

**Sector:** Commerce

**Category:** Imports and Exports (India)

**Vision:** All updated GoI policy information regarding the goods imported in India and exported from India through sea, air or land is freely available anywhere around the world in easily accessible mobile formats catering to the needs of different user groups. It includes:

1. Details on port-wise permissions for goods imported in India and exported from India.
2. Chapter-wise classification of all commodities import and export data with trade clarification harmonized system (ITCHS) codes, policy restrictions and conditions.
3. Year-on-year details of principal commodities and country-wise imports and exports with value and percentage share.

**Mission:** To allow importers and exporters around the world to know the changes in import and export policy information in India irrespective of language, location, asset ownership or any other limitations. Using the ITC (HS) codes and item/good name, a user can access the detailed information regarding the imports and exports (such as description and sub-descriptions of goods/items) with prevailing country level policy restrictions and conditions. Also, to provide a user an easy way to check port-wise import and export permissions of their consignment.

**Background:** Importers or exporters often face challenges in getting the right details at the right time and place.

- Many a times the imported goods are not accepted at a particular port or destination by customs within India due to country or port level restrictions applicable and often a transshipment permit is granted by customs, at the port/airport of unloading of imported goods, to shipping agents for carriage of goods to another port/airport/ICD/CFS in India.
- The principal commodity details, country-wise imports and exports and information regarding the goods/items wise ITC (HS) codes, policy restrictions and conditions in India are not known for a particular good/item by importers and exporters and it creates a problem for local authorities to administer and verify the content of each and every consignment.

**Solution:** Many datasets are available on Data Portal or can be requested from the Ministry to develop mobile applications (both for smart phones and phones other than smart phones) for a user to get the detailed and updated information catering to the needs of importers and exporters. The selection or input based user-interface backed with the data should be available through SMS facility for mobile phones other than smart phones and applications (apps) for smart phones.

Our aim is to make an application the central warehouse for each and every piece of information pertaining to the imports and exports in India. For development of this application, both private and in-house developers should be included to cater the requirements, suggestions, and feedbacks given. The content on the application should be available in local languages, free of cost and credits should be given to the owners.

**Wish List:** More data-sets can be accommodated and linked to the application, the data-sets available on the Data Portal can be expanded to include import and export of principal commodities by principal ports, charges levied by different ports in India, average time required for export, number of documents required for export, average cost to export, India's share of

global merchandise exports, 'Trading Across Borders' indicator, cost of bank guarantee, foreign trade performance analysis.

**Potential Uses:** In addition to providing reliable exports and imports related information, it would also empower the community to request for additional data, provide suggestions and feedbacks. This would help in availability of quick and updated data round the clock from anywhere in the world, free of cost in local language and hence improve the accountability in the commerce and trading system of India.

**Reference URL:** <http://www.dgft.gov.in/>

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