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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

Sub : Regarding Non Tariff measures (TBT) issues being faced by exporters to be raised in the forthcoming WTO TBT/SPS Committee meeting

We wish to inform you that WTO TBT/SPS Committee meetings which are scheduled to be held in June/July, 2019. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise their concerns with regard to the non tariff measures relating to SPS/TBT taken by any other member country.

The international scenario today is that countries are looking for even small opportunity to raise non tariff measures. The response mechanism by us has to be strong to protect our exports and to gain market access. This forum of WTO SPS and TBT Committee also give an opportunity to raise long pending issues which are affecting trade bilaterally. One of the outcomes of Standards conclave is to raise aggressively SPS/TBT (Sanitary and Phytosanitary / Technical barriers to trade) issues being faced by our exporters in these meetings.

It is requested to kindly identify issues that could be raised as Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) during the forthcoming meeting of SPS and TBT Committee. It is also requested that a small background to the issue so identified along with its impact on their exports may please be provided. The updated concerns may also be provided on or before 22nd May 2019 at research@plexconcil.org; bharti@plexconcil.org

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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