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SRTEPC Session with US Companies



Mr. David Pasquini Deputy Consul General of United States & Shri A. Ravi Kumar, Executive Director, SRTEPC attending the Webinar on Non - Woven Industry organized by the Office of the Consul General.

The office of the Consulate General of US organized an exclusive Webinar online with US based companies from the Non – Woven Sector on October 4, 2023. The Executive Director, Shri A. Ravi Kumar, SRTEPC made a presentation on the Indian Non - Woven industry. The Webinar was attended by Deputy Consul General Mr. David, other officials from the Consul General office, representatives from some American companies and Associations.

The Webinar was organized exclusively for SRTEPC. Earlier Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri Bhadresh Dodhia was invited by the office of the US Consul General, Mumbai.

The presentation covered a wide range of topics, including the Indian economy, ease of doing business, competitiveness of the Indian textile industry, the Indian Non-Woven market, Government Schemes for the textile industry, and opportunities for American companies in India.

During the Question-and-Answer Session, all the queries raised by the participants were suitably clarified. The Consul General office has suggested continuing with cooperation between SRTEPC and their office in the future. The US Consul General Office also assured of all support to SRTEPC in organizing any event, meeting, or activity in the US.





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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



Dear Friends,

Export Trends

Exports of Man-made Fibre Textiles are now showing gradual improvement since last 2 months. During April-Sept 2023 exports were US\$2336.39mn as compared to US\$2584.94mn during the same period of the previous year, showing a decline of 9.62%. However, contraction in exports has narrowed down from a decline of 12.07% in April-July 2023 to a decline of 9.62% in April – Sept 2023. We are expecting further improvement in the coming quarters, although the continued Russia – Ukraine war and the growing tension between Israel and Palestine is a concern.

Mega Textiles Show 2024

All the Textile Export Promotion Councils will be jointly organising a Mega Textiles Show called as BHARAT TEX 2024 with support of the Ministry of Textiles. The Event will be held from February 26th to February 29th, 2024 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The Government has planned BHARAT TEX on a larger scale as per international standards in which exhibitors both from India and Overseas will be invited to participate. Also leading Buyers for Textiles and Clothing will be invited. Our Council will be approaching each one of you and seek for your participation. I urge all our members to come forward & participate in BHARAT TEX 2024 and make the Event a grand success.

ITC on Inter - unit Transfers under Advance Authorisation Scheme

The Foreign Trade Policy 2023 has allowed Inter - unit Transfers of material imported under the Advance Authorisation Scheme. However, the recipient units are not allowed Input Tax credit of GST on such transfers. The Council has represented to the Government to allow Input Tax Credit of GST. I am glad to inform that the Government has accepted the representation of the Council and has allowed Input Tax Credit of GST on Inter - unit Transfers under Advance Authorisation Scheme (Vide DGFT Public Notice No. 34/2023 dated 13th Oct 2023). I extend my thanks to DGFT Shri Santosh Sarangi, for issuing this Public Notice.

Issue of Status Holder Certificate

I am glad that DGFT has put in place a simplified system for the issue of Status Holder Certificate. I compliment the DGFT Shri Santosh Sarangi, for putting in place this innovative system.

Quality Control Orders (QCO)

As you are aware, Government has implemented QCOs for various products and many of the Textile products & are covered under the QCOs. In this regard based on feedback and representations received from the members, the Council has appealed to the Government to exempt import of items covered under QCOs against Advance Authorizations.

Representation to review GST on Waste PET Bottles

The Council has represented to the Government to reduce the rate of GST on Waste PET Bottles from 18% to 5% on the basis of suggestions received from members. The Council has also proposed to cover these Waste PET Bottles under the RCM (Reverse Charge Mechanism), in case for some reasons the GST rate cannot be reduced.

RoDTEP Scheme

I am glad that the Government has extended the RoDTEP Scheme from 1st October 2023 to 30th June 2024. This will enable exporters to take long term prospective while negotiating for Export business and provide a cushion to exporters in the challenging times of cut through competition. However, the Council has represented to the Government to continue with RoDTEP Scheme by 3 more years. Similarly, the ROSCTL Scheme is scheduled to expire on 31st March 2024. The Council has also represented to the Government for the extension of this Scheme by another 3 years.

PLI Scheme

As you are aware, the last date for filing of the PLI Scheme applications has been extended until October 31, 2023. I urge the members interested to invest in the PLI to do so before the deadline. I would also request the Ministry of Textiles to notify the PLI 2.0 as the Textiles & clothing sector is keenly looking forward towards its announcement.

