

Overseas Market Information



Note on Czech Republic

Economic Overview

One of the most stable and prosperous of the post-Communist states, the Czech Republic has been recovering from recession since mid-1999. Growth in 2000-03 was supported by exports to the EU, primarily to Germany, and a near doubling of foreign direct investment. Domestic demand is playing an ever more important role in underpinning growth as interest rates drop and the availability of credit cards and mortgages increases. High current account deficits - averaging around 5% of GDP in the last several years - could be a persistent problem. Inflation is under control. The EU put the Czech Republic just behind Poland and Hungary in preparations for accession, which will give further impetus and direction to structural reform. Moves to complete banking, telecommunications, and energy privatization will encourage additional foreign investment, while intensified restructuring among large enterprises and banks and improvements in the financial sector should strengthen output growth. But revival in the European economies remains essential to stepped-up growth.

Import of Engineering Goods by Czech Republic

Table below gives details of import of engineering items on a global basis for the years 2002 and 2003.

Sl. No.	SITC No.	Product Sector	Import 2002 Value 000\$	Import 2003 Value 000\$
1.	671	Pig Iron etc. Ferro Alloy	90,129	114,411
2.	672	Primary/Products Iron/Steel	66,984	85,576
3.	673	Flat Rolled Iron/Steel Product	323,097	400,046
4.	674	Rolled Plated M-Steel	273,065	355,151
5.	675	Flat Rolled Alloy Steel	195,444	259,399
6.	676	Iron/Steel Bars/Rods etc.	269,326	339,135
7.	677	Iron/Steel Railway Material	3,903	4,998
8.	678	Iron/Steel Wire	48,030	59,092
9.	679	Iron/Steel Pipe/Tube etc.	265,101	327,119
10.	682	Copper	241,149	288,417
11.	684	Aluminium	525,556	650,505
12.	687	Tin	4,908	6,877
13.	694	Nails/Screws/Nuts/Bolts	245,141	310,890
14.	695	Hand/Machine Tools	206,700	282,014
15.	696	Cutlery	28,099	31,920
16.	711	Steam Generating Boilers	15,204	15,612

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17.	712	Steam/Vapour Turbines	20,567	28,484
18.	713	Internal Combust Engines	519,679	696,705
19.	716	Rotating Electric Plant	331,271	443,241
20.	718	Power Generating Equipment	115,566	178,145
21.	721	Agric. Machine Ex Tractr.	154,398	143,488
22.	722	Tractors	50,740	48,264
23.	724	Textile/Leather Machinery	204,390	232,811
24.	725	Paper Industry Machinery	66,133	69,933
25.	726	Printing Industry Machinery	95,313	112,673
26.	727	Food Processing Machines	39,701	52,694
27.	728	Special Indust. Machines	543,447	746,647
28.	735	Metal Machine Tools Parts	95,294	110,028
29.	737	Metal Working Machine Nes	91,133	178,529
30.	741	Indust. Heat/Cool Equipment	363,647	448,224
31.	742	Pumps for Liquids	288,252	384,609
32.	743	Fans/Filters/Gas Pumps	396,075	502,834
33.	744	Mechanical Handling Equipment	197,988	268,988
34.	746	Ball/Roller Bearings	134,732	147,190
35.	747	Taps/Cocks/Valves	292,265	379,721
36.	751	Office Machines	55,691	58,694
37.	771	Elect. Power Transm. Equipment	259,015	332,230
38.	772	Electric Circuit Equipment	1,180,272	1,550,667
39.	773	Electrical Distrib. Equipment	541,449	666,122
40.	774	Medical etc. El. Diag. Equipment	84,106	94,873
41.	781	Passenger Cars etc.	1,018,678	1,391,748
42.	783	Road Motor Vehicles Nes	351,359	472,794
43.	784	Motor Veh. Parts/Access.	252,131	235,749
44.	785	Motor Cycles/Cycles etc.	1,681,408	2,076,294
45.	791	Railway Vehicles/ Equipment	150,621	166,291
46.	792	Aircraft/Spacecraft etc.	80,141	164,016
47.	793	Ships/Boats etc.	168,439	384,148
48.	813	Lighting Fixtures etc.	103,855	123,787
49.	871	Optical Instruments Nes	218,446	226,617
50.	872	Medical etc. Instruments	30,264	64,784
51.	881	Photographic Equipment	478,709	606,672
52.	885	Watches and Clocks	83,948	107,997



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India's Engineering Exports to Czech Republic

Export of engineering goods from India to Czech Republic has suffered negative growth during the year 2002-2003. Export has declined from Rs. 38.02 Crores in 2001-2002 to Rs. 36.24 Crores during 2002-2003. Product-wise export performance of engineering goods is as follows. The break up for 2003-2004 is under compilation. However the total export is Rs. 78.78 Crores.

