

## PRESS NOTE

### **Subject: - Import of Sensitive Items during April -June 08.**

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-June 08 has been Rs 6949 crores as compared to Rs 6438 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 7.9%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs 305265 crores as compared to Rs 232855 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitutes 2.8% and 2.3% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

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

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has decreased from Rs 2919.03 crores last year to Rs 2572.85 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The import of crude oil has gone down by 15.8% and that of refined gone up by 31.6%. The decrease in edible oil import is mainly due to significant fall in import of Soya-bean Crude oil, which has gone down by 69%.

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

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