



THE PLASTICS EXPORT
PROMOTION COUNCIL

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(भारत सरकार, वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, वाणिज्य विभाग द्वारा प्रायोजित)

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(Sponsored By The Ministry Of Commerce & Industry, Deptt. Of Commerce, Government Of India)

Plexconcil circular dated 10.07.2020

All Members

All Members of the COA

Subject: Harnessing of Export Opportunities due to tariff elimination on certain products by LAC countries in the wake of Covid-19- regarding.

Dear Sir(s)

We would like to draw your kind attention to the enclosed OM no K-34011(11)/6/2017-FT LAC (3089268) on the subject.

It may please be informed that in the wake of the global pandemic -COVID-19, various countries have enacted temporary trade measures and there are opportunities in the LAC region for enhancing our exports.

Covid-19 and the crisis generated thereon have apparently brought in distancing between the LAC countries and their traditional trading partners and may create space for Indian products over those of our competitors. Indian Exporters could focus and strategise to tap the potential in respect of products both in the conventional trade basket as well as those that India was not exporting by significantly due to stiff competition from other trading partners of LAC.

In this connection, we would like to inform you that Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador have reduced import duties of the plastic products to 0% as a temporary measure and India can take advantage of the tariff elimination to boost our exports. A copy of the products (Plastic) where these countries have reduced tariff duties to 0% is attached for your information and necessary action(if any).

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sribash Dasmohapatra

Executive Director

Encl: As stated above

K-34011(11)/6/2017-FT LAC (3089268)
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 16th April, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Harnessing of Export Opportunities due to tariff elimination on certain products by LAC countries in the wake of Covid-19- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that in the wake of the global pandemic -COVID-19, various countries have enacted temporary trade measures and there are opportunities in LAC region for enhancing our exports.

2. Covid-19 and the crisis generated thereon have apparently brought in distancing between the LAC countries and their traditional trading partners and may create space for Indian products over those of our competitors. Indian Exporters could focus and strategise to tap the potential in respect of products both in the conventional trade basket as well as those that India was not exporting by significantly due to stiff competition from other trading partners of LAC.

3. Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador have reduced import duties of the plastic products to 0% as temporary measure and India can take advantage of the tariff elimination to boost our exports. A copy of the products where these countries have reduced tariff duties to 0% is attached.

4. It is requested to kindly take necessary action at your end to take advantage of the tariff elimination to boost our exports and also identify export opportunities for harnessing our export potential due to slow down and reduced supplies from importing partners of the LAC region.

The details of actions taken may please be forwarded for our records.

Encl: As above

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To

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List of plastic products where Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador have reduced tariff duties to 0%

Brazil

Value: USD Million

S.No.	HS Codes	Product Description	Previous Tariff	Current Tariff	Brazil's Imports from World	Brazil's Imports from India
1	39262000	Articles of apparel/accessories, of plastics, incl.mitts	18	0%	51.29	0.01
2	39269040	Laboratory and pharmaceutical articles, of plastics	18	0%	40.57	0.09
3	39269090	Other articles of plastics	18	0%	433.04	8.13
4	90049020	Safety glasses	18	0%	12.56	0.03
5	90049090	Oth.goggles/oth.and the like and similar articles	18	0%	4.72	0.09
		Total			542.18	8.34

Source: ITC Trade Map

Argentina

Value: USD Million

S.No.	HS Codes	Product Description	Previous Tariff	Current Tariff	Argentina's Imports from World	Argentina's Imports from India
1	39269040	Plastic articles and manufactures of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914, ncop ...	18	0%	15.06	0.13
2	94037000	Furniture of plastics (excluding medical, dental, surgical or veterinary, and seats)	18	0%	4.68	0.00

3	90049020	Other corrective, protective or other goggles: safety glasses (glasses)	18	0%	3.20	0.00
4	90049090	The other corrective, protective or other glasses: the others	18	0%	3.04	0.00
		Total			25.97	0.13

Source: ITC Trade Map

Colombia

Value: USD Million

S.No.	HS Codes	Product Description	Previous Tariff	Current Tariff	Colombia's Imports from World	Colombia's Imports from India
1	3926907000	Plastic articles and manufactures of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914, ncop ...	15	0%	1.38	0
2	3926200000	Clothing and clothing accessories produced by sewing or sticking together with leaves of ...	15	0%	14.62	0.02
		Total			16.00	0.02

Source: ITC Trade Map

Ecuador

Value: USD Million

S.No.	HS Codes	Product Description	Previous Tariff	Current Tariff	Ecuador's Imports from World	Ecuador's Imports from India
1	3906909090	Acrylic polymers, in primary forms (exc. poly"methyl methacrylate"): the others	15	0%	10.21	0.00
2	3923109090	Boxes, drawers, cages and simile items. for transport or packaging, plastic: the others	20	0%	7.55	0.00
3	9004901000	Corrective, protective or other "eyeglasses" and simile items. (exc. glasses "glasses"	30	0%	1.22	0.00

4	9004909000	Corrective, protective or other "eyeglasses" and simile items. (exc. glasses "glasses"	30	0%	2.04	0.00
		Total			21.03	0.00

Source: ITC Trade Map