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THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (Sponsored By The Ministry Of Commerce & Industry, Deptt. Of Commerce, Government Of India)

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All the Members of Plexconcil/ COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>Subject: Regarding Members' Inputs on Category of Concession India may seek from the ASEAN</u> <u>Countries.</u>

We wish to inform you that the initiation of the first review of the ASEAN- India Trade in Goods agreement (AITIGA) and the preliminary negotiation round is going to start in February in New Delhi.

2. The Agreement was signed in 2009 between India and ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) which consists of 10 countries, namely- Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. This is the first review of the AITIGA after it came into existence in 2010-11.

3. The prime objective of India during the review is to address the imbalance in the offers of the ASEAN nations and seek improved tariff concessions from the countries who have emerged as potential export destinations during the last decade. For eg. Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Philippines are some of the fastest growing countries in the ASEAN region with robust trade and investment ecosystem. They are also strong players in the regional value chains in the Indo-Pacific region. Therefore, it is important for us to seek ambitious tariff concession coverage from these countries during the review.

4. In view of the above, the Department has prepared ASEAN country wise list of tariff lines, under the original tariff schedule of ASEAN countries in AITIGA, on which either concessions offered are minimal or are excluded from concessions and is enclosed for your reference.

5. Members are requested to examine the country wise export potential of the products listed in the enclosure considering India's export potential and the import potential of the respective ASEAN countries and provide their inputs on the category of concession India may seek from that ASEAN country. <u>CLICK HEAR</u>

You are requested to provide your inputs against the each HS codes relevant to your organization given in the enclosure with the proper justification. Members shall submit their response no later than 22nd January 2024 to bharti@plexconcil.org, isha@plexconcil.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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