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**Commodity EXIM Report for 4th week of May, 2025
dated 28th May, 2025**

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**ITCHS 2818 – Artificial Corundum, Whether or
Not Chemically Defined;
Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium
Hydroxide**

Commodity EXIM Report

DGCI&S, ITJ Division

1. The weekly EXIM report published by ITJ Division of DGCI&S, Kolkata presents some basic insights into India's export and import trade patterns with respect to selected set of commodities identified each week in order to facilitate preliminary commodity group/sector specific analysis for informed decision making regarding trade.
2. For both categories of trade, one commodity group each is chosen from the entire ITC-HS 4-digit Classification (latest being 2023-2024 classification system). The Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System has been adopted in India for export and import operations. While India specific data are sourced from DGCI&S, M/o Commerce & Industry database, global export-import data of exactly those sets of commodities are sourced from UN-COMTRDADE database.
3. Considering the time-period, this report outlines trade statistics for over a period of four years, i.e., 2020-2021 to 2023-2024. The latest finalized data available on the UN Comtrade database is only up to year 2023 (Calendar Year) and on the DGCI&S database up to February, 2025. So, for each commodity group dealt with in this report, trends from 2020 to 2023 have been showcased where data have been sourced from UN Comtrade and from 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 when sourced from DGCI&S database.
4. In this report [4th weekly Commodity EXIM Report of May, 2025 dated 28th May, 2025] the following two commodities have been dealt with:-

Export: Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured [ITCHS Code – 0902] – In financial year 2023-24 (April, 2023–March, 2024) this commodity group had 0.17% share in India's total export value basket as per DGCI&S database. India had occupied the 4th slot in export of this commodity (706.90 million USD) with 9.09% share of total global export in the year 2023-24.

Import: Artificial Corundum, Whether or not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide[ITCHS Code – 2818] – In financial year 2023-24 (April 2023 – March,2024) this commodity group had a share of 0.16% in India's total import value basket as per DGCI&S database. India having 6.82% share of total global import of this commodity (1080.96 million USD) occupied the 4th slot in the world in 2023.

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Tea, Whether or not Flavoured classified as H.S. Code – 0902 falls under Chapter -09 (Coffee, tea, mate and spices) of Section-II (Vegetable Products) of ITC-HS classification.

India is engaged in the process of exporting this commodity and in 2023-24 financial year this commodity group had so far had 0.17% share in India's total export value basket as per DGCI&S database.

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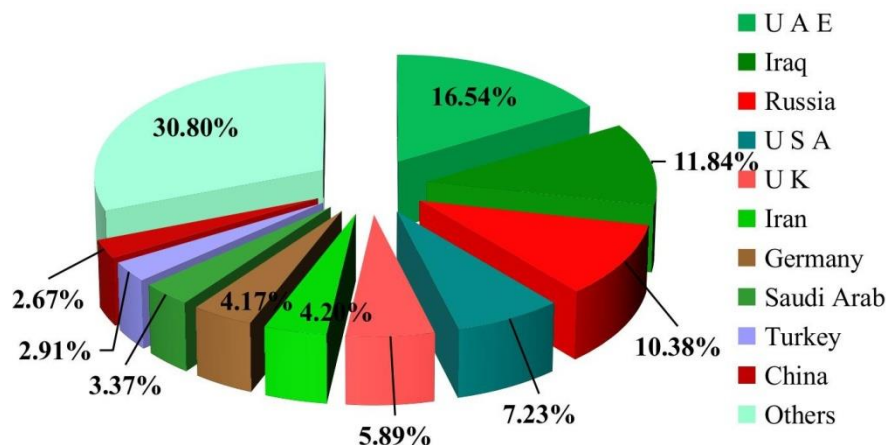
India's top 10 destinations of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured (ITCHS Code - 0902)

Rank	Countries	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)
1.	UAE	44.54	6.36	81.20	11.86	159.54	21.55	122.89	16.54
2.	Iraq	16.15	2.31	22.89	3.34	29.28	3.95	87.95	11.84
3.	Russia	88.90	12.69	76.01	11.10	91.71	12.39	77.14	10.38
4.	USA	67.07	9.58	62.61	9.14	54.80	7.40	53.72	7.23
5.	UK	41.53	5.93	42.16	6.16	43.28	5.85	43.74	5.89
6.	Iran	111.51	15.92	105.91	15.46	68.30	9.22	31.23	4.20
7.	Germany	35.70	5.10	43.06	6.29	34.87	4.71	31.00	4.17
8.	Saudi Arabia	18.72	2.67	14.77	2.16	21.59	2.92	25.05	3.37
9.	Turkey	8.40	1.20	5.09	0.74	9.67	1.31	21.60	2.91
10.	China	31.06	4.43	13.01	1.90	12.54	1.69	19.87	2.67
	Others	236.84	33.81	218.13	31.85	214.82	29.01	228.88	30.80
	Total	700.41	100	684.86	100	740.40	100	743.05	100

