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**NEPAL FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION (NEFFA)**

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## Profile of Nepal Freight Forwarders Association

Nepal Freight Forwarders Association (NEFFA) is the National Association of Freight Forwarders from all over Nepal with major objectives of coordinate between various National & International Export & Import related government, donors and international agencies for facilitating trade. We work towards lowering the cost of logistics by providing service of internal supplies, facilitating compliance at the border and beyond the border. NEFFA was established in 1998 AD as non-political, nonprofit making, non-government association. NEFFA'S Mission is to facilitate international trade by delivering goods at destination in an efficient and most effective manner.

### **Members Profile:**

NEFFA has a total 134 Members of which 124 are General Members & 10 are Associate Members.

### **National & International Affiliation:**

NEFFA had always prioritizing cordial relation with domestic and international government and non-governmental organization for the benefit of its member and Freight forwarding industry. NEFFA President is Ex officio Board member for Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board which is a government organization to oversee the economical and efficient management of Inland Clearance Depots (ICDs) for facilitation of Nepal's foreign trade. NEFFA President is also a member in Nepal India Regional Trade & Transport Project (Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Supplies) and various policies and regulation related committees of Government of Nepal.

## Profile of Nepal Freight Forwarders Association

| Sl.#. | Name                         | Designation        | Company Representation                 | Role at Company   |
|-------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1     | Mr. Manoj Adhikari           | President          | Legend Cargo Pvt. Ltd.                 | Managing Director |
| 2     | Mr. Prakash Singh Karki      | I.P. President     | World Freight International Pvt. Ltd.  | Managing Director |
| 3     | Mr. Rajendra Sangraula       | 1st Vice President | Unique Freight International Pvt. Ltd. | Managing Director |
| 4     | Mr. Naresh Kumar Agrawal     | 2nd Vice President | Noble Logistics Nepal Pvt. Ltd.        | Managing Director |
| 5     | Mr. Ashok Man Kapali         | General Secretary  | GMK International Freight Pvt. Ltd.    | Managing Director |
| 6     | Mr. Hari Prasad Dhakal       | Treasurer          | Rising Star Cargo Pvt. Ltd.            | Managing Director |
| 7     | Mr. Ishwar Bahadur Gurung    | Secretary          | Secure Freight International Pvt. Ltd. | Managing Director |
| 8     | Mr. Sujan Kumar Neupane      | Joint Treasurer    | Kantipur Freight Pvt. Ltd.             | Managing Director |
| 9     | Mr. Pranil Man Singh Pradhan | E.C. Member        | Everest Travel Service Pvt. Ltd.       | Managing Director |
| 10    | Mr. Sanjeev Aryal            | E.C. Member        | M.S.I. Logistics Nepal Pvt. Ltd.       | Managing Director |
| 11    | Mrs. Sita Adhikari           | E.C. Member        | Citizens Freight Pvt. Ltd.             | Managing Director |
| 12    | Mr. Sahadev Banjara          | E.C. Member        | Delta Cargo Pvt. Ltd.                  | Managing Director |
| 13    | Mr. Manish Man Shrestha      | E.C. Member        | Namaste Travel Pvt. Ltd.               | Managing Director |
| 14    | Mr. Gangaram Pudasaini       | E.C. Member        | Creative Cargo Care Pvt. Ltd.          | Managing Director |
| 15    | Mr. Ganga Bahadur Raya       | E.C. Member        | Cargo World Pvt. Ltd.                  | Managing Director |

### **NEFFA Sub Committees 2022-2024**

Advisory Committee  
Air Cargo Committee  
Land Sea Committee  
Dispute Settlement Committee  
Membership & Publication Committee  
International Relation & Capacity Enhancement Committee

### **National & International Membership:**

Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI)  
Federation of Asia-Pacific Air Cargo Associations (FAPAA)  
International Federation of Customs Brokers Association (IFCBA)

### **NEFFA and Affiliation with Government and Private Sector:**

Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Supplies  
Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation  
Ministry of Physical Infrastructure & Transport  
Department of Customs  
Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board  
Nepal Tourism Board  
Narcotic Control Bureau  
Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN)  
United Nation Economic & Social Commission for Asia and The Pacific (UNESCAP)  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
World Bank Group  
Various Service Related Organizations

### **Trade Facilitations:**

NEFFA has collaborated with the Government of Nepal in providing technical support and advice in Trade facilitation and in the formulation of Multimodal Transportation Act, Carriage of Goods by Road Act, Railway Act, Marine Insurance and Logistics Policy. Nepal also made exporting and importing easier by implementing ASYCUDA World, an electronic data interchange system. Nepal has recently made progress in institutional reforms on several fronts. Different committees are working on the implementation of Single window and trade facilitation measures are being taken. NEFFA is a part of different committees of trade facilitation in Government and Private Sector organization.

