THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To,

All Members of Plexconcil/

COA Members

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject : Regarding members inputs on India-ASEAN FTA Review: Rules of Origin-Product Specific Rule

We wish to inform you that during the internal meetings of DoC with EPCs and industry on issues related to increasing our exports to our FTA partner countries, the industry often expressed that there are issues related to Rules of origin (RoO) under the existing provisions of the FTA with ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam).

In this context, ASEAN has graciously agreed to India's request for a review of the India-ASEAN FTA. This presents us with an opportunity to assess and scrutinise the existing Rules of Origin as well as the General Rules on products of India's export interest, where we have potential.

Details of the ROO chapter can be accessed through the DoC website at the following web link:

 $https://commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/MOC_636205354502532516_ASEAN-India_Trade_Goods_Agreement.pdf$

We encourage you to propose any comments/inputs on the ROO text as well as the existing General Rule concerning products of your interest for export to ASEAN countries. Please suggest any changes in the PSRs to be considered for inclusion in the review exercise.

Members are requested to give their inputs on or before 06th January, 2024 to <u>bharti@plexconcil.org</u>; <u>isha@plexconcil.org</u>.

Best regards

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