

India-Russia Trade Brief

Agriculture & Allied Trade between India and Russia

1. **Exports:** In the year 2018-19, India's total export of agricultural and allied commodities to Russia was of the order of US \$ 556 million, approximately 4.3 % lower than the previous year. (Table -1)
 - a) **Major Exports:** Tea, Marine Products, Coffee, Fresh Fruits, Buffalo meat, Guar-gem meal, and Rice etc.
 - b) **Minor Exports:** Processed Fruits and Juices, Tobacco, Sesame seeds, Spices etc.
2. **Potential Items of Export:** Bananas, Soyabean, Tomatoes, Food preparation for infant use, Potatoes, Maize etc. (Table -3)
3. **Imports:** In the year 2018-19, India's total import of agricultural and allied commodities from Russia was of the order of US \$ 82 million, approximately 73 % lower than the previous year. (Table -2)
 - a) **Major Imports:** Pulses, Vegetable Oils, etc.
 - b) **Minor Imports:** Spices, Alcoholic beverages, Marine products etc.

Table 1- India's top Agri and Allied Export to Russia

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	HS Code	Commodity	2017-18	2018-19
1	90240	OTHER BLACK TEA (FERMENTED) AND OTHER PARTLY FERMENTED TEA :	116.43	102.99
2	30617	OTHER SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS : FROZEN	57.68	56.53
3	20230	BONELESS	50.49	47.45
4	130232	MUCLGS AND THCKNRS W/N MODIFD DERIVD FROM LOCUST BEANS LOCUST BEAN SEEDS/GUAR SEEDS	40.8	47.35
5	210111	EXTRCTS ESSNCS AND CNCNTRTS OF COFFE	57.84	44.4
6	80610	GRAPES FRESH	43.05	44.38
7	100630	SEMI/WHOLLY MILED RICE W/N POLISHED/GLAZED	24.75	30.96
8	240120	TOBACCO PARTLY OR WHOLLY STEMMED/STRIPPED	24.31	23.41
9	120740	SEASAMUM SEEDS W/N BROKEN	27.4	22
10	30499	OTHER	22.02	18.55
		India's Agri and allied export to Russia	580.71	555.79

Source: Department of Commerce

Table 2- India's top Agri and Allied Imports from Russia

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	HS Code	Commodity	2017-18	2018-19
1	71310	PEAS (PISUM SATIVUM) DRIED AND SHLD	192.1	39.94
2	151211	CRUDE OIL OF SUNFLOWER AND SAFFLOWER SEED	1.6	22.16
3	150710	SOYA BEAN CRUDE OIL W/N DEGUMMED		10.45
4	90921	SEEDS OF CORIANDER:NEITHER CRUSHED NOR GROUND:	9.38	4.47
5	71320	CHICKPEAS (GARBANZOS) DRIED AND SHLD	6.13	3.47
6	30617	OTHER SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS : FROZEN		0.3
7	220850	GIN AND GENEVA	0.97	0.29
8	120600	SUNFLOWER SEEDS WHETHER OR NOT BROKEN		0.22
9	40811	EGG YOLKS DRIED		0.19
10	220300	BEER MADE FROM MALT	0.14	0.12
		India's Agri and allied import from Russia	303.36	82.15

Source: Department of Commerce

2) Potential agriculture items of India's export to Russia

Russia imports the following agriculture items from other countries in the world which India has also potential to export.

Chapter	Commodity Description	Analysis
8	Fresh and Dried Bananas	For these items, India's global exports and Russia's global imports were more than US\$ 10 million in 2018. However, Russia imports of these items from India were either Nil or insignificant during the said year.
12	Soya bean	
07	Tomatoes, Potatoes	
19	Food Prepration	
10	Maize	

Source: Refer Table 3

Russia may explore the possibility of sourcing these agricultural items from India. Sanitary Phyto-sanitary (SPS) and other requirements in respect of these products may be sought from Russia.

Table 3: India's potential agriculture exports to Russia

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Russian Federation		Russian Federation's imports from world		India's exports to world	
Product code	Product label	Value in 2017	Value in 2018	Value in 2017	Value in 2018	Value in 2017	Value in 2018
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains)	1	0	1140353	1154736	48909	55961
'120190	Soya beans, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing)	0	0	963850	989584	164043	115398
'070200	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	0	0	558745	629841	14068	23414
'190110	Food preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale, of flour, groats, meal, starch or ...	1	0	222668	239931	40922	38830
'070190	Fresh or chilled potatoes (excluding seed)	11	0	205940	205403	57943	56404
'100510	Maize seed for sowing	0	0	176212	151765	36121	61114

Source: ITC Trade Map