### **Recent Development in Logistics Industry by Government of Nepal**



#### **GAUTAM BUDDHA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Knowing the importance of tourist potential and alternate international airport for current Tribhuvan International Airport, upon operation, it will serve as an alternative airport to ease ever increasing traffic congestion of the only international airport in Nepal, Tribhuvan International Airport, which is facing huge traffic in the recent years. Thus, the Government of Nepal (GoN) has decided to expand this airport as a full fledged International Airport. The airport has one runway designated 10/28 with an Asphalt concrete (Bituminous Paved) surface measuring 3,000 by 45 metres (9,843 ft × 148 ft). It has an east-west orientation with a designation of 10/28 and a 200 meters Runway End Safety Area (RESA) on both side. It features a 1,500-meter x 23 meters parallel taxiway (10-28) used previously for the domestic airplanes.



### **POKHARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The airport is expected to handle one million passengers per year. Runway of Pokhara International Airport is of ICAO 4D Category and is 45 metres wide and 2500 metres long, and runway designation is 12-30. Runway 12 has Non Precision Approach (NPA) and Runway 30 has ILS System Precision Approach CAT-1 (PA1) facility. The airport has three international parking bays and eight domestic parking bays. The largest type of aircraft expected to use the airport is B737 series and similar aircraft types. Operation of the airport is expected to be a milestone as the airport will accommodate additional flight making connectivity easier and play an eminent role in the unprecedented economic development of the region. The airport is Nepal's third international airport and officially began operations on 1 January 2023. The airport is built to the category 4D standard, set by the ICAO, IATA, and FAA.

### **CHOBAR DRY PORT**

The dry port, which is run by the Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Committee, came into operation since mid-March last year but the internal terminal is yet to come into operation. The Chobhar dry port coming into operation is expected to reduce the traffic congestion at Inland Clearance Depot, Birgunj and other ICDs at the bordering towns as the containers can directly be ferried to Chobhar with the help of electronic cargo tracking system (ECTS) and the customs clearance process will be carried out at the Chobhar dry port. It is equipped with warehouses, parking lot, litigation shed, administrative buildings for customs, quarantine, banks and other required facilities for customs clearance. The dry port has the capacity to accommodate around 500 containers of 20-foot each, parking facility for 500 trucks, loading and unloading facilities, and six warehouses. It features three gates, with each exclusively slated for import, export and contingencies.



### **INTEGRATED CHECK POST BIRGUNJ**

Birgunj is known as gateway to Nepal and 60% of Nepalese Trade is done via Birgunj. Objectives of Integrated Check Post (ICP) is to integrated development of land border area by establishing systematically planned, properly inter-connected and efficiently managed border check-posts at the authorized border crossing points to improve the people to people communication and trade transaction between Nepal and India. It is equipped with state-of-art infrastructure, it facilitates smooth cross border movement of people & goods. It provides multiple services under one roof as immigration, Customs, Quarantine, Cold storage, Bank, security check point. ICP Birgunj has reduced time in completing formalities at border & boosted bilateral trade between India & Nepal.

### **ASYCUDA WORLD**

The government has implemented a one-window system at all the customs offices across the country, aiming to reduce the hassles that the traders have been facing at the customs points. The department of Customs has installed the computerized customs management system known as ASYCUDA (Automated System for Customs Data) World at all the main border crossings of the country. ASYCUDA World is a web-based customs management system that supports paperless cargo submission and processing. Besides enabling customs agents, importers and exporters to submit their customs declaration electronically, the system allows clients to

open bank accounts and make online payments. Moreover, GoN standardised documentary requirements in line with international practice.

