Export Infrastructure

- During the month of June 2024, Rs. 1.56 Crore (4th tranche of 2nd and final instalment) was released to Andhra Pradesh Medtech Ltd. (AMTZ) for “Design, construction and manufacturing of Technetium 99m Generator (Medical Radio-isotope), Vishakhapatnam”.

IV. SEZ

- During the month of June 2024, Development Commissioners of various SEZs have approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 1,452.45 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 18,945 persons.

V. Export Promotion

- The Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL) organized a virtual business-to-business (B2B) meeting between Indian exporters and Dominican companies dealing in ceramics and sanitaryware products on June 12, 2024. CAPEXIL also conducted a webinar program with the State Bank of India, Chennai, and also with M/s. ECGC Ltd., Chennai, on June 27, 2024 which was attended by around 121 members.
- The Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics, and Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL) organized the participation of 21 Indian exporters and members at the Coating Expo Vietnam 2024 Exhibition in Vietnam during June 12–14, 2024. CHEMEXCIL also organized the participation of 21 Indian exporters and members at the 37th International Exhibition for Fine and Specialty Chemicals (CHEMSPEC EUROPE 2024) in Germany during June 19–20, 2024. CHEMEXCIL also organized a virtual buyer-seller meet with importers of Angola on June 12, 2024 in association with the Embassy of India, Luanda (Angola), which was attended by 26 Indian companies and 20 Angolan companies. A webinar on “Global Economic Outlook and Hedging Solutions for Managing FX Risk” was also organized by the Council on June 25, 2024 in which 22 members participated.
- The Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL) organized the second edition of PLEXCONNECT 2024 during June 7-9, 2024 in Mumbai, in which over 300 exhibitors and 350 buyers from more than 50 countries participated. PLEXCONCIL also participated in the International Plastics Exhibitions for South India (IPLAS) 2024 show from June 14–17, 2024 in Chennai. This show was a sourcing platform for plastics and its allied industries and to showcase the advancements, growth, and opportunities for plastics, particularly from Southern India.

- Shellac Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL) extended membership to 19 new companies in June 2024.
- Information about sixty-nine upcoming projects in infrastructure, water, power, and consultancy was circulated by the Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC) to its members in June 2024.
- The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council [EP(E&SW)] organized a JK Electronics & IT conclave on June 24, 2024 in Srinagar, where the Council invited experts from the industry across PAN India to address the gathering at the event. The Council also took a delegation to the JK Trade Show on June 20–24, 2024 in Srinagar, Kashmir to provide business opportunities to them.
- The Mobile and Electronic Devices Export Promotion Council (MEDEPC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Manufacturers Association (RAMA) on June 18, 2024 in New Delhi. This strategic partnership aims to bolster India's air-conditioner industry and enhance its export potential.

VI. APEDA

- APEDA facilitated maiden shipment of Amaranthus and Buckwheat from Uttarakhand to Vietnam on June 10, 2024.
- APEDA flagged off 7.5 MT of “Kesar Mango” via sea route for the first time from Maharashtra to Japan through the sea protocol developed in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (ICAR-CISH) on June 10, 2024.
- APEDA organized participation of exporters in one of the largest Korean food show - Seoul Food and Hotel, South Korea 2024 - the largest international Hospitality, Food & Beverage Trade which was held during June 11-15, 2024 in Seoul. APEDA also organized participation of exporters in “Africa Big 7” which was held during June 11-13, 2024 in South Africa. APEDA also organized participation of exporters in Summer Fancy Food Show at the Jacob Javits Center, New York which was held during the June 23-25, 2024.
- APEDA facilitated Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh to export first trial shipment 1.15 MT of GI tagged “Dasheri Mangoes” to Europe as an initiative of Indo-German Cooperation on Agricultural Market Development Project on June 15, 2024.
- APEDA flagged off for the first ever shipment of Litchi from Pathankot, Punjab to London, United Kingdom on June 28, 2024.
- APEDA hosted the event “Export Promotion of India’s Finest Mangoes to Europe” with the joint collaboration of Embassy of Germany, New Delhi and the Indo-German Cooperation on Agricultural Market Development Project in New Delhi, on June 27, 2024.

