

Ref. Plexh/Cir/0468

02.09.2025

To,
**All Members of Plexconcil/
COA**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject: URGENT: Inputs Requested on Proposal for Reduction/Exemption of Duties on Plastic Raw Materials & Components Used in Footwear (Annexure-I)

This is in continuation of our earlier communication (see below) regarding the proposal for reduction/exemption of import duties on key plastic raw materials and components used in the footwear industry.

As we have not received any responses from members thus far, we are proceeding to recommend a reduction in import duties on the following six raw materials. This recommendation is based on India's significant import reliance for these items, as outlined below:

Fig. in USD million			
HSN Codes	FY23	FY24	FY25
HS 390950			
Export	89.7	79.76	84.87
Import	417.03	350.08	335.36
Trade Balance	-327.33	-270.32	-250.49
HS 390130			
Export	11.03	3.62	4.43
Import	507.83	383.99	426.79
Trade Balance	-496.80	-380.37	-422.36
HS 390950			
Export	89.7	79.76	84.87
Import	417.03	350.08	335.36
Trade Balance	-327.33	-270.32	-250.49

HS 390130			
Export	11	4	4
Import	507.83	383.99	417.73
Trade Balance	-496.80	-380.37	-413.30
HS 390410			
Export	2	3	3
Import	2740.67	2455.04	2636.82
Trade Balance	-2,738.93	-2,452.45	-2,633.50
HS 39041010			
Export	0.14	0.36	0.19
Import	98.41	82.92	76.65
Trade Balance	-98.27	-82.56	-76.46

Note: Trade balance figures indicate the deficit position for India with respect to these items.

Annexure-I: Detailed and complete item list with HSN codes, duty structure, and usage is attached for your reference.

In view of the above, we believe there is a strong case for recommending a reduction or exemption of duties on these materials to improve competitiveness in the footwear sector.

We request you to share your feedback on this proposal latest by 03.09.2025 (4pm) to nilotpal@plexconcil.org ; bharti@plexconcil.org

If no feedback is received, it will be assumed that there are **no objections** from any member regarding the proposed reduction in import duties.

Your prompt response will enable us to submit a consolidated recommendation to the concerned ministry in a timely manner.

Best regards,

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This is to inform you that the Council has received a reference from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) regarding a proposal submitted by CII for duty/tax exemption or reduction on a list of plastic-based raw materials and finished goods used in footwear manufacturing, especially sports and non-leather footwear.

The list (*Annexure-I*) includes items such as:

- Reinforcement films, TPU sheets, decorative stickers
- Toe puff materials, counter stiffeners, lace logo films
- TPU/EVA/PU compounds, resins, knitting yarns, shoe lasts

These products fall under key plastic HSN codes (e.g., 390130, 390950, 392190, 392099, etc.), with current BCD ranging from 7.5%–10%, plus SWS and IGST @18%.

Plexconcil seeks your feedback on:

1. ***Necessity and impact of duty reduction on these items.***
2. ***Suggestions, if any.***

Kindly respond by: 01st September 2025

Email your inputs to: nilotpal@plexconcil.org; bharti@plexconcil.org

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Your timely response will help us frame an industry-backed recommendation to the government.

Best regards

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