Source: DGCI&S, Ministry of Commerce & Industry Note:

India's Export includes re-export also

India's top 10 destinations of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured by percentage share in 2023-24



India's tea export surged to USD 743.05 million in 2023-24, reflecting a little increase of 0.36% from the previous year's figure of USD 740.40 million. India's top tea export partners include the UAE, Iraq, and Russia. These countries represent a significant portion of India's total tea export. UAE (USD 122.89 million) had held the topmost slot of export destinations of this segment from India with 16.54% share of India's total export of tea. In 2nd and 3rd place were Iraq (USD 87.95 million) and Russia (USD 77.14 million) to where India exported around 11.84% and 10.38% shares of tea respectively in 2023-24. For, the period under review, tea export was at USD 700.41 million in 2020-21 followed by a moderate dip in 2021-22 and then continued to rise till 2023-24.

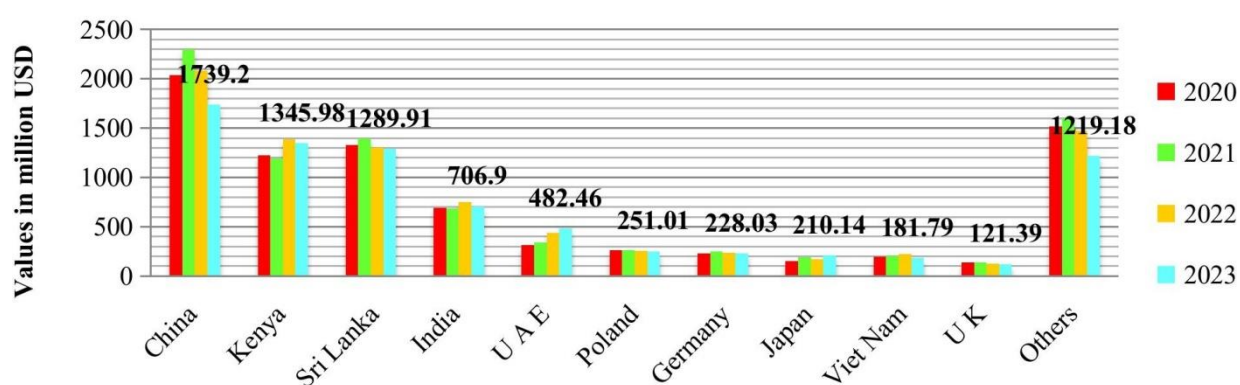
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World's top 10 exporters of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured (ITCHS Code - 0902)

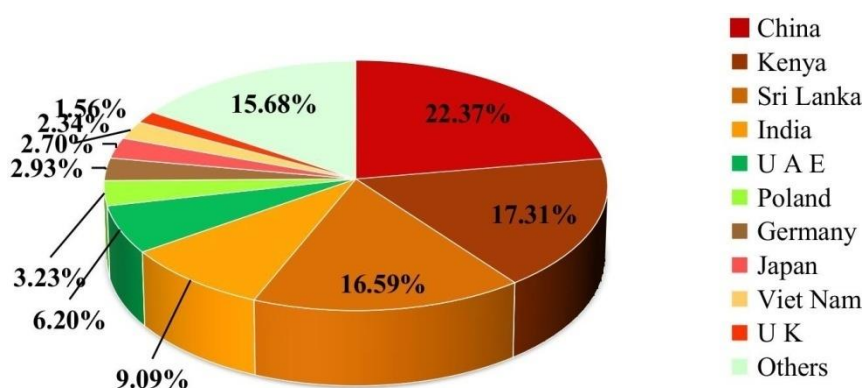
Rank	Countries	2020		2021		2022		2023	
		Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)
1.	China	2038.06	25.17	2299.10	26.87	2082.70	24.68	1739.20	22.37
2.	Kenya	1223.76	15.11	1192.79	13.94	1385.09	16.41	1345.98	17.31
3.	Sri Lanka	1329.51	16.42	1391.65	16.26	1305.61	15.47	1289.91	16.59
4.	India	692.07	8.55	687.89	8.04	751.06	8.90	706.90	9.09
5.	UAE	315.66	3.90	338.03	3.95	439.42	5.21	482.46	6.20
6.	Poland	264.51	3.27	262.81	3.07	253.47	3.00	251.01	3.23
7.	Germany	228.27	2.82	250.24	2.92	235.36	2.79	228.03	2.93
8.	Japan	154.40	1.91	189.79	2.22	169.19	2.00	210.14	2.70
9.	Vietnam	198.93	2.46	204.13	2.39	223.09	2.64	181.79	2.34
10.	UK	136.35	1.68	135.73	1.59	123.32	1.46	121.39	1.56
	Others	1515.28	18.71	1605.00	18.76	1471.90	17.44	1219.18	15.68
	Total	8096.80	100	8557.15	100	8440.19	100	7775.98	100