Appeal to renew membership with the Council

Finally, I would urge all those members who have not yet renewed their membership with the Council to do so at the earliest.

Assuring you of our best services always.

Thanking You

BHADRESH DODHIA

Chairman SRTEPC - The Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council

Exporters Seek More Sops For Value-Added Products Under RoDTEP Scheme.

Exporters are seeking increased benefits for value-added goods under the Government's flagship Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme. The current structure of the scheme provides higher refund rates for "lesser value-added" goods, which goes against the government's policy of promoting value-added exports. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the apex body for exporters, has urged the commerce department to consider adding additional criteria to reward value-added exports more appropriately. They argue that, in many cases, even products with 100 percent value addition receive lower RoDTEP entitlement compared to products with lesser value addition. The RoDTEP scheme aims to refund the embedded non-creditable central, state, and local levies paid on inputs to exporters. These taxes were previously incurred by export entities during the manufacturing and distribution of exported products. This scheme was introduced on January 1, 2021, as a replacement for the controversial Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) following a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling that found MEIS violated WTO provisions by providing export subsidies for a wide range of goods. The FIEO has also emphasized that there should be no end date to the RoDTEP scheme, as it is a duty-neutralization scheme similar to duty drawback. The scheme is currently valid until June 2024. The RoDTEP scheme, combined with duty drawback, duty exemption schemes, and the goods and services tax refund mechanism, results in zerorating of Indian exports, aligning with WTO disciplines under the Agreement on Subsidy and Countervailing Measures (ASCM). Exporters are advocating for the RoDTEP scheme's applicability to all sectors of exports, including export-oriented units, special economic zones, and entities holding advance authorizations that have any incidence of unrebated taxes.

Source: The Business Standard

Ministry of Textiles approved 18 R&D projects valuing INR 46.74 crores for Technical Textiles

Ministry of Textiles approved 18 R&D projects worth INR 46.74 crores, covering various segments of technical textiles. These projects are led by institutes and research bodies including BTRA, ATIRA, IIT Delhi, and others.

Source: The Textile Magazine

Textiles Ministry Introduces Quality Control Orders for Medical and Agro-Textiles: Impact on Manufacturers and Small-Scale Production

The Textiles Ministry has recently introduced two Quality Control Orders (QCOs) covering a range of medical textiles and agro-textiles, which will be effective from April 1, 2024. These QCOs have implications for both domestic and foreign manufacturers looking to export their products to India, with the aim of improving the quality standards of these textiles in the interest of the public. The medical textiles QCO encompasses various essential healthcare and hygiene products like sanitary napkins, shoe covers, dental bib/napkins, disposable baby diapers, reusable sanitary pads/sanitary napkins/period panties, and medical bed sheet and pillow covers. Notably, self-help groups (SHGs) have been granted exemptions from certain aspects of the medi-tech QCOs, which will promote small-scale production of items like sanitary napkins, baby diapers, and reusable sanitary pads/sanitary napkins/period panties. Additionally, micro and small industries focused on these products have been given an extension until October 1, 2024, to ensure compliance with the QCO conformity standards.

Source: The Hindu Businessline

India likely to present incentives for ailing textile by Dec

The Government is considering the introduction of fiscal incentives for the sector by the end of the year, possibly through the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme, which targets various manufacturing sectors.

Source: The Business Standard



Vietnamese fibre exports increase 11.3% in August 2023

In August 2023, Vietnam's export of various fibres totaled 174,205 tons and amounted to US \$427 million, a month-on-month increase of 12.1 percent in volume and an 11.3 percent rise in value over July 2023. In the first eight months of the current year, overseas shipments of fibers reached 1.1 million tons, amounting to US \$2.8 billion, up 6.8 percent year on year in volume, but down 16.6 percent in value over the same period of 2022. The average export price of fibers in the months between January and August reached US \$2,477 per ton, a drop of 28 percent as against the same months of the previous year. China was the largest export market for Vietnamese fibers and in August 2023 they touched 95,494 tons with a value of US \$252 million, an increase of 66 percent in volume and also a rise of 56 percent in value compared to August 2022. In the first eight months of 2023, shipments of fibers to China stood at 570,403 tons and earned US \$1.5 billion, up 15 percent in volume but down 6.25 percent in value as against the first eight months of 2022.

