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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

<u>Sub : Regarding Inter-Ministerial Meeting on 12.4.2019 in connection with the 2nd Meeting of Joint Administration</u> <u>Committee (JAC) under expanded India-Chile PTA</u>

We wish to inform you that 2nd meeting of the Joint Administrative Committee (JAC) established under the India-Chile PTA is scheduled to be held during the month of April, 2019 in New Delhi. The meeting will be co-chaired by Joint Secretary (FT-LAC) from the Indian side.

During the meeting there will be review of the India-Chile Expanded PTA which was expanded on 16th May, 2017. Discussions will also be held on all the chapters relating to Trade in Goods, SPS/TBT, Oustoms, Rules of Origin and Dispute Settlement under the existing PTA and further expansion of the PTA to include Services and Investment.

The agreement on India-Chile PTA and also the Expanded PTA including its Annexes and Indian & Chilean Schedule indicating tariff concessions are available on the Department's website at following links:

i) <u>https://commerce.gov.in/PageContent.aspx?Id=43</u> (India-Chile PTA)

ii) <u>https://commerce.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadedFile/MOC_636338205640368585_Expansion_India-</u> Chile PTA.pdf (Expansion of India Chile PTA)

Under the expanded PTA, India has increased tariff concessions to Chile from 178 tariff lines to 1031 tariff lines and Chile's concession to India have increased from 296 tariff lines to 1784 tariff lines at 8-digit HS code 2012.

It is proposed to seek more tariff concessions from Chile under the further expansion of the India-Chile PTA.

In order to discuss all the above issues, an Inter-Ministerial Meeting will be held on 12th April, 2019 New Delhi. Members are requested to kindly go through the above link and give their inputs on the tariff lines to be included in the further expansion of the India-Chile PTA in advance by 11.04.2019 to the undersigned at <u>bharti@plexconcil.org</u>

With best regards, Yours sincerely,

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