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To,
All Members of Plexconcil/
COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Request for Inputs on India–UAE CEPA: Trade in Goods Committee Meeting – October 2025

This is to inform you that the FT (WANA) Division of the Department of Commerce will be convening the second meeting of the Trade in Goods Committee of India–UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in October 2025.

In this regard, the DoC has invited inputs on matters related to tariff, non-tariff barriers, and any other issues such as stringent rules of origin, quality certification, cumbersome customs procedure or documentation.

Members may also share views on the UAE's request for tariff elimination or inclusion of plastic downstream products in the India-UAE CEPA schedule of tariff commitments.

Members are requested to share their views on whether there is a need to simplify the current Product Specific Rules of Origin of "CTSH + 40% Value Addition for Chapter 39" and make it less stringent. Please share your Inputs with justification

https://commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Chapter-3-Annex-3B.pdf

Inputs are also requested on challenges, if any, related to different interpretation of HS Codes or Product Description by the Indian authorities and the UAE authorities, which raises risk of rejection of duty benefit under the trade agreement.

Members who are currently exporting to UAE or intend to explore the UAE market are requested to share their issues, challenges, and suggestions by 07.10.2025 (12noon).

Inputs may be sent to the nilotpal@plexconcil.org; bharti@plexconcil.org; research@plexconcil.org;

Your timely and valuable feedback will enable us to compile and forward the inputs to the Department of Commerce for their consideration.

Best regards

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