

Monthly Commercial Report for the month of March 2020

Name of the Mission (Country) : **Algeria**

A. Trade in goods

a) Total trade in goods during : **2019**

	Export (US\$ Million)	Import (US\$ Million)	Status (P) Provisional/(F) Final
Algeria's trade with India	1 520	968	F
Algeria's total global trade	35 823	41 934	F

*Trade figures for the first three months of 2020 are awaited.

b) Preferential trade in goods during : NIL

c) Top 10 items of import from India **2019** :

S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity
1.	Spare parts meant for the assembly industries for passengers vehicles and other vehicles 870332	125	10 841 660	Kg	Data not available
2.	Chickpeas 071320	44	35 420 869	Kg	Data not available
3.	Spare parts meant for the assembly industries for other passengers vehicles 870322	39	3 560 922	Kg	Data not available
4.	Semi whitened rice, paraboiled rice 100630	28	46 561 075	Kg	Data not available
5.	Specific serum for immune animals and persons 300212	23	6 650	Kg	Data not available
6.	Frozen bovine boneless meat (excl. forequarters, whole or cut into a maximum of five	23	7 277 900	Kg	Data not available

	pieces. 020230				
7.	Squared granite in blocks or slabs 251612	20	42 731 808	Kg	Data not available
8.	Other heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen heteroatom only 293399	18	120 974	Kg	Data not available
9.	Other antibiotics 294190	16	119 497	Kg	Data not available
10.	Frozen boneless bovine meat 020230	15	5 069 512	Kg	Data not available

d) Top 10 items of export to India 2019 :

S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity	Unit
1.	Raw petroleum oils or bituminous minerals 270900	1 199	2 347 504 090	Kg
2.	Heavy fuel oils 271019	162	345 873 896	Kg
3.	LNG 271111	78	273 816 698	Kg
4.	Urea 310210	34	145 000 000	Kg
5.	Calcium phosphate 251020	12	274 817 000	Kg
6.	Liquefied butane 271113	10	24 148 717	Kg
7.	Liquefied propane 271112	8	22 171 388	Kg
8.	Methanol 290511	6	31 771 249	Kg
9.	Waste paper and waste cardboard 470790	1	16 947 703	Kg
10.	Other waster paper and wate cardboard 470790	1	10 803 760	Kg

e) Potential products of imports from India

S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max. 200 words)
1.	Pharmaceutical products 300490, 300390, 300420, 300432	<p>The drug market is changing rapidly in Algeria. Investments made in this sector by national companies have enabled the country to acquire human expertise enabling it to export its know-how. Now Algiers is working to protect national production by banning imports of locally produced medicines.</p> <p>For the pharmaceutical industry, the turnover is estimated at more than US\$ 3.32 billion. Algeria imported US\$ 2 billion of pharmaceutical products in 2019 among which US\$ 95 million were imported from India in 2019.</p>
2.	Chickpeas 071320	<p>Chickpeas represented an import of US\$ 44 million by Algeria from India in 2019. This wide consumer product is imported by Algeria in big quantities. The total imports of chickpeas by Algeria in 2018 were US\$ 103 million. Chickpeas are mainly imported from Canada, USA, Mexico, India, Turkey and Russia and are largely consumed during Ramadan period. In 2019, the imports of pulses including chickpeas by Algeria reached US\$ 239 million.</p>
3.	Semi whitened rice and paraboiled rice 100630	<p>Algeria does not produce rice, so this product is 100% imported. It imports about 100,000 tons annually, mainly from India, Vietnam, Thailand, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uruguay, Argentina and Spain.</p> <p>This market is still promising for rice because of its popularity among local people. On the other hand, the number of Asian workers in Algeria also continues to increase, which helps to increase the demand.</p> <p>Algeria's imports of rice reached US\$ 87 million in 2018 among which US\$ 38 million were imported from India in 2018 and US\$ 37 million in 2019.</p>
4.	Shelled grinded peanuts 120242	<p>Algeria imported peanuts worth US\$ 239 million in 2019. It imported from India the amount of US\$ 3 million in 2019. Dried fruits are mainly imported in bulk and packed in Algeria.</p>
5.	Polyethylene terephthalate 390761	<p>Algeria's imports from India reached US\$ 10 million in 2019. Algeria's total imports of these products during the same period reached US\$ 30 million in 2019. This product is imported for its use for packaging foods and beverages, especially convenience-sized soft drinks, juices and water. Algeria</p>

		is the largest importer of plastic and packaging technologies on the African continent.
6.	Granites 251612	Algeria's total imports of granite reached US\$ 300 million in 2019. Algeria' imports from India was US\$ 20 million in 2019. Algeria used to produce up to 30 000 tons of marble and granite and it is today producing only 14 000 tons.
7.	Medical equipment, needles, catheters used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences 901839	Algeria's medical equipment import volume over the past five years is US\$ 4 billion. Algeria's imports of needles, catheters used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences from India in 2019 reached US\$ 6 million.

