

PRESS NOTE

Subject: - Import of Sensitive Items during April 08.

The total import of sensitive items for the period April 08 has been Rs 1857 crores as compared to Rs 1506 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 23.3%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs 97151 crores as compared to Rs 74895 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitutes 2.0% and 1.9% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of rubber, milk & milk products and food grains have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of items viz. edible oil, fruits & vegetables (including nuts), cotton & silk, automobiles, products of SSI, spices, Alcoholic beverages, marble & Granite and Tea & Coffee have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 625.69 crores last year to Rs 719.70 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The import of both crude oil as well as refined has gone up by 13.6% and 43.7% respectively. The increase in edible oil import is mainly due to significant increase in import of Crude Palm oil and its fractions which has gone up by 34%.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Myanmar, China P RP, United States of America, Egypt, Germany, Sri Lanka DSR, Thailand, Benin, Japan, United Kingdom, Australia, Korea RP etc. have gone up while those from Canada, Argentina, Malaysia, etc. have shown a decrease.