### **DUTY DRAWBACK OF 6% ON EXPORT**

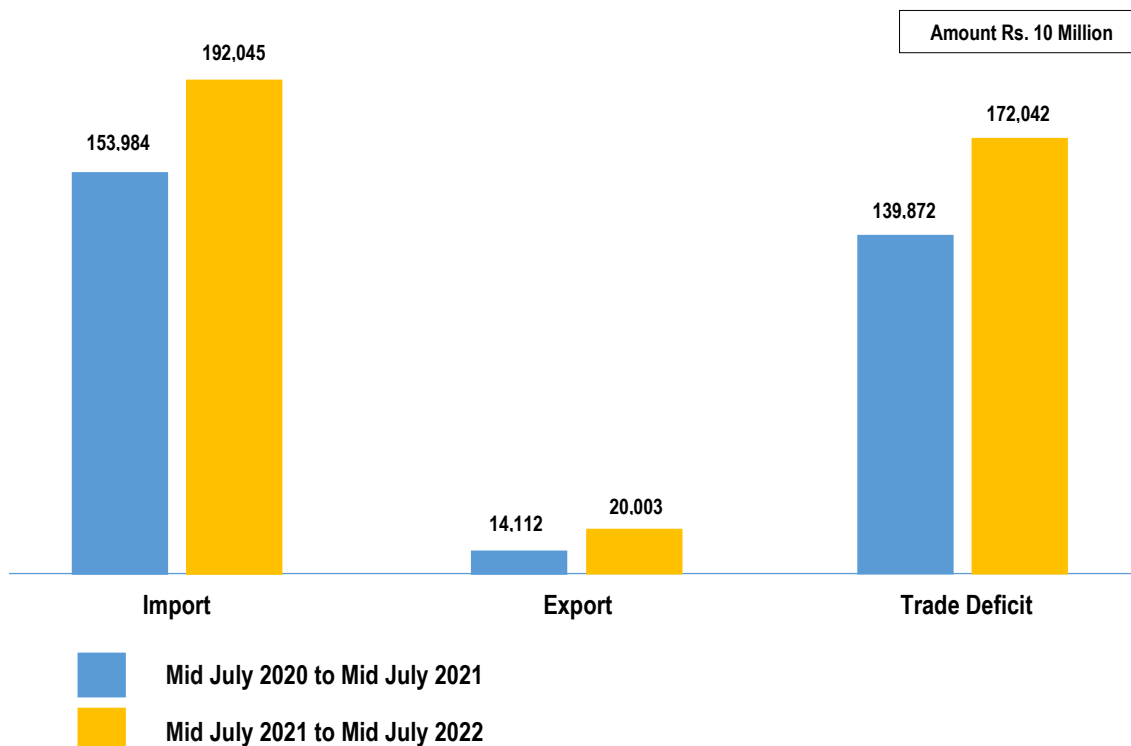
The Government of Nepal provides a duty drawback of 6% on exports of certain goods as an incentive to exporters. The purpose of the duty drawback is to encourage and support export which can help to boost the economy by generating foreign exchange and creating job opportunities. The duty drawback is calculated based on the amount of customs duty paid on inputs used in the production of exported goods. The eligible exporters can claim the duty drawback from the government through a prescribed procedure.

## **Foreign Trade Statistics (Based on Annual Data of F.Y. 2078/79, Mid July 2021 to Mid July 2022)**

### **Foreign Trade Direction**

| SN | Trade Indicators                 | Annual Data<br>(Mid July 2020 to Mid July 2021) | Annual Data<br>(Mid July 2021 to Mid July 2022) | Change (%) |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| 1  | Imports (Rs.in `000)             | 1539837068                                      | 1920448349                                      | 24.72      |
| 2  | Exports (Rs.in `000)             | 141124080                                       | 200030962                                       | 41.74      |
| 3  | Trade Deficit (Rs.in `000)       | 1398712987                                      | 1720417388                                      | 23.00      |
| 4  | Total Foreign Trade (Rs.in `000) | 1680961148                                      | 2120479311                                      | 26.15      |
| 5  | Imports/Exports Ratio            | 10.91   | 9.6   | -12.01     |
| 6  | Exports Share to Total Trade (%) | 8.4   | 9.43  | 12.36      |
| 7  | Imports Share to Total Trade (%) | 91.60   | 90.57   | -1.13      |

### **Nepal Trade Deficit**



## Training Report

Nepal Freight Forwarders Association (NEFFA) is conducting "International Air Transport Association (IATA) certified Dangerous Goods Handling Training" every year in affiliation with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal from 2017. The Members of the Association with the representative from National Flag Carrier, Nepal Airlines Corporation, Domestic Airlines, logistics related Government agencies, Nepal Armed Police Force, International Logistics companies had participated on the training program. NEFFA has conducted 3 training course in 2022-2023. The main objective of training program is to increase the qualified, trained, skilled manpower in the logistics sector of Nepal. Above 150 participants have been successfully completed the training session till date. The participants had possessed strong skills and required qualities to handle dangerous goods after the training. Same as NEFFA has organised various other interaction programs training programs in the facilitation of Nepalese Logistics industries.

### Dangerous Goods Regulations – Initial (CAT - 5)



NEFFA has organised Dangerous Goods Regulations – Initial, Category 5 training as per the table H.A.1.5.A of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations. 21 Participants from different logistics companies has successfully passed the training program.

### Dangerous Goods Regulations – Initial (CAT - 6)



NEFFA has organised Dangerous Goods Regulations – Initial, Category 6 training as per the table H.A.1.5.A of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations. 15 Participants from different logistics companies, Nepal Armed Police Force & Yeti Airlines has successfully passed the training program.

## Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (CBTA)



NEFFA had conducted Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air Course as per the IATA Dangerous Goods Training Guidance 7.3 in “Competency Based Training and Assessment Centers Program – CBTA” module first time in Nepal. 13 Participants from different logistics companies, Nepal Armed Police Force, DHL & Aramex has successfully passed the training program.

## UNESCAP-NEFFA Training of Trainers Capacity Building Workshop

Nepal Freight Forwarders Association (NEFFA) & United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) had jointly organised UNESCAP-NEFFA Training of Trainers Capacity Building Workshop on “International purchase and supply chain management, Constrains in the trading across borders with regards to time, Cost and procedures in the context of Nepal & Documentation and trade related procedures and liabilities of Freight Forwarders in the context of Nepal.” 25 Participants from different logistics companies & Nepal Airlines Corporation has successfully participated in the Workshop.



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