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To : Members of the Council

**Sub : Proposed move by the European Union on textile articles containing
NPE (nonylphenol ethoxylates)**

Dear Member,

The European Union has issued a Notification No. (G/TBT/N/EU/280) dated 15th April 2015 on textile articles containing NPE (nonylphenol ethoxylates) :- **copy enclosed.**

Draft Regulation

The draft Regulation intends to prohibit textile articles containing NPE (nonylphenol ethoxylates) into the European markets. According to the Draft Regulation, NPE has been detected in textile articles and repeated exposure to NPE poses a threat to aquatic species and therefore such articles are proposed to be banned if the content of *nonylphenol ethoxylates* (NPE) is found to be equal or greater than 0.01 % by weight (i.e. 100 mg/kg).

The draft Regulation provides for exemptions from the restriction for second hand textile articles and new textile articles produced exclusively from recycled textiles.

The draft Regulation also provides for a transition period of 60 months between the adoption of the restriction and its applicability in order to give sufficient time to producers of textiles articles to adapt their production processes so that they can comply with the restriction.

India exports these products to EU, hence, this approval requirement, if implemented, may significantly impact the registration strategy and timeline for India's exports of textile products.

We would request for your views in the matter by E-mail/ Fax **on or before June 9, 2015** so that the same can be taken up suitably.

Thanking you

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