B. QUALITATIVE

1. Market Access Alerts :

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes : **NIL**

b. Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT import and export procedures/restrictions/prohibitions, licensing/STEs etc). **NIL**

S. No.	Notification no./date	Measures	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
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c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures : **NIL**

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country :
(safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti-subsidy)

S. No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov, sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
1	Official Gazette No. 26 dated 21.4.2019		Products under head : 02.04/02.07/02.10/04.01/04.03/04.05/04.06/04.09/07.01/07.02/07.03/07.09/07.10/07.11/07.12/08.04/08.05/08.06/08.07/08.08/08.09/08.10/08.14/11.02/11.03/11.08/16.01/16.02/16.04/17.04/18.06/19.01/19.02/19.04/19.05/20.01/20.02/20.03/20.04/20.05/20.06/20.07/20.08/20.09/21.03/21.	21.4.2019	

			04/21.05/21.06/22.01/ 22.02/25.23/33.03/33. 05/33.06/33.07/34.01/ 34.02/39.19/39.20/39. 23/39.24/39.25/39.26/ 44.15/48.03/48.11/48. 18/48.19/48/20/48.23/ 57.01/57.02/57.03/57. 04/57.05/63.05/68.02/ 68.07/69.04/69.05/69. 07/70.07/73.21/76.04/ 76.08/76.10/84.14/84. 15/84.18/84.19/84.22/ 84.33/84.50/84.81/85. 16/85.17/85.28/85.44/ 94.01/94.03/94.05/96. 19/		
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e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc. * **NIL**

2. Feedback

a. Feedback from major Indian Industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to Algeria **during the month of March 2020: NIL**

b. Feedback on major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation) during the month of **March 2020 : NIL**

c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM, number of Business Visas issued **March 2020: NIL**

Number of Business Visas issued during the month of March 2020: 30

3. Trade and Investment :

a. Significant trends in trade and investment (Source) :

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max. 200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1	Trade in Goods	Algerian imports reached US\$ 41 934 billion in 2019 against US\$ 46 330 billion (-9.49%), in 2018. Decreases of around	The difficult economic situation of Algeria generated by the drop of hydrocarbon revenues since 2014 and the decrease of foreign exchange

		<p>19.92%, 18.96%, 6.09%, 5.85% and 4.52% were noticed for industrial equipment goods, agricultural equipment goods, semi-finished products, food products and non-food consumption products, respectively.</p> <p>The group of “raw products” occupies the 5th rank in the structure of imports made in 2019 with a share of 4.80% of the value overall, worth US\$ 2.01 billion. Imports of this group show an increase of 5.89% in the year 2019.</p> <p>The group of "food products" always comes in third position in the structure of imports during the year 2019 with a share of 19.25% of the overall value. Imports of this group reached US\$ 8.07 billion in 2019, it decreased of around 5.85% compared to 2018.</p>	<p>reserves forced the government to adopt several provisions related to import restrictions. Algeria is heavily dependent on imports. Now due to the coronavirus, which is affecting the oil prices in the international market makes it even more difficult for Algeria to manage its economy, as it hydrocarbons represent 90 % of its revenues.</p> <p>Hydrocarbons represent more than 90% of Algerian exports and 60% of tax revenue. The balance of foreign trade for the year 2019 shows a trade deficit of 6.11 billion dollars against 4.53 billion dollars, with an export volume of 35.82 billion dollars and a bill of imports of \$ 41.93 billion.</p>
2	Trade in Services	Figures not available	
3	Investment	Figures not available	<p>Leading sectors for Indian investment :</p> <p>-Industrial sector, mainly the automobile industry.</p>

			-Hydrocarbons -Oil and Gas -Energy and renewable energy -Phosphate, fertilizers and minerals - Information and Communication Technology -Public Works and Infrastructure Development -Tourism facilities -Healthcare -Agricultural sector
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b. Opportunities for investments/assets on offer/major company divestment : **NIL**

c. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/suppliers (US\$ 15 million & above) : **NIL**

d. Trade queries for imports/exports (if not updated on the Indian trade portal) **March 2020** :

