

Thailand Consortium on Trade Control on Weapons of Mass Destruction related Items

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Myanmar's Trade Relation

- Founding member of the GATT and now WTO.
- Trade practices are governed by the WTO trading principles.
- Member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) since 1997.
- Member of BIMSTEC in December in 1997, member of GMS and ACMECS as well.

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Myanmar Trade Pattern

- Mainly an exporter of agricultural and primary products
- Largely of manufacture goods import
- Main export items - agricultural products, fishery products, forest products, natural gas, metals & minerals, precious stones & pearls and some industrial products
- Major import items - capital goods, industrial raw materials, spare parts and consumer goods.

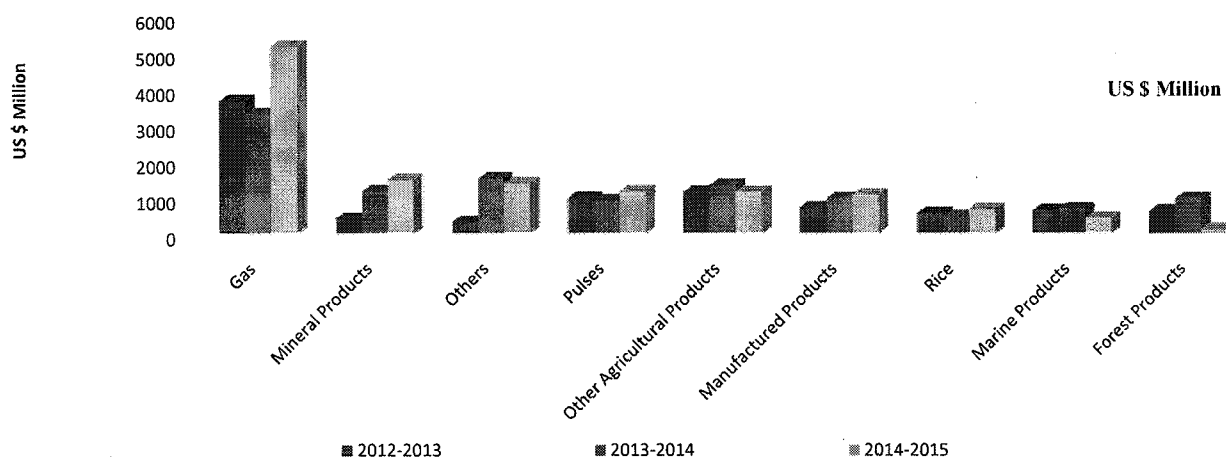
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Total Trade Volume from 2011-2012 to 2016-2017 FY

US\$ Millions

| Fiscal Year | Overseas | Border | Total Trade Volume |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| 2011-12 | 14802.667 | 3367.998 | 18170.665 |
| 2012-13 | 14673.403 | 3372.526 | 18045.929 |
| 2013-14 | 20375.370 | 4588.094 | 24693.464 |
| 2014-15 | 22369.739 | 6787.124 | 29156.863 |
| 2015-16 | 20560.955 | 7153.871 | 27714.826 |
| 2016-17 | 21387.738 | 7715.509 | 29103.247 |

Exports of commodity group & principal commodities

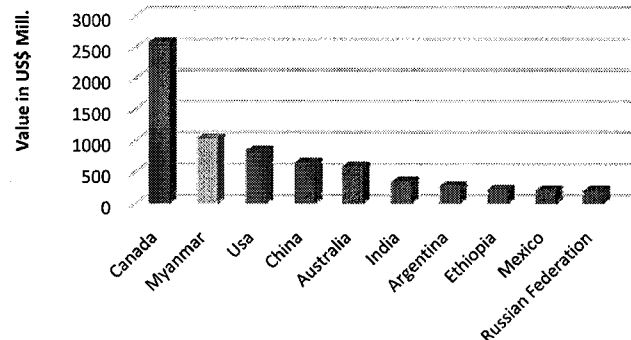
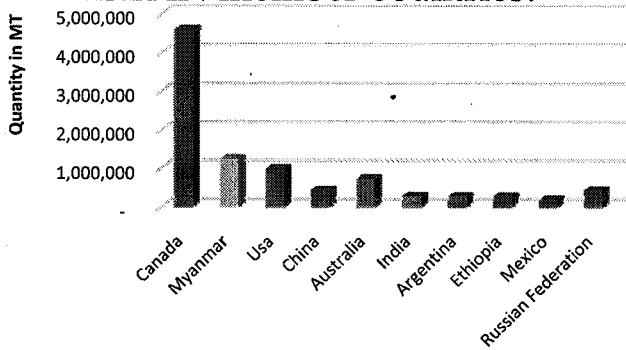