Source: The Textalks

SAC launches MCAP to reduce CO2 emissions by textile and apparel industry

The Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC) has unveiled the Manufacturer Climate Action Program (MCAP) during its 2023 SAC Annual Meeting in Massachusetts. SAC comprises more than 280 stakeholders, including retailers, brands, manufacturers, Governments, academics, and non-profit partners. In collaboration with industry giants NIKE and Target Corporation, MCAP is part of SAC's Decarbonization Program, aimed at reducing CO2 emissions in the textile and apparel industry. Amina Razvi, CEO of SAC, emphasized the industry's role in greenhouse gas emissions and MCAP's mission to help manufacturers measure emissions, set science-aligned targets for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, and accelerate decarbonization efforts. The textile and apparel sector aims to collectively reduce global CO2 emissions by 45% by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. MCAP focuses on Scope 1 and 2 emissions initially, offering manufacturers a manageable entry point for decarbonization. The program aims to empower manufacturers to reduce energy consumption, realize cost savings, and meet environmental expectations. MCAP includes four core elements: setting science-aligned emission reduction goals, conducting climate risk assessments, developing decarbonization plans, and fostering transparency and accountability by publicly disclosing progress. MCAP evolved from Target's Supplier Engagement Program and NIKE's Supplier Climate Action Program, in consultation with the World Resource Institute (WRI). It is open to both SAC members and non-members and integrates key management tools for measuring emissions, assessing risk, benchmarking

performance, and informing strategic planning. The program aims to accelerate the adoption of science-aligned emission targets among manufacturers. The SAC acknowledges the textile industry's significant contribution to global carbon emissions and is committed to reducing GHG emissions by a minimum of 45% by 2030 as part of its strategic plan. MCAP represents a significant step forward in the industry's efforts to combat climate change.

Source: The Textile Today

Thai Textile and garment exports to get a boost from three FTA's

Thailand is set to sign free trade agreements (FTAs) with the European Union, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Sri Lanka in 2024, which is expected to significantly enhance its textile, garment, and other industrial exports. The first FTA, with the UAE, is anticipated to be signed by the end of this year, marking Thailand's first FTA with any country. This agreement is expected to boost annual exports by 30 billion baht, with textiles, garments, food, and chemicals among the key export products. Negotiations with the European Union are progressing, and it is projected that the negotiation process will conclude by the middle of the next year. Given the European Union's substantial imports of garments, the FTA with the EU will provide a significant boost to Thailand's apparel industry, enabling zero-duty-rate exports to the EU. Additionally, the Thai-Sri Lanka FTA has the potential to stimulate Thai investments in Sri Lanka's textile, apparel, food processing, and jewellery industries.

Source: The Textalks

US Government urged to embrace Textile circularity in procurement strategy act

A coalition of organizations, led by the ACT (Apparel & Textiles in Circularity), has urged the Biden-Harris administration to incorporate textile circularity into its procurement strategy. This plea comes in response to the growing textile waste crisis in the US. Textile waste has increased by 80% since 2004, making it the fastest-growing waste category in the country. This surge in waste has resulted in billions of dollars in costs for both US taxpayers and private waste management companies. Over 30 billion pounds of textile waste are disposed of in landfills and incinerators every year, contributing significantly to methane emissions, a potent greenhouse gas responsible for around 25% of global warming. The coalition argues that embracing textile circularity, including recycled content, reuse, rental, and repair, would not only reduce textile waste and greenhouse gas emissions but also create economic opportunities and jobs within the US.

Source: The Apparel Resources



QUALITY CONTROL ORDERS (QCOs) BOOST QUALITY AND GROWTH IN TECHNICAL TEXTILES SEGMENT IN INDIA

In a significant move to enhance the standard and quality of Technical Textiles, the Ministry of Textiles has released two sets of Quality Control Orders (QCOs). The first set focuses on Agro Textiles, comprising 20 items, while the second set covers 6 items of Medical Textiles. These QCOs are part of the Government's strategy to regulate and promote the Technical Textiles industry in India.

Phase II of QCOs:

Starting from April 1, 2024, the QCOs for Agro Textiles and Medical Textiles will come into effect in their second phase. It's important to note that these regulations apply not only to domestic manufacturers but also to foreign manufacturers intending to export their products to India. This inclusivity ensures that the quality of Technical Textiles is maintained across the board.