S. No.	Enquiry originators	Products with HS Codes	Nature (Import/Export)	Value in US\$ million	Action take (max. words)
1	M.K. Brass Industries	853890 741533 740729 741820 Brass Electrical, Fasteners and Sanitary fitting Components	Export	Not available	Replied
2	Ryan Seals	83099010 Aluminium Pilfer-proof caps	Export	Not available	Replied
3	Vaishali Sagar D. Leswala Limited	6210 Garments & Textile	Export	Not available	Replied
4	B.K.Rubber Industries Pvt..Ltd.	4013 tyres	Export	Not available	Replied
5	GreFuel Private Limited	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied

		8419 laboratory equipment			
6	Nrb Export	74181021 brass products	Export	Not available	Replied
7	SS GAS LAB Asia	3824 chemical products	Export	Not available	Replied
8	AVR Fasteners Limited	74181021 brass products	Export	Not available	Replied
9	Agro life KM ltd	1006 Rice	Export	Not available	Replied
10	S.P. Knit Industries	6910 Sanitaryware Ceramic wash basins	Export	Not available	Replied
11	Osmosis Ceramik	6910 Ceramic & Sanitary ware	Export	Not available	Replied
12	Kesha Exports	0709 vegetables	Export	Not available	Replied
13	Kumar raj Exports	1006 Rice 0910 Spices 120242 Peanuts	Export	Not available	Replied
14	Jesons Industries LTD	3209 paints	Export	Not available	Replied
15	Oriental Rubber Industries P. Ltd	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
16	chudasama aakash	0910 Spices	Export	Not available	Replied
17	Rajesh Mahtani	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
18	Gautam Bhagwat	84305010 mining machinary	Export	Not available	Replied
19	akshit agrawal	0910 Spices	Export	Not available	Replied
20	Joint Hub Pharma	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied
21	SS GAS LAB Asia	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied
22	Alpesh Chothani	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Import	Not available	Replied

23	Joinhub Pharman LLP	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied
24	Edges Medicare	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied
25	Allies Overseas	1006 Rice	Export	Not available	Replied
26	B.K.S. Exim Llp,	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
27	J K Overseas	3006 pharma products	Export	Not available	Replied
28	Sanjay Shah	0910 Spices 1104 cereals 84193100 Agro prod	Export	Not available	Replied
29	Devesh Fab Tex	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
30	Akshar Industries	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
31	Happy Overseas	0709 vegetables	Export	Not available	Replied
32	TBS Overseas	84193100 Agro prod 0712200 Dried Onion And Garlic 17011470 Jaggery 08045020 Fresh Mango	Export	Not available	Replied
33	Akhand Jyoti Engineers	6912 kitchenware	Export	Not available	Replied
34	Krushnaveer Appliances Pvt. Ltd.	8516 Electric Geyser	Export	Not available	Replied
35	Shiv Dial Sud & Sons	8419 laboratory equipment	Export	Not available	Replied
36	Mathew fridhu	84193100 Agro prod 0910 Spices 1104 cereals	Export	Not available	Replied
37	Kumbhani's Export	6210 Garments & Textile 5407 Fabrics	Export	Not available	Replied
38	Shree Siddhi Vinayak	6912 kitchenware	Export	Not available	Replied

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39	Shree Saihasti Agroproducts Ltd	1006 Rice 0910 Spices 1104 cereals 84193100 Agro Products	Export	Not available	Replied
40	Praatik Traders	3401 detergent powder	Export	Not available	Replied
41	Pannchal Merrchants Pvt Ltd	1104 cereals 84193100 Agro Products	Export	Not available	Replied
42	Aniket singapuri	8419 laboratory equipment	Export	Not available	Replied
43	Mubin Ansari	3006 pharma products 8419 laboratory equipment	Export	Not available	Replied
44	Ashwani Yadav	6910 Ceramic & Sanitary ware	Export	Not available	Replied
45	Sparkle Exporrts	84193100 Agro Products	Export	Not available	Replied
46	Prince Pipes & Fittings Limited (India)	7304 Pipes & Fittings	Export	Not available	Replied
47	Freesia Exports (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.	7318 bolts	Export	Not available	Replied
48	Prateek vijay	3006 pharma products 8419 laboratory equipment	Export	Not available	Replied
49	Vimal Parekh	0403 dairy products	Export	Not available	Replied
50	Signy International	46029000 handicrafts	Export	Not available	Replied
51	Mohan Mutha Group	1006 Rice 17011470 Jaggery 1006 Rice 0910 Spices 1104 cereals	Export	Not available	Replied
52	Manjula Exports (India)	6210 Garments & Textile	Export	Not available	Replied
53	Alpesh Chothani	0804 Mangoes	Export	Not available	Replied
54	Shan Agro Inc	17011470 Jaggery	Export	Not available	Replied

