



Andhra Pradesh – Hub For Mangoes Export

Mangoes are produced abundantly in Andhra Pradesh especially in the regions of East & West Godavari, Krishna districts etc. Banganapalli, Suvarnarekha, Neelum & Totapuri are few varieties of Mangoes that are produced in large quantity and supplied domestically. While the domestic consumption is quite high, the demand of this fruit variety is equally very high especially in Europe, New Zealand and Middle East regions. To meet the demand more players are planning to enter into the market from the Godavari regions.



The Union government has secured the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for export of Indian mangoes to the USA in the new season. The export of Indian mangoes has been restricted by the USA since 2020 as USDA inspectors were unable to visit India due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The USDA's approval would pave the way for exports from traditional mango production belts such as Andhra Pradesh.

In the year 2020-21, ~2.5 MT of Banganapalli and Suvarnarekha mangoes from Andhra Pradesh got exported to South Korea. Around 109 MT of mangoes were exported to the Middle East, Europe including UK & New Zealand. Mango orchards are spread in about 3.7 lakh hectares in Andhra Pradesh. The export norms vary from country to country. Production of mangoes is estimated at 49.26 lakh MT in 2020-21 as against 46.88 lakh MT in 2019-20 in Andhra Pradesh. There is a huge demand of Indian Mangoes in the USA. India exported 800 MT of mangoes in 2017-18. It was increased to 951 MT in 2018-19 and further increased to 1095 mt in the year 2019-20. As per trade experts in the export of mangoes in 2022 may exceed the figures of 2019-20 with the continuous growing demand of the variety.

VCTPL the ideal gateway on the East Coast of India has been the preferred terminal during 2020 where few shipments of Banganapalli variety was exported to London during FY 20-21, however the full lexports did not take off more due to pandemic effecting globally. Exports of mangoes is foreseen in the next few months as the season is round the corner and the hinterland of Visakhapatnam is the hub for the production of the king fruit production where VCTPL is all set and geared to handle the shipments.

Exporters Happy As Anti Subsidy Duty Reduced

Yet another step has been taken by Commerce Ministry to support exporters. This time it was from Trade Defence Wing (TDW), which is operational under Commerce Ministry, have helped in reduction of anti-subsidy duty imposed on Indian goods by other countries. To address the needs of Indian exporters, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) besides conducting investigations against dumped and subsidized imports from other countries also protects the interests of Indian exporters in investigations conducted by other countries against Indian exports through its Trade Defence Wing (TDW).

TDW operations under DOC (Department of Commerce) result in reduction of anti-subsidy duty imposed on Indian exporters from 11.67 per cent to 2.82 per cent. In the Countervailing Duty (CVD) investigation against export of stainless-steel cold rolled products by European Commission (EC), active intervention of TDW through consultation resulted in imposition of duty margin as low as 0.45 per cent by the European Commission.



The wing was established in the year 2016 and has been the prime focal point for increasing support and defending the interests of Indian exporters in investigations undertaken by other countries against India. It coordinates with various departments of the central as well as the state governments and presents India's defence. Consultations with investigating authorities of other countries, particularly EU authorities, and US are regularly held to explain, reiterate and drive home the standpoint of the Indian government.

With the outbreak of the third wave of COVID 19 there is uncertainty about the ongoing EXIM trade activities. This reduction of anti-subsidy duty imposed on Indian exporters is taken as a marketing measure with the view to secure the container export traffic. Foreseeing the drop in the container volumes it is a great decision to reduce the anti-subsidy duty in-order to bring back the export volumes in normal.

India Largest Exporter Of Cucumber & Gherkins

India has emerged as the largest exporter of gherkins in the world. India has exported around 1,23,846 MT of cucumber and gherkins valuing USD 114 million during April-October 2021. India has crossed the USD 200 million mark of export of agricultural processed product - pickling cucumber, which is globally referred as gherkins or cornichons, in the last financial year. In the year 2020-21 India had exported around 2,23,515 MT of cucumber and gherkins with a valuing USD 223 million.

