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INTERACTIVE MEETING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI. PIYUSH GOYAL, HON'BLE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING WITH THE EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS



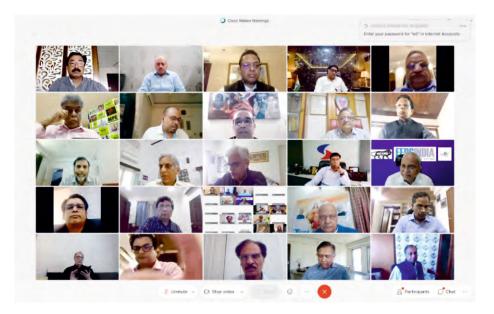
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Under such an alarming export scenario, Shri. Dhiraj Raichand Shah, Chairman, SRTEPC and Shri. Ronakk Rughani, Immediate Past Chairman SRTEPC presented various issues relating to exports related to MMF Textile exports during the Meeting and requested to consider the issues favourably. Chairman, SRTEPC presented few points and views in detail and also highlighted other points:

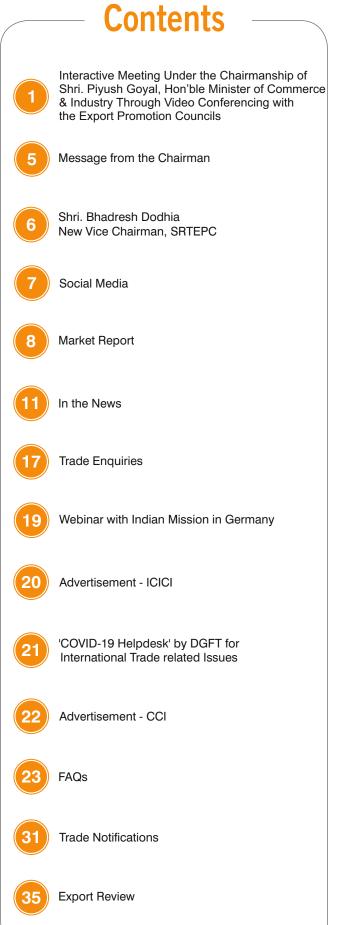
 Double weightage to be given for the smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses: During the current challenging times of Covid pandemic, the segment of the smaller exporters has been severely impacted. Also, exports to the difficult terrains such as Africa, LAC etc. is a serious concern. Though, the African and LAC markets are comparatively small to the developed ones like USA, EU, etc. these markets hold tremendous export potential for MMF textiles from India. And a major chunk of the smaller exporters of Indian MMF textiles have established their foothold in these African and LAC markets after years of tenacious hardworking.

In view this, it was requested that exports to the African and LAC markets should be given double weightage while considering the merits of the exporters for status as Star Export Houses, i.e., their total FOB/FOR export performance to African and LAC markets to be considered double while considering merits for Star Export Houses. Further, under the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, the Focus Product, Focus Market Scheme (FMS) were implemented for encouraging and promote exports to various potential and long distance markets like LAC, Africa, etc. by awarding 3% duty credit scrip to the exporters.

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With implementation of the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) also Government provided relief to exporters to offset infrastructural inefficiencies and associated costs while exporting to far-flung markets like LAC, Africa, etc.

In view of the above, discontinuation of the Chapter 3 benefits and MEIS, the exports of MMF textile value chain to these markets have been suffered. Therefore, it was suggested that the benefits of Focus Product, FMS and MEIS benefits need to be reinstated and doubled for the exports to the African and LAC markets. The same will incentivise the smaller exporters and encourage them to further enhance exports to the difficult and far-flung markets in Africa and LAC.

2) Extend EPCG Scheme in the new FTP: The Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme is an important Scheme for procuring capital goods for manufacturing quality goods and to augment the competitiveness of India's export. The objective of the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme is to facilitate import of capital goods for producing quality goods and services and enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness. EPCG Scheme allows import of capital goods for preproduction, production and post-production at zero customs duty. The textile industry has been one of the worst affected segments in the manufacturing sector due to the COVID pandemic. Moreover, the MMF textile segment is highly capital intensive and most of the machineries are imported.