55	Vatsalya Exports	84193100 Agro prod 0910 Spices 1104 cereals	Export	Not available	Replied
56	Rajdoot Specialties Pvt Ltd	0810 fruits	Export	Not available	Replied
57	Uniphos International Limited, India	8414 spare parts	Export	Not available	Replied
58	Cera Sanitaryware Limited	6910100 Sanitaryware	Export	Not available	Replied
59	Sunsmi Dyechem Pvt. Ltd	2907 chemicals	Export	Not available	Replied
60	Kshemkari International Pvt Ltd	6907 wall tiles	Export	Not available	Replied
61	Jinal Faldu	6210 Garments & Textile	Export	Not available	Replied
62	Two Star Export House	21069099 lemon powder	Export	Not available	Replied

4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc./Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies et (Max. 500 words) : **NIL**

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing : **NIL**

6. Details of activities conducted out of trade promotion budget :

No.	Activities	Details of expenditure
1.	Subscription to online portal called Sidjilcom (Ministry of Commerce), which gives access to information regarding Algerian companies	Rs. 21,154
2.	Procurement of two Certificates and two Attestations of existence of two Algerian companies from the Ministry of Commerce, Algeria, for the purpose of giving a response to important inquiries.	Rs. 940
3	Market Survey Reports on Rice & Chickpeas	Rs.1,08,378

7. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc

(issues that Mission had to follow up with host government) :

Appropriate action has been taken.

8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute : **NIL**

9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer in March 2020:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred	Any outcome
M/s Shubham Pharmachem Pvt. Ltd.,	205-206 Laxmi Plaza, Laxmi Industrial Estate, New Link Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai - 400 053	Non payment of two invoices of US\$ 14 018.40 and US\$ 42 021 against export of fractionated coco oil	The matter was taken up directly with the buyer on 11.3.2020.	Pending.

10. Any other issue of importance (Max. 500 words) :

Constraints of Foreign Trade in Algeria due to low oil prices

Algeria's economy is going through a difficult time due to the recent decline in oil prices caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. The economy of Algeria is very dependent on exports of hydrocarbons. In 2019, hydrocarbons contributed 92.80 % of the value of global exports with US\$ 33.24 billion. Imports in 2019 have cost Algeria US\$ 41.93 billions causing a deficit of US\$ 6.110 billion. Algeria's economy is expected to contract by 1.3% in 2020. Algeria's foreign exchange reserves may decrease to US\$ 62 billions, which represent only 12,4 months of imports.

The Algerian president Mr. Abdelmadjid Tebboune has decreed austerity measures on 19th March 2020. These measures concern the reduction of public spending by 30%, the reduction of investments made by the hydrocarbon company Sonatrach etc. These austerity measures aim to reduce the deficit that affects the balance of payments. As such, foreign trade will have constraints in Algeria owing to fall of oil price and COVID 19.

Since Algeria is heavily dependent on imports; it will have to be able to cope with the fall of oil prices. The Algerian government has decided to reduce the amount of the import bill from US\$ 41 billion to US\$ 31 billion. There is still no clarity as to what products will be covered by this cut. According to economic experts, the decision to reduce US\$ 10 billion in imports is a very difficult target.

The possible sector for import cut might be the energy and lubricant related products, composed of kerosene, bitumen and other oils, whose import bill reached US\$ 1,4 billion in 2019. The Algerian Minister of Energy has proposed the reduction of imports from this sector to the maximum, the postponement of certain investment projects not of an urgent nature, particularly power plants, and the freezing of tenders for the acquisition of transport equipment, which can save a billion dollars.

Algeria also imports US\$ 10 billion of semi finished products, which represent 25% of its global imports. It concerns tubes, pipes made of plastic and steel products etc. it would be possible to reduce imports of these products by postponing their purchase to a more convenient time. Algeria will save around US\$ 2 billion with the suppression of SKD and CKD imports. Algeria may not reduce imports of the pharmaceutical products which represented an import of US\$ 2 billion in 2019. Besides, COVID pandemic might increase the imports of pharmaceuticals and medical equipments.

Hence, a difficulty in exports of bovine meat, machinery parts and some chemical products from India to Algeria is expected this year.