Exemptions for Self-Help Groups and Micro/Small Units:

In an effort to encourage small-scale production and accessibility, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been exempted from the Medical Textiles QCOs. This exemption applies to essential products such as Sanitary Napkins, Baby Diapers, and Reusable Sanitary Pads. Additionally, Micro and Small (SME) industry players manufacturing these items have been granted a relaxation period until October 1, 2024, to comply with QCO conformity. For other Medical Textiles items and the general industry, the QCO will come into force on April 1, 2024.

Agricultural Benefits:

The Agro Textiles QCO, also effective from April 1, 2024, holds immense significance for the agricultural community. It aims to enhance the quality and performance of Agro Textile products, offering farmers reliable and durable solutions for their agricultural needs. These products include crop covers, insect nets, ground covers, fencing nets, and more, all designed to improve agricultural and horticultural practices.

Looking Ahead:

In the first phase, QCOs were introduced for 19 items of Geo Textiles and 12 items of Protective Textiles, previously it was from October 7, 2023, now it is effective from 1st January 2024. Looking forward, Phase III is expected to bring approximately 30 more Technical Textiles items under QCO regulations, covering areas such as building textiles, industrial textiles, ropes, cordages, and more.

Overall, the introduction of QCOs in the Technical Textiles sector represents a pivotal step in ensuring the quality and standardization of these products. By doing so, it not only safeguards consumer interests but also supports the growth of the industry, ultimately positioning Indian product quality on par with global standards.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN MEDITECH

Introduction

Now-a-days textiles are used in different sectors and various purposes beyond imagination. Changing lifestyles, consumer behavior and concern towards hygiene & health have led the textiles to enter drastically in the field of medical sector. With a touch of finish and treatment and the way of manufacturing, textiles can be transformed in many types of products, may it be bio-degradable, eco-friendly, anti-bacterial, anti-odor, etc. Medical sector is one of the important and emerging part of the textile industry. The development is taking place due to the simultaneous expansion and improvement of technology in both textile as well as medical sector. The number of applications in this sector is huge and diverse, ranging from simple thread sutures to the complex composite structures for bone replacement & ligaments and from the simple cleaning wipe to advanced barrier fabrics used in Operation Theater. This article speaks about the vast applications of Medical Textiles in Health & Hygiene sector and the growth opportunities & export potential of this sector.

About Meditech & Its Products

Medical textiles or Meditech, also recognized as healthcare & hygiene textiles, are used for various primary aids as well as for clinical purposes. These include medical care and grooming products, materials that are implantable and not implantable, etc. Most commonly used medical textiles are aprons, cotton wool, tampons, diapers, sanitary napkins, wound dressings, swabs, gauze, bandages, wipes, compression stockings, respiratory masks, treated beddings and sheet covers. The use of artificial tissues, ligaments, and joint in surgeries is, nowadays, augmented by textile-based products.



Market Growth of Meditech

The global market size of Meditech segment stood at US\$ 28.9 bn. in the year FY 2020, which is estimated to reach to US\$ 38.2 bn. in the year FY 2025, growing at a CAGR of 5.7% during FY 2020 to FY 2025. India's domestic market of Meditech represents about 6% share of the global market with a value of US\$ 1.7 Bn. in the FY 2020. India's domestic market of Meditech is estimated to reach to US\$ 5.7 bn. in the FY 2025, growing at a CAGR of 27.4% during FY 2020 to FY 2025. The market share of Meditech segment in overall Technical Textiles market is estimated to increase to 15% in the FY 2025 from 6% in the FY 2020.

The global trade of Meditech segment has grown at a CAGR of 12% during 2010 to 2021. The global trade of Meditech segment has reached US\$ 26 bn. in the year 2021 from US\$ 7.3 bn. in the year 2010. Meditech represented 17% of the trade share in global Technical Textiles trade during 2021. The exports of Meditech from India have reached US\$ 191 mn. in the FY 2022 from US\$ 41 mn. in the FY 2010, growing at a CAGR of 14% during FY 2010 to FY 2022. In Indian Technical Textiles exports, Meditech occupied 7% of the exports share during FY 2022.



Growing Products & Raw Materials in Meditech Segment

Products like Baby and Adult Diapers, Sanitary Napkins, Face Masks, Wipes, Tampons, Swabs and Dressings have grown during the last 5 years. In India, there is a supply value chain gap in the products like Baby & Adult Diapers and Sanitary Napkins. These products are majorly imported in India by the big brands to meet the huge demand of Indian consumers. Lifestyle changes and changing consumer preferences have escalated the demand of these products in the Indian market. The major raw materials used in Meditech are Cellulosic fibres like Viscose, Polyester, Polypropylene and Cotton. The usage of Cellulosic fibre has grown in the field of Meditech during last 5 years.