VII. MPEDA

- MPEDA enrolled 167 farms and conducted 54 antibiotic campaigns in June 2024.
- During June 2024 5 exporters, 2 processing plants, 3 storage facilities, and 2 peeling sheds were issued certificates of registration. Currently, 433 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 69 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance

- During June 2024, ECGC Ltd. supported exports of Rs 1,67,509 Crore, earned a premium of Rs 117.90 Crore, issued 1,029 policies, added 1,420 new buyers, and settled claims worth Rs 32.66 Crore.

IX. DGFT

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 17,585 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 1,949 under Advance Authorizations, 98 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 14,177 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,361 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during June 2024.
- Export of Non-Basmati White Rice (under HS code 10063090) to Malawi and Zimbabwe through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) was notified vide Notification No. 18/2024-25 dated June 19, 2024.
- Amendment in import policy of specific ITC (HS) codes under Chapter 71 of Schedule –I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022 was notified vide Notification No. 17/2024-25, dated June 11, 2024.
- Export of food commodities through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) was notified vide Notification No. 15/2024-25 dated June 5, 2024.
- Amendment in item description of 'Glufosinate Technical' covered under HS Code 38089390 of Chapter 38 of Schedule –I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022 was notified vide Notification No. 14/2024-25, dated June 3, 2024.

X. DGTR

- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued Final Finding of the following investigations in the month of June 2024:
 - i. Sunset review investigation of countervailing duty imposed on imports of Atrazine Technical originating in or exported from China PR
 - ii. Sunset Review investigation of countervailing duty concerning imports of welded stainless-steel pipes and tubes originating in or exported from China, PR, and Vietnam.
 - iii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Isobutylene-Isoprene Rubber” (“IIR”) originating in or exported from China, PR, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and the United States.
 - iv. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “anodized aluminum frames for solar panels and modules” originating in or exported from China PR.
- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has issued Initiation(s) in the following cases:
 - i. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Glass Fibre and articles thereof” originating in or exported from Bahrain, China PR and Thailand.
 - ii. Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning the imports of “Thiram in any form” from the European Union.
 - iii. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of 'Acrylic Fibre' from China PR, Peru and Thailand.

- iv. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of 'Glufosinate and its salt' from China PR.
 - v. Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation concerning imports of "Purified Terephthalic Acid' originating in or exported from the Republic of Korea and Thailand.
 - vi. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "T-Shaped Elevator/Lift Guide Rails and Counterweight Guide Rails" originating in or exported from China PR.
 - vii. Initiation of sunset review investigation of countervailing duty concerning imports of “Continuous Cast Copper Wire Rod” originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia Thailand and Vietnam.
 - viii. Initiation of Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Liquid Epoxy Resins” originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and Thailand.
- CBIC has imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR on the following products mentioned below in the month of June 2024:
 - i. Imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of Poly Vinyl Chloride Resin Paste, originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP, Malaysia, Norway, Taiwan & Thailand for a period of six months.
 - ii. Imposed Anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Cyanide originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Japan and Korea RP, for a period of five years.
 - iii. Imposed anti-dumping duty on alloy steel chisel/tool and hydraulic rock breaker in fully assembled condition, originating in or imported from China PR and Korea RP, for a period of five years.
 - iv. Imposed anti-dumping duty on Easy open ends of tin plate, including electrolytic tin plate (ETP), measuring 401 diameter (99MM) and 300 Diameter (73 MM) in dimension, originating in or imported from China PR, for a period of five years.
 - v. Imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on Telescopic Channel Drawer Slider, originating in or imported from China PR, for a period of six months.

XI. GeM

- During June 2024, 178 training sessions and 9 events were conducted for various buyer and seller organizations. About 9400 buyers and sellers participated in these events.
- A total of 88 e-Learning courses for buyers have been added in six languages to the New Interactive eLearning Course Portal in June 2024.
- GeM inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Union Bank of India, DCB Bank, and Bank of India on June 28 in New Delhi. This partnership is designed to foster innovation, streamline financial services, and enhance the overall digital banking experience for customers by leveraging cutting-edge fintech solutions and providing specialized Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) financing options.
- GeM signed an MoU with Assam Startup on June 21, 2024 in Assam to empower startups by showcasing their products on the GeM portal.

- GeM signed an MoU with Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) in Pune on June 7, 2024. The MoU outlines collaboration on capacity-building workshops for procurement via the GeM portal, onboarding MCCIA members to GeM, and joint initiatives supporting national priorities like Make in India, One District, One Product, and Startup India.
