Indonesia-Sudan Enhance Trade Through Export Promotion

Bali, 6 December 2013 – Indonesia and Sudan agreed to establish cooperation in collecting data of potential products that are expected to boost trade between both countries. Besides that, they also planned to carry out export promotion, particularly through trade missions and international trade exhibitions in both countries.

That plan was discussed by the Indonesian Vice Minister Bayu Krisnamurthi and Sudanese Trade Minister Osman Omar Sharif at the bilateral meeting between Indonesia and Sudan on the sidelines of the 9th World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference (WTO MC), today (6/12) in Nusa Dua, Bali.

“Promotion of trade and trade missions are planned to be conducted in 2014. The purpose of this is to further enhance trade between the two countries,” stated Vice Minister of Trade Bayu Krisnamurthi.

Specifically, Minister Osman Omar Sharif expressed his great interest to export meat and cow products to Indonesia. He said that beef and cow products from Sudan have obtained certification from the Global Halal Certification Association. Conversely, Sudan is also interested in importing various halal products from Indonesia.

Regarding Sudan’s position in the framework of the WTO, as a least developed country, Sudan will continue to fight for a development agenda of least developed countries in the WTO and is truly hopeful of Indonesia’s important role in the MC9 to support the agenda, specifically with regards to the agriculture sector.

Sudan also hopes for a Bali Package that is agreed upon at the MC9 because this package is an important pillar in multilateral trade that can support enhancement of international trade for least developed countries.

Indonesia-Sudan Trade in Brief

The total trade between Indonesia and Sudan in the last five years since 2008 until 2012 declined by 45.68%. In 2012, the total trade reached USD 84.4 million. Indonesia’s exports to Sudan for the 5 last years (2008-2012) declined by 4.10% while Indonesia’s imports from
Sudan declined by 75.59%. The average trade growth between Indonesia and Sudan during the same period stood at 16.46%.

The main non-oil/gas export commodities of Indonesia to Sudan include writing paper, batteries, electric accumulators, and garment. Meanwhile, Indonesia’s main import commodities from Sudan include petroleum oil and cotton.

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