Sl. No.	Items	2000-2001 (Cr. Rs.)	2001-2002 (Cr. Rs.)	2002-2003 (Cr. Rs.)	2002-2003 Prov. (Cr. Rs.)
1.	Textile & Jute Mill Machinery	2.12	0.68	0.65	-
2.	Knitting Machines	0.00	0.00	0.13	-
3.	Sugar Machinery, Parts	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
4.	Boilers, Parts	0.04	0.14	0.02	-
5.	Other Chemical Plant	0.05	0.20	0.97	-
6.	Food Processing Machinery, Parts	0.17	0.00	0.32	-
7.	Cranes, Lifts & Winches	0.47	0.00	0.01	-
8.	Other Construction Machinery	0.00	0.32	0.00	-
9.	Tractors & Agricultural Equipment	0.38	0.00	0.12	-
10.	Other Industrial Machinery	0.92	0.92	0.68	-
11.	Electric Power Equipment, Parts	7.20	10.43	7.73	-
12.	Transmission Lines & Accessories	0.95	0.00	0.00	-
13.	Other Structural	0.12	0.00	0.01	-
14.	Electric Wires & Cables	0.06	0.09	0.19	-
15.	Coastal Vessels & Ships	0.00	0.13	0.00	-
16.	Air Craft & Spares	0.00	0.00	0.07	-
17.	2/3 Wheelers	6.09	0.60	0.19	-
18.	Machine Tools	0.00	0.44	0.19	-
19.	Steel Pipes & Tubes	0.02	0.15	1.51	-
20.	Ferrous Holloware	0.85	0.30	0.88	-
21.	Steel Wire Strands, Nails, Nettings etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
22.	Steel Wire	1.13	2.56	2.68	-
23.	Bolts & Nuts	0.18	0.00	0.00	-
24.	Sanitary Castings	0.25	0.28	0.80	-
25.	Industrial Casting	5.30	7.19	0.44	-

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26.	Forgings	0.01	0.39	0.05	-
27.	Bright Bars	0.16	0.17	0.19	-
28.	S. S. Utensils	2.21	3.41	3.60	-
29.	Steel Furniture	0.00	0.01	0.01	-
30.	Other Steel Products N.O.S.	0.39	0.14	0.42	-
31.	Primary Iron & Steel	0.23	0.32	0.45	-
32.	Other Non-Ferrous Metal	0.24	0.20	0.66	-
33.	Auto Parts	0.68	1.19	0.71	-
34.	Bicycle Parts	0.75	0.42	0.44	-
35.	Hand Tools	0.30	0.31	0.72	-
36.	Cutting Tools	0.00	0.21	0.02	-
37.	Steel Files	0.00	0.00	0.12	-
38.	I. C. Engines & Parts	1.81	2.06	1.52	-
39.	Air Compressors	0.00	0.06	1.01	-
40.	Mechanical Pumps	0.00	0.26	0.19	-
41.	Mica & Mica Products	0.12	0.06	0.45	-
42.	Dry Batteries	0.00	0.00	0.06	-
43.	Storage Battery	0.00	0.00	3.67	-
44.	Sewing Machines	0.38	2.96	3.13	-
45.	Electric Mfrs. N.O.S.	0.02	0.22	0.20	-
46.	Scientific & Surgical Instruments	0.43	0.60	0.45	-
47.	Misc. Mfrs. Articles	0.01	0.15	0.00	-
Total		34.59	38.02	36.24	78.78

Major Items of Export of Engineering Goods from India to Czech Republic

- Electric power equipment, parts
- Steel pipes and tubes
- Steel wire
- Stainless steel utensils
- IC engines and parts
- Air compressors
- Storage batteries
- Sewing machines

Technical Requirements for Product and Conformity Assessment

The Governmental orders define the groups of products for the conformity assessment of their properties with the technical standards, stipulate the technical requirements for them and specify the conformity assessment procedures. For the given products, prior to entry on the market, the producers or importers



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are obliged to secure the conformity assessment. The conformity assessment should be performed by the stipulated procedure, either by the producer (importer) himself or by a third, properly authorized entity. Usually the conformity assessment confirms whether the products comply with the harmonized standards that adopt into the Czech technical standards the European standards harmonized with the individual New Approach Council Directives.

These orders concern electrical equipment of low voltage, products from the point of view of their electro-magnetic compatibility, machinery, safety of toys, personal protective equipment, simple pressure vessels, equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, appliances burning gaseous fuels, construction products, medical devices, lifts, pressure equipment, effectiveness of the hot-water boilers fired with liquid or gaseous fuels, and active implantable medical devices.

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