Government Support to Meditech Segment

Government has launched a flagship scheme to boost the manufacturing and exports of the Technical Textiles sector i.e., Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme. Products like Baby & Adult Diapers, Sanitary Napkins, Wound Dressings, Bandages, Compression Stockings and Surgical Sutures of the Meditech segment are covered under the PLI scheme. These products have huge demand in domestic as well as global market. Government, also, has launched National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to support the Technical Textiles industry in terms of Research & Development, Capacity Building and Export Promotion.

Way Forward

With the continuous increase in population worldwide and concern towards health & hygiene, the demand of Meditech segment has increased. So, it is necessary to maintain the supply chain of this segment in India. However, it is not possible to meet the global and India's demand with the current capacity and quality of India's Meditech industry. Today, the world has realized the need of tomorrow and opting for various technologically advanced products which fulfil the needs, provides good quality, and global acceptability. With adequate supply of raw material and support from Government, Meditech segment of Indian Technical Textiles will achieve higher exports share in global market.

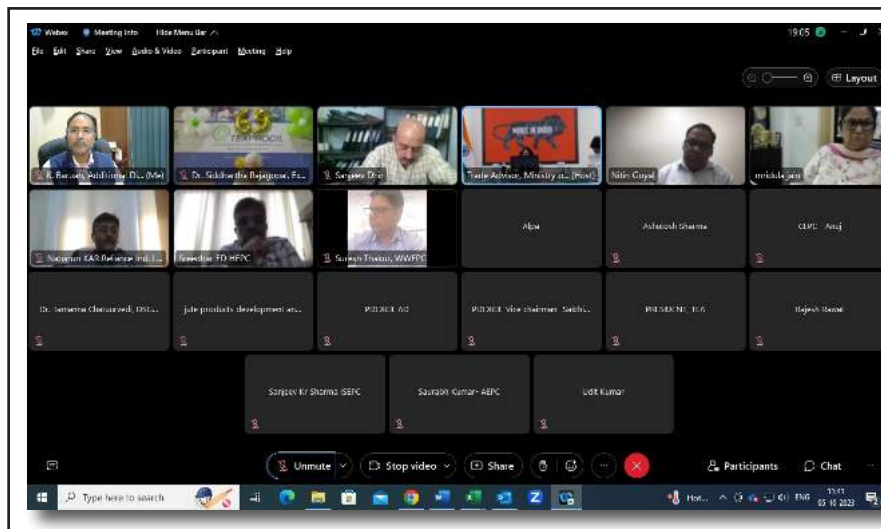
SRTEPC Participated in the Meeting to Discuss on India-Australia CECA.

The Ministry of Textiles organized an online meeting with all the Textiles Export promotion Councils under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Shubhra, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles on 05.10.2023 to discuss the Indian Schedule of Tariff commitment under the proposed India-Australia CECA.

The Trade Advisor, Textiles informed that both India and Australia are currently having India-Australia ECTA. However, to deepen the ties between them, both countries are now negotiating for India-Australia CECA, and it is nearing its conclusion.

Trade Advisor asked views of the industry and Councils on tariff concession to be given to Australia under the proposed India-Australia CECA. She also requested to submit views whether tariff lines pertaining to the respective segments of the Export Promotion Councils to be opened with duty concession/elimination for Australia.

SRTEPC has submitted its views in this regard to the Ministry of Textiles as suggested.



SRTEPC's Suggestions on HSN Code for Technical Textiles

The Ministry of Textiles organized an online meeting to discuss HSN Codes for Technical Textiles. The Council has identified Technical Textiles products that are already covered by the HS Codes. The Council has prepared a list of 200 HS Codes for Technical Textiles and has submitted to the Government with a request to notify these. HSN Codes as Technical Textiles. This list of 200 HSN Code was discussed in the meeting. The Executive Director, Shri A. Ravi Kumar informed about the methodology that has been used by the Council while identifying these 200 HSN Codes.

Shri Ajay Pandit, Joint Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles who conducted the meeting assured that the Ministry will take all the steps to notify these 200 HSN Codes as Technical Textiles.

SRTEPC Presentation in the Meeting to Discuss Export Performance

The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) organized a Hybrid meeting with the EPCs under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles), Ministry of Textiles, Smt. Rachna Shah, on 4th October 2023. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Shri Rohit Kansal, Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles, Ms. Shubhra and other officials from the Ministry of Textiles were also present in the meeting.

