

## दि प्लास्टिक एक्स्पोर्ट प्रमोशन कौन्सिल (भारत सरकार वाणिज्य एवं उन्होंन मंत्रालय वाणिज्य विभाग द्वारा पायोजित )

## THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To.

All Members of Plexconcil/

**COA Members** 

Dear Sir/madam

**MOST URGENT & IMPORTANT** 

<u>SUBJECT</u>: <u>EU draft Commission Regulation on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and bisphenol derivatives-inputs reg.</u>

Dear Members,

This is with reference to the upcoming **WTO TBT Committee meeting in November 2024**. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise its concerns with regard to the TBT measures notified by other countries and adversely affecting our trade.

In order to prepare for the upcoming WTO TBT committee meeting, Department of Commerce has reviewed the notifications of other countries notified to WTO and found the following notification submitted by EU to WTO may be of interest to **MEMBERS OF PLEXCONCIL**. The notifications details can be found on the following link: G/TBT/N/EU/1072.

The snapshot of this notification is appended below :-

<u>Description & Objective of notification: Draft Commission Regulation on the use of bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives with harmonised classification for specific hazardous properties in certain materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, amending Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/213.</u>

This Regulation prohibits the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the manufacture of those food contact materials and articles of which it may be a component, including adhesives, rubbers, ion-exchange resins, plastics, printing inks, silicones and varnishes and coatings.

<u>Products covered: Food containers and packaging materials insofar as they fall within the scope of the draft Regulation (in particular lacquered metal packaging);</u>

HS codes 39 (plastics and articles thereof) and 40 (rubbers and articles thereof) insofar as the materials fall within the scope of the draft Regulation (e.g. \*3924 10 00\*;

<u>Prepared foodstuffs insofar as they are packaged in materials and articles within the scope of the draft</u> Regulation.

4) Relevant dates: Date of notification to WTO: 27 June 2024

<u>Date of adoption: November 2024 (estimated) CLICK HEAR</u>

It is requested to examine the regulation and provide inputs/statements if a Specific Trade Concern (STC) should be raised regarding this matter at the upcoming TBT Committee meeting scheduled for November 2024.

Please treat this very urgent and reply by EOD.

Best regards

**Plexconcil Team**