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**Sub: Text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement**

**Dear Member,**

As you are aware, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) headed by the US and including Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam was recently signed on 5th October, 2015.

(1) The text of the TPP has been released by TPP Parties on 5 November 2015. The text covers all aspects of the Agreement including Intellectual Property, Technical Barriers to Trade, Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary requirements etc.

Please click on following link for all Chapters of the TPP text:

<http://www.tpp.mfat.govt.nz/text>

(2) Chapter 4 of the TPP text relates to Textile and Apparel and deals with the Rules of Origin applicable to textile and apparel sector. It also details the specifics related to 'De Minimis' provision in rules of origin, treatment to certain handmade and folkloric goods etc.

**[Please click here for Chapter 4 on Textile and Apparel](#)**

(3) Annexure A to Chapter 4 on Textiles and Apparel gives details on the specific Rules of Origin for the textile HS lines i.e. HS 50 to HS 63. It also gives details on the treatment of non-originating materials used in the production of goods (HS Chapter heading-wise and subheading-wise).

**[Please click here for Annexure A to Chapter 4 on Textile and Apparel](#)**

(4) The TPP also has provision for raw materials which are short in supply within the TPP signatory countries. Under the 'Short Supply Rule', a garment exporter from a TPP country can get duty-free access to USA or other TPP markets using raw materials which are short in supply, from a third country.

Garments produced from these items will get duty preference. The list consists of 8 items which are temporary i.e. products which will be removed from the Short Supply list 5 years after Entry into Force of the Agreement. The balance items are permanent.

**[Please click here for a list of items \(mainly fabrics and some special yarns\)](#)**  
under 'short supply' in Appendix 1 to Annexure A of Chapter 4.

In case of further clarifications you may contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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