Vice-Chairman, SRTEPC, Shri Shaleen Toshniwal, and Executive Director, SRTEPC, Shri A. Ravi Kumar, attended the meeting from the Council.

Secretary (Textiles), Ministry of Textiles, Smt. Rachna Shah suggested the EPCs to understand the exports scenario of India's competing nations like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, etc., during the first and second quarter of the Financial Year 2023-24.

The Executive Director, SRTEPC, Shri A. Ravi Kumar gave a brief overview of the Export Trends of Manmade Fibre Textiles and Technical Textiles during the period from April - August 2023. He highlighted the fact that the rate of decline in exports is coming down significantly month after month. In the current FY, which is on a positive note. He said, the Council is confident that the exports of Manmade Fibre Textiles will not only achieve but surpass the Export Target of US \$ 5.70 billion fixed by the Government for the current year.

The Vice-Chairman informed the Secretary (Textiles) that the Council has prepared a list of target products to tap in the new market of Textiles and to increase exports in the existing markets. The Vice-Chairman mentioned that India is doing well in Man-made Fibre (MMF) Yarns however, more focus is required in value added products like MMF Fabrics and MMF Made-ups. Regarding the Technical Textiles exports, the Vice-Chairman indicated that the Council is working extensively with the Ministry and the members for Rationalization of the HSN Codes for Technical Textile items.

On the Policy support, the Executive Director suggested that validity of the RoDTEP and ROSCTL Scheme should be extended for 3 more years which will help the exporters in giving competitive quotation to the overseas buyers. He also suggested that the imports against Advance Authorization should be exempted from the compliance of QCO requirements.

The Trade Advisor, Ministry of Textiles mentioned that the PLI Scheme is mainly for MMF Textiles and Technical Textiles in which SRTEPC has a huge member base. The Trade Advisor suggested that SRTEPC should take lead in promoting the PLI Scheme launched by the Ministry of Textiles by organizing a Conference on Hybrid mode and capitalize the Scheme along with the Ministry of Textiles. The Executive Director and the Vice Chairman assured that all the necessary steps in the regard will be taken by the Council.



TITAS 2023

As part of the Council's Export Promotion Program, participation of 6 Indian companies at 27th Taipei Innovative Textile Application Show (TITAS) was organized in Taipei, Taiwan from 17 to 19 October 2023. The participation of Indian companies in the TITAS 2023 event was organized by the Council with the support of Ministry of Commerce & Industry under the MAI Scheme of Government of India.

About TITAS 2023

TITAS focused on the three core themes of "Sustainability, Functional Applications and Intelligent Manufacturing" to highlight the strength of textile research and innovation. There were more than 400 Exhibitors with about 1,000 booths and more than 30,000 visitors from across the globe visited the Show. At the first day, Fashion Shows was organized to showcase the trending products in the market by the leading Taiwanese Exhibitors.

Inauguration

The India Pavilion at TITAS 2023 was inaugurated by Shri Sourav Mukherjee, Deputy Mission Director (NTTM), Ministry of Textiles in the presence of Indian Exhibitors, Organizer of TITAS 2023 and some of the visiting buyers. After inaugurating the "India Pavilion", Shri Sourav Mukherjee personally visited the booths of participating Indian companies and interacted with them, which was encouraging to our participants.



Shri Saurav Mukherjee, Deputy Mission Director (NTTM), Ministry of Textiles inaugurating the Indian Pavilion at TITAS 2023.

Global Role Models at TITAS 2023

Leading global role models in Man-made Fibre Textiles, namely, Far Eastern Group, Formosa Industries (Taffeta Division and Chemicals & Fibre Division), Eclat Textile Co. Ltd., Everest Textile Co. Ltd., Libolon, and many more exhibited their product at the event. Leading Buyers from Countries like USA, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Bangladesh, China, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, etc. visited the above events.

Taiwan Moving Towards Sustainability & Technicality

Taiwan is no longer a commodity Textiles manufacturer. Conventional textiles have no place in Taiwan nowadays. Almost all the companies who are manufacturing MMF Yarns and Fabrics are producing value-added textiles and have revamped themselves as Specialty or Technical or Sustainable Textiles manufacturers.



