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Trade News Highlights- October 2016

India and United States Trade Policy Forum: Oct 20th

1. India, US may discuss Ecommerce entry at WTO

Ecommerce is likely to figure prominently in Obama administration's last big engagement with India. The US Trade Representative Michael Froman will meet Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on October 20 under the India-US Trade Policy Forum, where the US is likely to urge India to consider discussing ecommerce at the World Trade Organization.

2. India, US explore ways to promote trade, investment

US Trade Representative Michael Froman is leading a high-level delegation to India for the 10th India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting. Issues such as market access for agriculture items, promotion of investment in manufacturing and intellectual property rights (IPRs) are likely to figure in the meeting.

3. Huge potential for hike in trade with India: US

The US has asked India to consider relaxing local sourcing requirements in single brand retail trade. India has, in turn, mentioned recent FDI reforms providing relaxation in local sourcing norms in specific cases. According to a joint statement, the US and India also decided to continue their engagement on visa issues.

Other Highlights:

1. California's walnut farmers eye big jump in exports to India

Having an impressive crop this season, the California's walnut farmers are expecting a significant growth in exports of the nuts to India considering greater awareness in the country about its health benefits. In the last one year, a whopping nine million in-shell pounds of walnuts worth USD 20 million were exported to India and California Walnuts Commission, an umbrella body of the farmers, was confident of at least 20-30 per cent growth in the volume of supplies to the fast growing economy.

2. India plans roadshows for promoting textile exports to new markets

Plummeting textile exports have prompted India to look outside traditional

markets and tap the ones being served by competitors such as China. The textiles ministry is planning to do roadshows to promote Indian textiles in the new markets, officials said.

“We used to hold roadshows earlier and we want to approach new markets through these. We have identified Russia, South America and West Asia to boost exports,” said one of the officials, who did not wish to be named.

Trade data : Year-to-date (Sept 2016):

Here are the trade values (in dollars) for all the states in the jurisdiction of this post.

States	India's Exports	India's Imports
Alaska	5,201,929	1,675,979
Arizona	153,794,069	85,384,548
California	2,768,897,868	3,742,937,168
Hawaii	4,143,923	8,926,755
Idaho	8,602,854	21,084,424
Montana	1,718,099	35,504,672
Nevada	234,595,828	334,312,698
Oregon	101,139,202	95,763,007
Utah	73,693,979	53,192,835
Washington	262,848,131	516,873,274
Wyoming	2,935,829	8,557,482

Trade Enquiries

Here are some of the trade enquiries that this post received during these months and they have been attended to appropriately.

Diet Foods International	Spices, Pulses, Rice, Lentils, Cereals, Grains
ASK International Exports	Cotton, Silk Sarees, Clay Lamps, Agarbathis
Someshwar Metal Pvt. Ltd.	Zinc products, Copper Alloy wires
Slogan Ceramic	Ceramic Items
ALPS Cotton Apparel	Hosiery and woven garments
Sameer Kolekar	Fruits, vegetables, and meat