Following directions of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) undertook a series of initiatives in infrastructure development, product promotion in the global market and adherence to food safety management system in processing units.



Gherkins are exported under two categories. Cucumbers and gherkins - which are prepared and preserved by vinegar and cucumbers and gherkins - which are for the time being preserved. Gherkin cultivation, processing and exports started in India during the early 1990s with a small beginning in Karnataka and later extended to the neighboring states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Nearly 15% production of the world's gherkin requirement is grown in India.

Gherkins is currently exported to more than 20 countries, with major destinations being North America, European countries and Oceanic countries such as USA, France, Germany, Australia, Spain, South Korea, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Russia, China, Sri Lanka and Israel.

Apart from its export possibility, the gherkin industry plays a key role in the creation of rural employment. In India, cultivation of gherkins is carried out under contract farming by around 90,000 small and secondary farmers with an annual production area of 65,000 acres. Processed gherkins are exported in bulk as industrial raw material and in jars as ready to eat. In India there are about 51 major companies producing and exporting gherkins in drums and ready-to-eat consumer packs.

On an average, a gherkin farmer produces 4 metric tonne per acre per crop and earns about Rs 80,000 with a net income of Rs 40,000. Gherkin has a 90-day crop and the farmers take two crops annually. Processing plants of international standards have been established here to cater to the requirement of foreign buyers.

There is a great possibility that the crop will be exported in containers also very soon. Andhra Pradesh climate and soil is very suitable for the cultivation of cucumbers and gherkins. With more and more players showing interest in cultivation and exporting of the crop, VCTPL is the ideal location for export activities.

India – UK To Double The Trade By 2030

India is one of the world's biggest and fastest-growing economies. India is set to become the world's third biggest economy by 2050, with a bigger population than the US and EU combined. Trade ties between India and United Kingdom are strengthening day by day. As of 2021, India is UK's 15th largest trading partner and the United Kingdom is India's 18th largest trading partner with manufacturing exports. India's export to the UK, consisting of clothing, medicinal and pharmaceutical products, metal manufacturers, organic chemicals, and precious stones.

The value of bilateral commerce between the two nations is estimated to be over \$50 billion each year. As per the trade discussions India's agriculture, as well as dairy industries are considered as sensitive sectors. India-UK agreed to double bilateral trade by 2030. India and the UK will try to find for a mutually beneficial agreement supporting jobs, businesses and communities in both countries.



The bilateral deal has the potential to almost double UK exports to India, boost UK's total trade by as much as £28 billion a year by 2035. Investment from Indian companies already supports 95,000 jobs across the UK. The trade agreement with the United Kingdom would improve exports in big job-creating industries like textiles, leather products, and footwear in India.

With the new FTA in the pipeline there are possibilities of many more EXIM activities to take place between these two countries. These developments will display new horizons for the development of trade where VCT would be ideal gateway to handle the envisaged container growth.

33rd National Road Safety Week - 2022

Like every year, this year too, VCTPL and VCT-CFS have organized National Road Safety Week. On the 33rd National Road Safety Week - 2022 the theme provided by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Road Safety was "Sadak Suraksha – Jeevan Raksha". We had spread awareness on road safety within VCTPL and VCT-CFS premises by starting the day with a road safety pledge virtually. Various events like training, road safety signage, puzzle games etc. were conducted. Virtual quiz was conducted in the company which was actively participated by both employees and contract employees.

Furthermore, training on road safety was conducted to external stake holders including truck drivers & helpers. Employees from different departments enthusiastically participated in the awareness campaign by giving importance to road Safety. We strongly believe that it completely depends upon all of us to contribute personally to the success of our country's vision on road safety by following the traffic safety rules. Whenever it comes to safety VCT always takes a step forward to give its best.