

## PRESS NOTE

### **Subject: - Import of Sensitive Items during April-September 09.**

The total import of sensitive items for the period April-September 09 has been Rs.29256.29 crores as compared to Rs.21186.61 crores during the corresponding period of last year thereby showing an increase of 38.1%. The gross import of all commodities during same period of current year was Rs.790644 crores as compared to Rs 605075 crores during the same period of last year. Thus import of sensitive items constitutes 2.7% and 4.8% of the gross imports during last year and current year respectively.

2. Imports of automobiles, cotton & silk, products of SSI alcoholic beverages and food grains have shown a decline at broad group level during the period. Imports of all other items viz. edible oil, Pulses, fruits & vegetables (including nuts), rubber, spices, marble & granite, tea & coffee and milk & milk products have shown increase during the period under reference.

3. In the edible oil segment, the import has increased from Rs 6265.69 crores last year to Rs 11831.43 crores for the corresponding period of this year. The imports of both crude edible oil as well as refined oil have gone up by 97% and 55% respectively. The increase in edible oil import is mainly due to substantial increase in import of crude palm oil and its fractions.

4. Imports of sensitive items from Indonesia, Myanmar, Brazil, Malaysia, United States of America, Japan, Canada, Ukraine, Argentina, Australia, Benin, Guinea Bissau etc. have gone up while those from China P RP, Korea RP, Germany, Thailand, Cote D' Ivoire, Czech Republic etc. have shown a decrease.

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