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

Ref. No. : Plexh/Cir/900

Date : 09.02.2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings!

<u>Subject : Issues/Challenges related to Rules of Origin in Ind-Aus (Economic Cooperation</u> and Trade Agreement) <u>ECTA</u>

We wish to inform you that Ind-Aus ECTA came into force on 29. 12.2022 and this Agreement has completed more than one year. Various committees have been constituted by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India for overseeing the operationalization of this agreement and the meeting of such Committees/Working Groups is scheduled in the first week of March 2024.

Further, a Joint Technical Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation has also been constituted under Article 4.32 of this agreement. The objective of this Sub-committee is to identify the challenges faced by the trade and industry and propose strategies/solutions to overcome them. The ultimate aim of all committees is to help the exporters/importers seize the opportunities provided by this landmark Agreement and achieve sustainable growth of bilateral trade between India and Australia.

Hence, members are requested to provide a brief report containing the following information:

1. The challenges related to the Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures faced by the exporters/importers since its entry into force.

2. Any inconsistencies w.r.t. the relevant ROO provisions, highlighting the sector impacted.

3. Any setbacks or obstacles to the free movement of goods between India and Australia under the Ind-Aus ECTA

You are requested to send such a report at the earliest to the undersigned at <u>bharti@plexconcil.org</u> on or before **14.02.2024**.

Best regards

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