Top Ten Exports in 2016-17 FY _ Natural Gas, Garment, Pulses and beans, Sugar (re-export) , Rice, Jade, Fish, Minerals, Maize, Natural Rubber

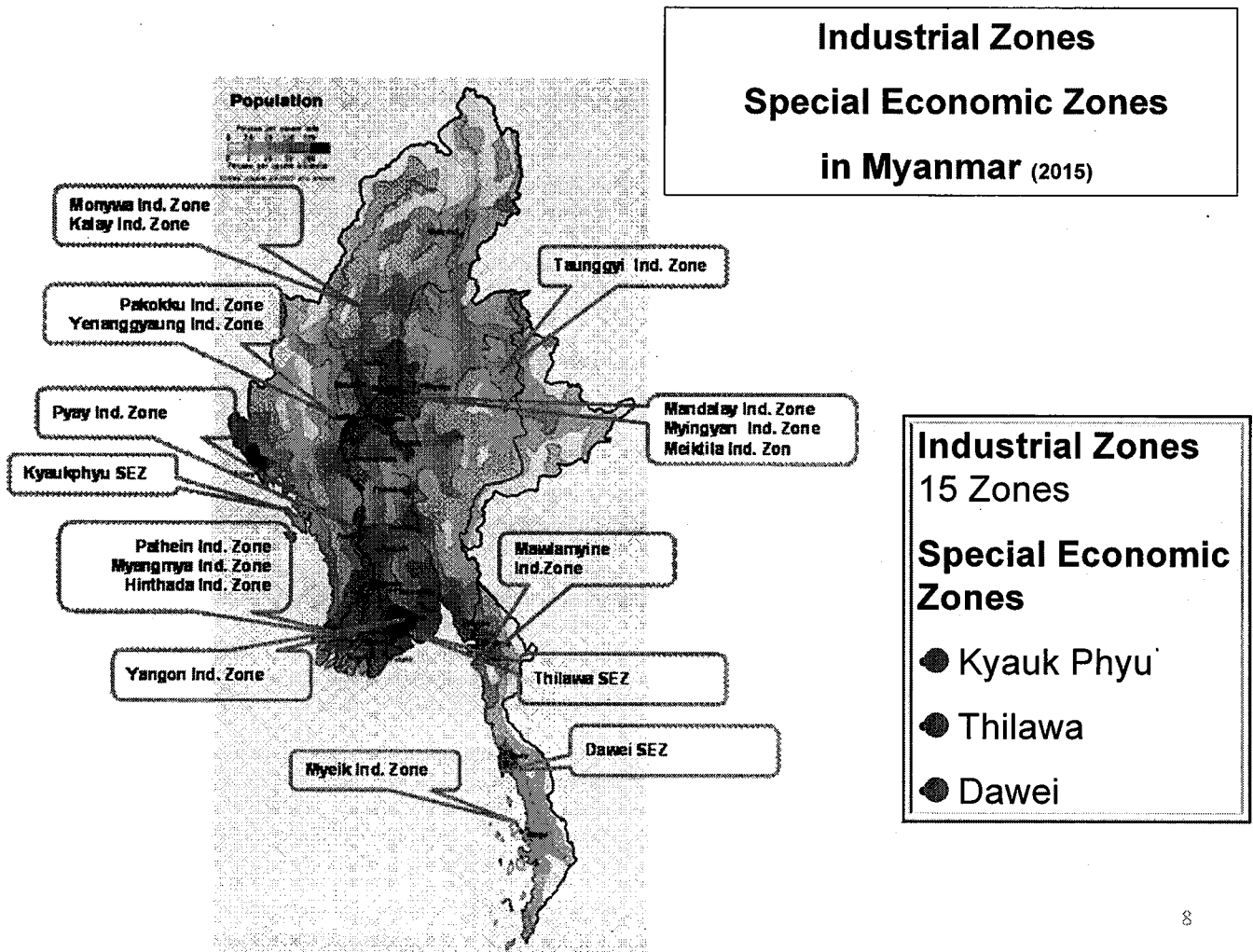
Top Ten Imports- Petroleum products, Motor Vehicles and spare parts, Machines and machinery apparatus, Steel and steel construction materials, Steel and Steel products, raw materials for Plastic, Palm oil, Motor cycles, Mobile and telecommunication apparatus, medicines and medical products