Source: UN Comtrade

Top 10 exporters of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured from 2020 to 2023



World's 10 leading exporters of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured (percentage share in 2023)



The overall tea export had a total value of USD 7775.98 million in 2023 reflecting a 7.87% decrease from 2022, when trade totaled USD 8440.19 million. Over the period under review, global export of tea had increased in 2021 and after that it had continuously declined till 2023. India with export value of USD 706.90 million accounted for 9.09% share of global tea export in 2023 and stood at 4th slot in the world. The lead exporter in this segment had consistently been China (USD 1739.20 million) with

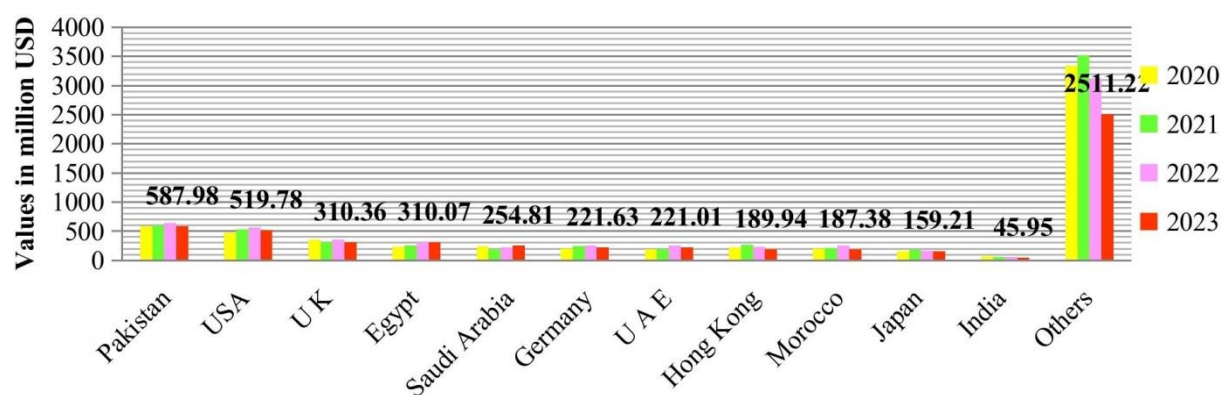
a share of 22.37% in 2023, followed by Kenya (USD 1345.98 million) and Sri Lanka (USD 1289.91 million) with 17.31% and 16.59% shares respectively of world export.

Table-3
World's top 10 importers of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured (ITCHS Code - 0902)