Products like Biodegradable Polyester, Recycled Polyester, Anti-microbial, Anti-bacterial, Bio-based Polyester, Garment to Garment and many more Sustainable solutions ruled the show. Technical fibres, yarns, and fabrics such as Inherent Polyester FR, Waterproof & Breathable, Fine Taffeta, Oil & Water Repellant (OWR) and other finishes have gained a huge market share in Taiwan. Other major product categories exhibited in the show were Technical Apparels, Trimmings & Accessories, Textile Machinery & Sewing Equipment, Textile-related Technologies & Services.

Taiwan Market Dynamics

The majority of the buyers in Taiwan require 100% Polyester and 100% Nylon 6,6 Woven and Knitted Fabrics with certain treatments and enhanced properties in about 57" to 60" width. Pet Bottle based Recycled Polyester Yarns and Fabrics have an edge over Virgin Polyester and gets a price premium. The colors which are in high demand in the Taiwanese market are mainly Solid Black, White, Beige, Sky Blue and Grey. Printed fabrics have a low market share in the Taiwan Textile's market. However, for the performance & sportswear and protective wear, fluorescent and dark shades are preferred.

Response at the Exhibition

During the 3-day Show, Indian exhibitors had fruitful interactions with their existing and new overseas & Taiwanese buyers. Most of the participants were able to develop potential trade contacts, while some of the participants have received positive enquiries and spot bookings of orders have also been reported. Some of the Indian participants have reported that they have got enquiries and business orders are under negotiation. Most of the participants have expressed their desire to participate in the next edition of TITAS 2023.

Conclusion

As the Textiles Industry in Taiwan has huge demand for importing MMF Yarns and Fabrics for producing fabrics and garments, Taiwan has been traditionally an important market for importing raw materials of yarn & fabrics. This provides excellent opportunities for Indian exporters for projecting India as a reliable source of supply of raw materials for fabrics, made ups and apparel. The show has also drawn the Indian manufacturer's attention to move towards technical & sustainable yarns and fabrics. The Council's follow ups participation in TITAS will help to enhance the trade of MMF Textiles & Technical Textiles between India and Taiwan.



Participants interacting with Overseas Buyers

The Government has issued many Notifications on Policy related matters. Some of the important Notifications are as follows:

Policy Amendments and Notifications

Sr. No.	Heading No.	Date	Description	Download Link
1	Notification No. 33/2023	26/09/2023	Extension of RoDTEP scheme for exports made from 01.10.2023 – reg	https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification
2	Circular No. 24/2023-Customs	30/09/2023	Implementation of Section 16 4 of IGST Act related to restriction on export of certain goods on payment of IGST and coverage under refund mechanism- reg.	https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1003182/ENG/Circulars
3	Order No. 6/1/2021 -R &D (Pt.)	06/10/2023	Regarding Quality Control Order for Geo Textiles	https://texmin.nic.in/sites/default/files/MOT.pdf
4	Trade Notice No. 28/2023	09/10/2023	Automatic System based issue of Status Holder Certificate (e-SHC) with no requirement of filling any application by the exporter - reg	https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification
5	Public Notice No. 32/2023	09/10/2023	Automatic System based issue of Status Holder Certificate (e-SHC) with no requirement of filling any application by the exporter – reg	https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification
6	Public Notice No. 34/2023	13/10/2023	Amendments in Para 4.10 (i) of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.	https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification
7	Trade Notice No. 29/2023-24	13/10/2023	EODC Camp in RAs w.e.f 13th November 2023 to 24th November 2023-reg.	https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=notification
8	Notification No. 10/2023-Customs (ADD)	12/10/2023	Seeks to impose Anti-dumping duty on imports of flax yarn of below 70 lea count originating in or exported from China PR	https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1009886/ENG/Notifications

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A list of the forthcoming events, which the Council proposes to participate during the financial year 2023-24 are as follows:

1.	HEIMTEXTIL Germany 9 to 12 January 2024
2.	COLOMBIAEX De Las Americas Colombia 23 to 25 January 2024
3.	Texworld Paris France 5 to 7 February 2024
4.	Istanbul Yarn Fair Turkey 22 to 24 February 2024
5.	PREVIEW IN Daegu South Korea 13 to 15 March 2024
6.	ANDTEX Thailand March 2024

Members are requested to please go through the list and send "Expression of Interest" for the events of their choice. Members are also requested to send their suggestions, if any, on the events that the Council needs to participate, which will be properly analysed and considered by the Council

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AT COLOMBIATEX, MEDELLIN FROM 23 TO 25 JANUARY 2024