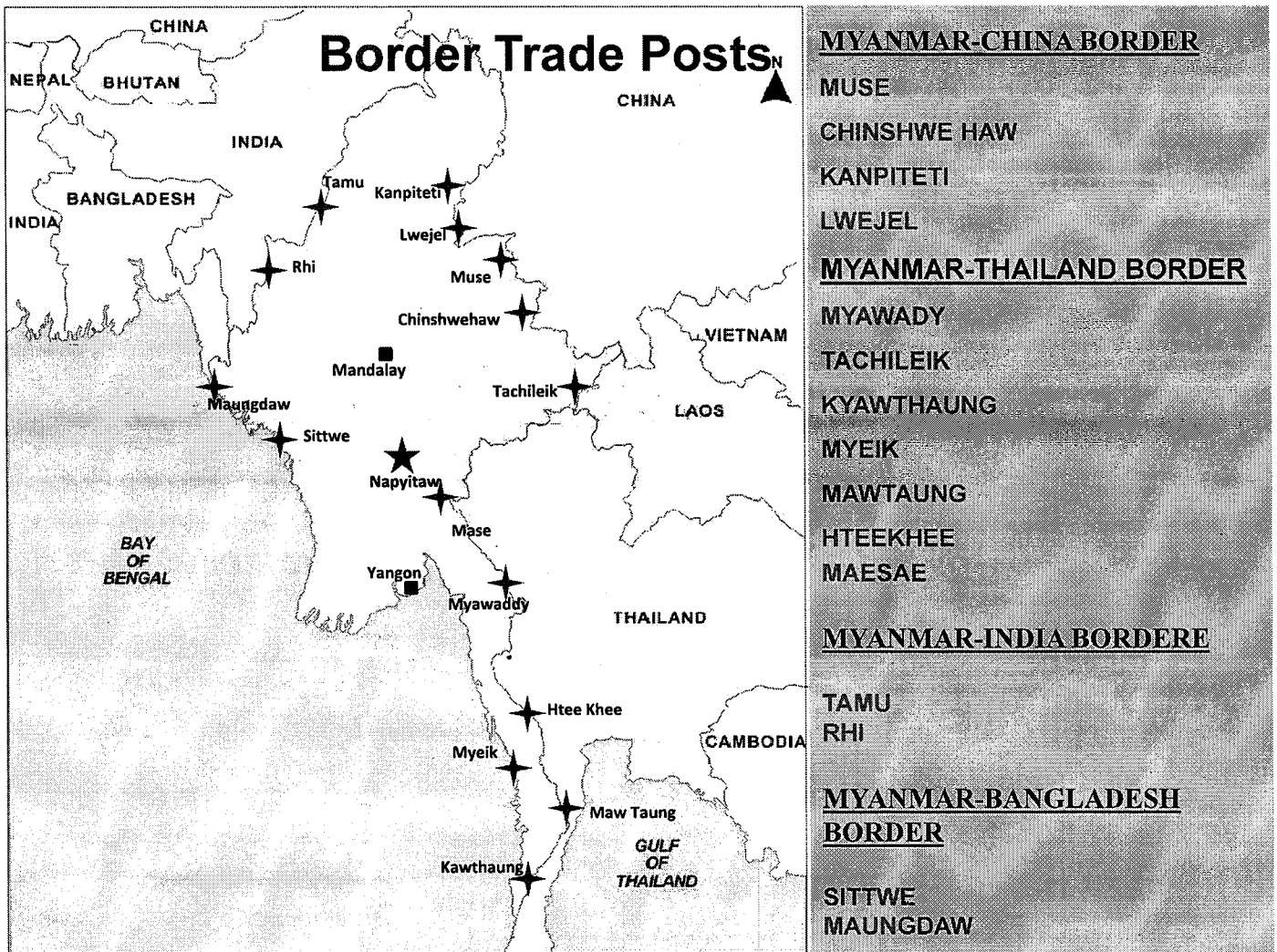
The major sectors in Myanmar's Economy

- The agriculture sector accounts for over 36.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), <Services: 41.6% (2015 est.) Industry: 22.3%, > and
- provides employment to about 70 per cent of the labour force <<Industry: 7%, Services: 23% (2015 est.)> (CIA, 2015). Unemployment rate 5 % (2015 est.)>
- Moreover, as much as two-thirds of the processing and manufacturing sector is agro-based and exports are dominated by agricultural products.
- Myanmar is standing as a leading country in pulses production among ASEAN member countries.



Top 10 Major Exporting Countries of Pulses in 2014 in the World (Source:<http://agriexchange.apeda.gov.in>)





Registration of Exporter/ Importer

- ❖ Company registration at the Department of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), the Ministry of Planning and Finance.
- ❖ Exporter/ importer registration at the Department of Trade (DOT), the Ministry of Commerce.
- ❖ Member of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

Governing Law for the Export/ Import Activities

- ❖ Export and Import Law (2012) enacted on 7th September, 2012
- ❖ Replacement for the Export Import Temporary Act (1947).
- ❖ Administration by the Ministry of Commerce(MOC).
- ❖ Issuance necessary orders, notifications, directives, pertaining to all export/import matters.

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Governing Law for the Export/ Import Activities

Chapter III : Supervising & Administering in respect of the Matters of Export & Import

The Ministry may carry out the followings in respect of the matters of export and import:

- Determining the category and criteria of export and import goods;
- Determining the restricted goods, prohibited goods and banned goods for export and import;
- Determining the method to be exported and imported goods and other necessary conditions;
- Issuing permit and determining conditions relating to permit for export and import goods;
- Determining regulation, by-law and procedures to the relevant places such as harbour, airport, bus terminal where the goods to be exported and imported;
- Carrying out other necessary matters relating to export and import

Governing Law for the Export/ Import Activities

Chapter IV: Prohibitions