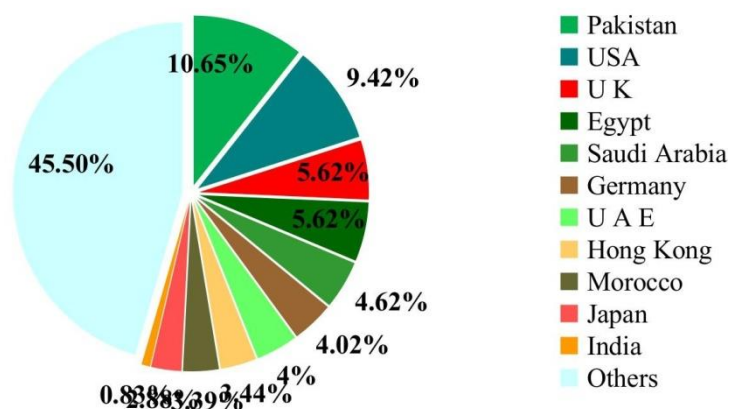
Rank	Countries	2020		2021		2022		2023	
		Value (million \$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)
1.	Pakistan	589.76	9.38	594.73	9.10	640.57	9.94	587.98	10.65
2.	USA	473.83	7.54	531.76	8.14	559.66	8.69	519.78	9.42
3.	UK	349.76	5.57	307.44	4.70	355.79	5.52	310.36	5.62
4.	Egypt	235.14	3.74	256.28	3.92	315.01	4.89	310.07	5.62
5.	Saudi Arabia	245.58	3.91	189.38	2.90	223.35	3.47	254.81	4.62
6.	Germany	199.88	3.18	247.47	3.79	255.68	3.97	221.63	4.02
7.	UAE	194.43	3.09	187.57	2.87	260.80	4.05	221.01	4.00
8.	Hong Kong	221.82	3.53	262.20	4.01	229.25	3.56	189.94	3.44
9.	Morocco	202.06	3.22	207.48	3.17	256.16	3.98	187.38	3.39
10.	Japan	156.43	2.49	173.98	2.66	165.27	2.56	159.21	2.88
30.	India	67.45	1.07	59.41	0.91	57.31	0.89	45.95	0.83
	Others	3347.90	53.28	3517.74	53.83	3125.12	48.50	2511.22	45.50
	Total	6284.03	100	6535.43	100	6443.96	100	5519.33	100

Source: UN Comtrade

Top 10 importers of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured from 2020 to 2023



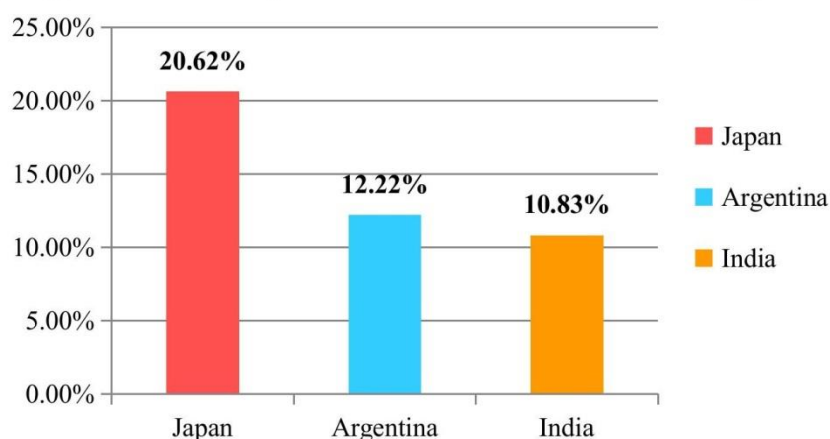
World's 10 leading importers of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured (percentage share in 2023)



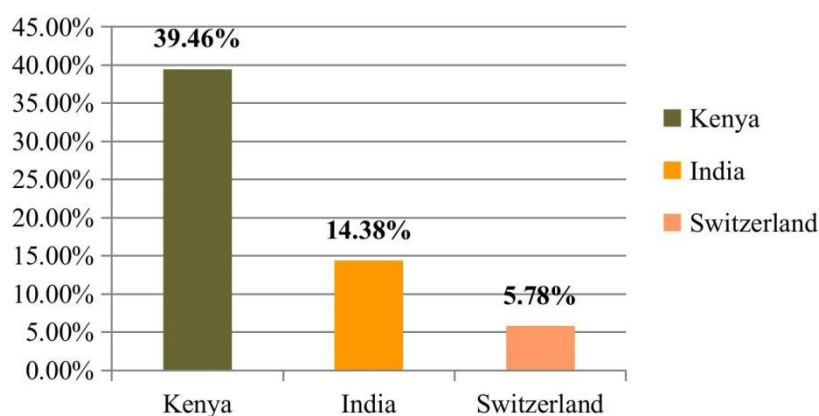
Tea import worldwide was USD 5519.33 million in 2023, reflecting a decline of 14.35 % from 2022 when the import value of tea was USD 6443.96 million globally. The lead importers in this segment in 2023 had been Pakistan (10.65%), USA (9.42%) and UK (5.62%). **India** with only 0.83% share in this category, stood at 30th position globally. Global import in this segment had steadily increased till 2021 and then turned down till 2023 experiencing a major dip in 2023.

