



THE PLASTICS EXPORT  
PROMOTION COUNCIL

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

**Dear Sir / Madam,**

**Subject: India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) – Key Takeaways for Members  
(Plastics Sector)**

We are happy to inform you that the Government of India and the European Union have concluded negotiations on the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), a major step towards deeper economic integration between two large markets with a combined size of **USD 24 trillion**.

The FTA provides **unprecedented market access**, business certainty, and long-term growth opportunities for Indian exporters, including MSMEs.

**Key Points for Members:**

- The FTA provides preferential market access in the EU for 97% of tariff lines, covering 99.5% of India's exports by value.
- A significant share of products will receive zero-duty access from the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
- The EU is a key opportunity market for the plastics sector, with plastics and rubber imports valued at USD 317.5 billion, while India's exports to the EU remain relatively modest.

- Preferential tariff access is expected to enhance competitiveness of Indian plastic products, particularly benefiting MSME exporters.
- The Agreement provides for simplified procedures, including self-certification of origin through a Statement on Origin, and improved cooperation on technical standards and conformity assessment, facilitating smoother market access.

**The FTA will come into force after completion of legal scrubbing, formal signing, and ratification by India, the European Union, and EU Member States. The entire process may take a few more months.**

Members are advised to **refer to the detailed factsheet**

(<https://www.commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Factsheet-on-India-EU-trade-deal-27.1.2026.pdf>) for sector-wise provisions and product-level details and to assess opportunities relevant to their businesses.

Any further updates will be communicated by Plexconcl as and when received from the Department of Commerce.

This is for your information.

Regards

Plexconcl Team