- No person shall export or import restricted, prohibited and banned goods,
- Without obtaining license, no person shall export or import the specified goods which is to obtain permission.
- A person who obtained any license shall not violate the conditions contained in the license

Export Prohibition

- Gold
- Diamond
- Crude
- Ivory
- Buffalo, Cattle, Elephant, Horse and endangered species
- Arms and Ammunitions
- Antiques
- Products prohibited according to the international conventions

Import Restriction

- Liquors
- Beer
- Cigarette

(Ministry of Commerce grants the import license only for Hotel Use and Duty Free Shop)

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Reform Measures (Trade)

- Reduction of unnecessary or redundant documents & restrictive export/ import items
- Negative List for Import & preparation for Export
- Fully online licensing system
- Data information of license and permit link with Myanmar Automatic Cargo Clearance System (MACCS)
- National Trade Portal & Trade Repository Website

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Need for Recommendation Letter

| Commodity | Ministry / Department |
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| Precursor | Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control |
| Fertilizer and Pesticides | Department of Agriculture |
| Sodium Cyanide | Ministry of Mines |
| Food and Food Products, Medicines and Medical Equipment | Department of Food and Drug Administration |
| Animal and Animal Products, Fishery and Fishery Products, Marine Products, Animal Food | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation |

Myanmar's Commitment to Nonproliferation and Disarmament

Having regard to the fact that Myanmar is party to the international instruments in the field of non-proliferation as follows:

Nuclear

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), 1992

South-East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ), 1995

Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and Small Quantities protocol with IAEA, 1995

Additional protocol, 2013

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty – CTBT, 2016

Chemical and Biological

Chemical Weapon Convention (CWC), 2015

Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), 2014



**Thank you
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