As per UN Comtrade database the top 3 importers of Tea, Whether or not Flavoured in 2023 were **Pakistan, USA and UK**. Out of these three countries Pakistan had no trade in this segment with India. USA and UK had imported 10.83% and 14.38% shares of their respective total imports of tea from India in 2023 which are presented below:

(i) Top 3 supplier nations of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured to USA in 2023 (percentage share)



(ii) Top 3 supplier nations of Tea, Whether or Not Flavoured to UK in 2023 (percentage share)



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Artificial Corundum, Whether or Not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide classified as ITC Code – 2818 falls under Chapter -28 (Inorganic chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes) of Section-VI (Products of the chemical or allied industries) of ITC-HS Classification.

India is engaged in the process of importing this commodity and in the financial year 2023-24 this commodity group had share of 0.16% in India's total import value basket as per DGCI&S database.

Table-4

India's top 10 sources of Artificial Corundum, Whether or Not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide (HS Code – 2818)

Rank	Countries	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)
1.	Indonesia	147.09	18.23	254.74	22.22	415.55	35.27	433.75	40.63
2.	Australia	404.38	50.12	364.33	31.77	277.45	23.55	250.87	23.50
3.	Vietnam	119.40	14.80	301.72	26.31	291.90	24.77	154.53	14.47
4.	China	61.06	7.57	100.28	8.75	94.12	7.99	111.32	10.43
5.	Saudi Arabia	0.10	0.01	19.99	1.74	12.20	1.04	36.67	3.43
6.	Belgium	9.89	1.23	11.10	0.97	6.96	0.59	16.86	1.58
7.	Germany	15.95	1.98	19.36	1.69	19.98	1.70	14.45	1.35
8.	USA	7.82	0.97	11.99	1.05	9.83	0.83	10.83	1.01
9.	Netherlands	14.17	1.76	20.53	1.79	22.39	1.90	10.37	0.97
10.	Japan	3.41	0.42	5.45	0.47	5.76	0.49	8.46	0.79
	Others	23.61	2.93	37.15	3.24	22.22	1.89	19.52	1.83
	Total	806.89	100	1146.63	100	1178.36	100	1067.64	100

Source: DGCI&S, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Note: India's import includes re-import also

In 2023-24 India had imported a total of USD 1067.64 million worth of Artificial Corundum, Whether or not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide, experiencing a decrease of 9.40% compared to 2022-23. As per available data, Indonesia stood out as India's top importing partner in this segment with a share of 40.63%. Next in line came Australia and Vietnam with shares of 23.50% and 14.47% respectively. India's import value in this segment had been steadily increasing from USD 806.89 million in 2020-21 to USD 1178.36 million in 2022-23, experiencing a major leap in 2021-22 and then dipped in 2023-24.

Table-5
World's top 10 importers of Artificial Corundum, Whether or Not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide (HS Code – 2818)

Rank	Countries	2020		2021		2022		2023	
		Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)	Value (million\$)	Share (%)
1.	Canada	1368.08	9.46	1553.09	8.61	1770.68	9.59	1749.09	11.04
2.	Bahrain	883.86	6.11	1006.32	5.58	1245.69	6.75	1192.44	7.52
3.	UAE	766.04	5.30	830.12	4.60	1232.59	6.68	1156.54	7.30
4.	India	660.75	4.57	1074.48	5.95	1235.09	6.69	1080.96	6.82
5.	China	1290.33	8.92	1450.10	8.03	1095.51	5.94	961.35	6.07
6.	Norway	803.70	5.56	957.71	5.31	1062.52	5.76	948.39	5.98
7.	USA	758.74	5.25	964.30	5.34	1383.12	7.49	923.56	5.83
8.	Malaysia	474.11	3.28	723.25	4.01	890.26	4.82	701.61	4.43
9.	Iceland	458.58	3.17	592.89	3.28	698.41	3.78	614.29	3.88
10.	Germany	485.45	3.36	686.80	3.81	711.82	3.86	542.54	3.42
	Others	6508.16	45.01	8209.43	45.49	7129.08	38.63	5979.93	37.73
	Total	14457.8	100	18048.47	100	18454.79	100	15850.68	100

Source: UN Comtrade

Worldwide import of Artificial Corundum, Whether or not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide only totaled to USD 15850.68 million in 2023 recording a decline of 14.11% from 2022. Canada imported USD 1749.09 million worth of the commodity in 2023, making it the lead importer worldwide with 11.04% share of world import. Bahrain (7.52%) and UAE (7.30%) lined up in second and third places in 2023. The import value of Artificial Corundum, Whether or not Chemically Defined; Aluminium Oxide; Aluminium Hydroxide by **India** amounted to approximately USD 1080.96 million in the year 2023 and **India** ranked 4th in the world with the share of 6.82% of total global import value of goods in this segment.
