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DGCI&S collates information on huge number of International Trade Transactions into meaningful trade statistics for India and disseminates the same through its Data Dissemination Portal at 8-digit ITC(HS) level at an interval of 45 days from the completion of a particular month and Principal Commodity Group level at an interval of 30 days from the completion of a specific month for use by policy-framers and multiple stakeholders associated with foreign trade. 8-digit ITC(HS) level Data were published for July, 2023 and Principal Commodity Group Level Data were published for August, 2023.

DGCI&S also computes and publishes monthly Foreign Trade related Indices and Terms of Trade using Laspeyres formula with base year of 2012-13. These Indices for July, 2023 along with revised Indices for previous months of the current financial year have been published.

Four issues of Indian Trade Journal (ITJ) have been published online each comprising Tenders of Central/State Government Ministries/Departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and report on Trade Profile of India's one partner country, four profiles of commodities exported and imported and a report on bilateral relation with India based on report from embassies abroad. For September, 2023 the following Profiles were published:

Number of Tenders	116	
Country	USA, South Africa, Portugal, Italy	
Commodities	<u>Export:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frozen Meat of Bovine Animals</li> <li>• Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed</li> <li>• Artificial waxes and prepared waxes</li> <li>• Butter and other Fats and Oils</li> <li>• Women's' or Girls' Shirts or Blouses</li> <li>• Screw, Bolts, Nuts of Iron or Steel etc.</li> <li>• Embroidery in the piece</li> <li>• Sacks and Bags</li> </ul>	<u>Import:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chocolates and other food preparations containing Cocoa</li> <li>• Glycosides</li> <li>• Self-Adhesive materials of Plastics</li> <li>• Electric Filament</li> <li>• Polymers of Ethylene in primary form</li> <li>• Hand saw; Blades of all kinds</li> <li>• Synthetic Rubber</li> <li>• Phenols; Phenol Alcohols</li> </ul>
From Embassies Abroad	Cote d'Ivoire, Columbia, Cuba	

In view of competing demands for inclusion of few ITC(HS) Codes in Panels of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), DGCI&S has started engaging with them to know and understand their claims, and if required, for a probable re-grouping ITC(HS) Codes. A meeting on the issue was held on 05<sup>th</sup> & 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 with representatives of EPC for Pharmaceutical, CHEMEXCIL, PLEXCONCIL, SHEFEXIL and EPC of Handicrafts.

DGCI&S regularly shares India's International Merchandise Trade Data with UNSD and RBI after finalization of 8-digit ITC(HS) level and these have been shared for July, 2023.

DGCI&S interacts with several Government as well as non-Government users/stakeholders in the domain of trade to better understand and provide them with plausible solutions for data, trade dynamics and other associated queries. In September, 2023 as many as 12 such queries have been addressed and successfully resolved.

Additionally, DGCI&S in collaboration with Department of Commerce has engaged in several analysis using relevant Trade Statistics with an aim to provide coherent inputs for developing trade related policy and reform measures.

- Analysis of introduction of new ITC(HS) Codes and 'New Market' (Destination Country for Export and Source Country for Import) in the last 10 Financial Years (2013-14 for 'New Market' analysis and 2014-15 for 'New Commodity' analysis).
- Providing Data on Free Trade Agreement with different countries or group of countries like UAE, Mauritius, Australia, Japan, South Korea, ASEAN, SAARC.
- Providing Data on Export and Import for the purpose of Monitoring performance of 30 Major Commodity Groups X 200 countries.
- Providing Data on Export for the purpose of Monitoring performance of certain agricultural products, like 'Brown Rice', 'Normal Paddy', 'Parboiled Rice', 'Non- Basmati White Rice', 'Basmati Rice', 'Wheat', 'Wheat Flour', 'Raw Sugar', 'Refined Sugar', 'Onion Fresh', 'Onion Dried', 'Tomato'. Similarly, providing Data on Import for the purpose of Monitoring performance of certain agricultural products, like Raw and Refined form of Palm Oil, Soya Oil, Mustard Oil, Ground Nut Oil, Sunflower Oil and Pulses like Moong, Masur, Urad, Tur, Kabuli Chana, Bengal Gram, Other Chana. These Data are required for Inter-Ministerial Committee meeting.

This organization also provides data/inputs to Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) for conducting Anti-Dumping Investigations and inputs related to 13 such cases have been given during September, 2023 to facilitate Investigations.