Dear Members,

We are pleased to inform you that SRTEPC is organizing participation of Indian companies at Colombiatex in Medellin, Colombia from 23 to 25 January 2024 under MAI Scheme of MOC, Govt. of India

The highlights of SRTEPC's participation at COLOMBIATEX are as follows:

Name of the Fair : COLOMBIATEX
 Name of the City : Medellin City, Colombia
 Venue : Convention and Exposition Center, Plaza Mayor, Medellin
 Dates : 23, 24, & 25th January, 2024

Product Profiles: All types of Yarn, Fabrics, Fashion Fabrics including Embroidered Fabrics, Suiting, Shirting, Made-ups, Fashion Accessories, Home Textiles etc.

Number of participants: 15 member-companies under MAI Scheme on FCFS basis.

Participation Fees: Rs. 3.05 Lakhs - 9 sqm Shell Scheme.

For Participation, please get in touch with the following SRTEPC Officials :

- Mr. Prince Singh, Deputy Director, - Email : tradeshows@srtepc.in; Cell : 08826798171
- Mrs. Ramitha Shetty, Assistant Director, E-mail : ramita@srtepc.in; Cell : 09969037064

OVERSEAS TRADE ENQUIRY FOR SRTEPC WORLD.

The Council has received an overseas trade enquiry from a Buyer in Russia through Embassy of India, Moscow for the following products.

Details of the buyer are as follows :

Buyer :

Mr. Konstantin Baklanov

Head of Product Management Department

JSC "Grand Trade"

Russia

Email: baklanov_ks@grandtrade.world

Website: www.grandtrade.world

Products : Home textiles: kitchen towels, bath towels, bedding sets, pillowcases, pillows, sheets, bedspreads, blankets

If you are interested to explore this opportunity, please contact the above Buyer along with the details of your products, price-quotes, terms of trade etc. at the earliest under intimation to the Council for necessary follow-ups, if required.

Members are advised to verify the financial standing and other credentials of the above buyer while negotiating business with them.

HELP US TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

Please let us know the changes in your contact information as soon as possible so that we can keep in touch with you, in case of any changes.

Please fill in the following and send it to SRTEPC at its office located at 1st Floor, Resham Bhavan, 78, Veer Nariman Rd, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400020

Email Id - srtepc@srtepc.in

1. Name of the Company :
2. Address :
3. City :
4. Telephone :
5. Fax :
6. E-mail :
7. Name of the Chief Executive :
8. Designation :
9. Name of the Contact Person :
10. Designation :

SRTEPC'S Services to Indian Exporters



- Introduces Exporters to appropriate Overseas Buyers
- Provides up-to-date information and identifies potential markets for them
- Organises Export Promotion Programmes like Trade Fairs/Exhibitions, Buyer-Seller Meets in various overseas markets.
- Organising Reverse Buyer Seller Meets every year by which the overseas buyers are brought to India to discuss business with members
- Provides Grant for Market Access Initiative subsidy towards airfare for participation in promotional programmes like Exhibition/Fairs abroad (Member of the Council for the last year one year is a must)
- Conducts Workshops, Seminars to keep exporters abreast of latest development in policy/procedural matters, international trends, marketing strategies, government schemes, etc.
- Assist the exporters on Import-Export Policy and Procedures
- Resolve their problems about shipping and transport
- Maintain liaison with the Government authorities to convey the requirements of the industry and trade and help to bring about appropriate policy changes.
- Facilitates free display of samples at Council's Trade Centre in Mumbai and Surat frequented by overseas buyers and Trade Delegations
- Resolves problems of members connected with DGFT, Customs/Central Excise, GST, ROSL, Duty Drawback, Banking, ECGC, etc.
- Provides information on the trends for product development and adaptation to suit the overseas market requirements
- Issues export turnover certificates and certificate of origin.
- Visa facilitation to visit specified markets to discuss business with their target customers.
- Publication of Newsletter and regular circulars/letters to keep them aware of the activities of the Council and trade information.
- Collection and dissemination of Industry / Trade statistics to help members make their export strategy for export.
- Dissemination of information on foreign markets/emerging trends and trade enquiries
- Make them aware about different Anti Dumping duties as applicable in respective markets. From time to time also inform them about Sunset Reviews and give them timely information on questionnaire to be filled in, etc.
- Forex updates on WhatsApp.

If Undelivered, return to:

The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council
Resham Bhavan, 78, Veer Nariman Road, Mumbai - 400 020.