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The Commercial Editor:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Half Yearly Import of Vegetable Oils Nov.'16 – Apr.'17 – down by 6% April 2017 Import Up by 7%

The Solvent Extractors' Association of India has compiled the Import data of Vegetable Oils (edible & non-edible) for the month of April 2017. Import of vegetable oils during April 2017 is reported at 1,339,489 tons compared to 1,248,887 tons in April 2016 i.e. up by 7%, consisting of 1,324,014 tons of edible oils and 15,475 tons of non-edible oils. Import during April 2017 is the highest monthly import during current oil year. The overall import of vegetable oils during first six months of current oil year 2016-17, Nov.'16 to Apr.'17 is reported at 7,134,265 tons compared to 7,568,709 tons i.e. lesser by 6%.

Import of Vegetable Oil (Edible & Non-edible) Nov.'16 - Apr.'17

(Qty. in MT)

Month	2016-17			2015-16			% Change
	Edible	Non-edible	Total	Edible	Non-edible	Total	
Nov.'16	1,155,863	19,601	1,175,464	1,332,936	4,499	1,337,435	(-) 12%
Dec.'16	1,174,296	35,389	1,209,685	1,409,435	11,467	1,420,902	(-) 15%
Jan.'17	1,008,085	16,774	1,024,859	1,255,054	3,000	1,258,054	(-) 19%
Feb.'17	1,234,255	36,188	1,270,443	1,096,424	16,492	1,112,916	(+) 14%
Mar.'17	1,097,876	16,449	1,114,325	1,176,312	14,203	1,190,515	(-) 6%
Apr.'17	1,324,014	15,475	1,339,489	1,236,068	12,819	1,248,887	(+) 7%
Total	6,994,389	139,876	7,134,265	7,506,229	62,480	7,568,709	(-) 6%

Stock Position at Port & in Pipeline :-

The stock of edible oils as on 1st May, 2017 at various ports is estimated at 785,000 tons (CPO 210,000 tons, RBD Palmolein 140,000 tons, Degummed Soybean Oil 210,000 tons, Crude Sunflower Oil 210,000 tons and 15,000 tons of Rapeseed (Canola) Oil) and about 1,335,000 tons in pipelines. Total stock at ports and in pipelines increased to 2,120,000 tons from 1,913,000 tons in Apr., 2017. The overall stock as on 1st May, 2017 has increased by 207,000 tons compared to 1st Apr., 2017. India's monthly requirement is about 16.50 lakh tons and operate at 30 days stock against which currently holding stock over 21.20 lakh tons equal to 39 days requirements.

Stock Position at Ports & Pipelines

(Qty. in '000 M.T.)

	1 st May 2017	1 st Apr. 2017	1 st Mar. 2017	1 st Feb. 2017	1 st Jan. 2017	1 st Dec. 2016	1 st Nov. 2016	1 st Oct. 2016	1 st Sept. 2016	1 st Aug. 2016	1 st July 2016	1 st June 2016	1 st May 2016
Port Stock	785	688	775	642	695	655	705	860	755	770	878	865	940
Pipelines	1335	1225	1190	1088	1150	1170	1230	1230	1300	1380	1442	1465	1500
Total Stock	2120	1913	1965	1730	1845	1825	1935	2090	2055	2150	2320	2330	2440

Import of Refined & Crude Oil Ratio:-

During Nov.'16 – Apr.'17, Import of refined oil (RBD Palmolein) has increased to 1,367,951 tons from 1,325,630 tons in the same period of last year, while Import of crude oil decreased to 5,626,438 tons from 6,180,599 tons during the same period of last year.

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Import of Refined & Crude Edible Oils (Ratio)**Nov.'16- Apr.'17**

(Qty. in MT)

Year (Nov.-Oct)	Refined Oils	%	Crude Oils	%	Total
Nov.,2016	240,948	21%	914,915	79%	1,155,863
Dec.,2016	245,554	21%	928,742	79%	1,174,296
Jan.,2017	196,623	20%	811,462	80%	1,008,085
Feb.,2017	233,313	19%	1,000,942	81%	1,234,255
Mar.,2017	219,270	20%	878,606	80%	1,097,876
Apr.,2017	232,243	18%	1,091,771	82%	1,324,014
(Nov.16-Apr.'17)	1,367,951	20%	5,626,438	80%	6,994,389
(Nov.'15.-Apr.'16)	1,325,630	18%	6,180,599	82%	7,506,229
2015-16	2,623,002	18%	11,948,336	82%	14,571,338
2014-15	1,659,070	12%	12,762,201	88%	14,421,271
2013-14	1,576,354	14%	10,041,980	86%	11,618,334

Import of Palm & Soft Oil Ratio:-

During Nov.'16 – Apr. '17, Palm Oil import has decreased to 4,302,135 tons from 4,340,890 tons during the same period of last year, however overall share of palm oil products increased to 62% from 58%, thanks to larger import of RBD Palmolein. Soft Oils import reduced to 2,692,254 tons from 3,165,339 tons last year, however, within soft oils, import of sunflower oil has sharply increased at the cost of soybean oil.

Import of Palm Oil & Soft Oil (Ratio)**Nov.'16- Apr.'17**

(Qty. in 'MT)

Year (Nov-Oct)	Palm Oil		Soft Oil				Total	%	Total
	(RBD Palmolein + CPO + Crude Olein + CPKO)		Soybean	Sunflower	Rape	Safflower			
Nov.,2016	801,311	69%	164,286	158,071	32,195	--	354,552	31%	1,155,863
Dec.,2016	723,158	62%	232,132	185,824	33,182	--	451,138	38%	1,174,296
Jan.,2017	608,762	60%	166,573	214,872	17,878	--	399,323	40%	1,008,085
Feb.,2017	736,207	60%	251,740	209,422	36,886	--	498,048	40%	1,234,255
Mar.,2017	680,065	62%	229,853	181,868	--	6,090	417,811	38%	1,097,876
Apr.,2017	752,632	57%	304,942	234,516	31,924	--	571,382	43%	1,324,014
Nov'16-Apr.'17	4,302,135	62%	1,349,526	1,184,573	152,065	6,090	2,692,254	38%	6,994,389
Nov'15-Apr.16	4,340,890	58%	2,241,045	771,088	153,206	--	3,165,339	42%	7,506,229
2015-16	8,442,840	58%	4,234,809	1,516,220	377,469	--	6,128,498	42%	14,571,338
2014-15	9,536,904	66%	2,985,944	1,542,599	355,824	--	4,884,367	34%	14,421,271
2013-14	7,957,960	68%	1,951,233	1,509,250	199,891	--	3,660,374	32%	11,618,334

Average Prices and Rupee depreciation :-

Since April'16 and onwards landed price of RBD Palmolein has remained same or lower than CPO, encouraging larger import of RBD Palmolein at the cost of CPO. The spread between palm oil and soft oil also reduced encouraging larger import of soft oils. Also, importers continues to make larger import purchases of Sunflower oil, taking advantage of attractive price vis-à-vis Soya oil. Also, strengthening of rupee in the last 3 months supported the import of vegetable oils.

(Price in US\$/CIF Indian Port/Ton)

Oils	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2017	Feb. 2017	Jan. 2017	Dec. 2016	Nov. 2016	Oct. 2016	Sept. 2016	Aug. 2016	July 2016	June 2016	May 2016	Apr. 2016
RBD Palmolein	705	731	773	788	773	729	709	759	735	643	669	708	739
Crude Palm Oil	706	734	783	794	772	729	704	753	730	642	669	706	738
Crude Soybean Oil	756	767	812	857	887	844	827	803	804	751	768	775	790
Crude Sunflower Oil	783	791	814	824	836	826	834	843	845	848	867	878	864
FE: 1US\$ = (Average)	64.53	65.80	66.97	68.04	67.80	67.64	66.74	66.71	66.90	67.15	67.27	66.89	66.42

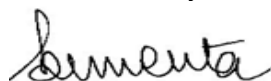
Import of Non-edible Oils:

Import of Non-edible oils during Nov..16 – Apr. '17 is reported at 139,876 tons compared to 62,480 tons during the same period last year. P.F.A.D., P.K.F.A.D., C.P.S. & RBD Palm Sterin are the major import of non-edible oils.

We are enclosing herewith detailed statements of Import of Edible and Non-edible Oils during Nov.'16 to Apr.'17 with comparative period for previous year for your kind information and necessary coverage in your esteemed media & oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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Encl: Statements