Therefore, considering the tough situation both in production as well as in exports during last two years, it was requested that the periodicity of EPCG obligation should be extended suitably. It was also requested that to sustain investment and encourage new ones, the EPCG Scheme should be extend for next 5 years.

3) Extend the Interest Equalisation Scheme till announcement of the new FTP: The interest equalisation scheme was announced for a period of five years in the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20). Its validity was extended by a year last fiscal as the government deferred the announcement of a new fiveyear Foreign Trade Policy due to the pandemic. Now as per the extant operational instructions issued by the RBI under the scheme, it shall continue to remain in force up to June 30, 2021.

It was requested that the Scheme should be continued till the new FTA is announced to help Indian exporters who are struggling to manage their business in the uncertain global market, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. 4) Threshold limit of the proposed PLI Scheme be fixed at 20% and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme: As historically annual growth rate in textiles segment is around 8 to 10% over the years, the threshold limit of 50% incremental turnover fixed under the PLI Scheme for eligibility may not be helpful for effective implementation of t the Scheme.

Therefore, to facilitate wider coverage of units and implementation, it was requested that the threshold limit under the proposed PLI Scheme may be fixed at 20% and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme.

Apart from the above, Chairman also highlighted the following points:

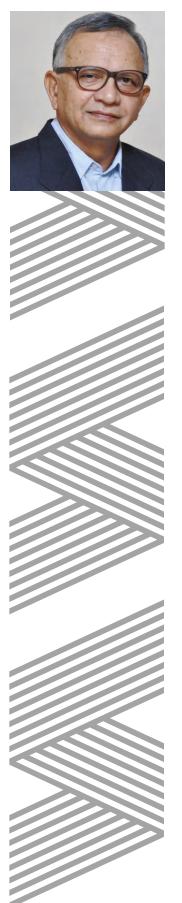
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- Bring down the Skyrocketing freight charges
- Resolve undue transit shipment delay
- Conclude the India EU FTA

At the conclusion of the Meeting, The Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri. Piyush Goyal acknowledged all the points and views of all the Councils and appreciated and thanked all the Councils for their collective efforts and complimented the Exporters for their encouraging performance undertaken during the pandemic times. He said that the trade figures of May were very encouraging with a growth rate as compared to the figures presented during the recent past meeting in April.

Hon'ble CIM said that exporters may approach the Covid helpdesk of the Department for resolving the problems emanating due to Covid related measures. Regarding the issues raised by the participants, he informed that the Department of Commerce has taken up several issues of exporters with the Ministry of Finance for their early resolution, like RoDTEP, MEIS, Inverted duty structure etc. He called upon the exporters to take advantage of the Production-Linked Incentive schemes for various sectors which have been announced.

The meeting ended with a thanks to the Chair.





Dear Members,

Friends, hope you all are safe and doing well!

As due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, the exports of textiles has been severely affected and observed a decline in MMF textiles. The estimated exports of Manmade Fibre textiles during April 2020 to March 2021 shows a decline of -19% as compared to the previous year. There has been fall in exports of all the four segments of MMF textiles, such as fibre -28\%, yarn -15%, fabrics -18% and made-ups - 23\%.

Though the current export scenario is not much encouraging still due to the ongoing second wave of pandemic, it is believed to get normalized in next few months. I would like to convey to our members to not to dishearten themselves due to the current crisis – as textile industry will boom up once it is normalized.

The Council is putting all its efforts to resolve exporters trade related issues with the Ministry. As the exporting community is greatly affected, Commerce Ministry had organized interactive meeting with Shri. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry through video conference.

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Myself and Shri. Ronakk Rughani, Immediate Past Chairman SRTEPC presented the following points related to exports of MMF Textile during the Meeting and requested to consider the issues favourably:

(i) Double weightage to be given for the smaller exporters while considering merits for status as Star Export Houses; (ii) Extend EPCG Scheme in the new FTP; (iii) Threshold limit of the proposed PLI Scheme be fixed at 20% and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme; (iv) Timely refund the IGST and DBK benefits; (v) Release the MEIS rewards to the exporters; (vi) Announce the RoDTEP rates and include entire MMF textile value chain under the Scheme; (vii) Extend the Interest Equalisation Scheme till announcement of the new FTP; (viii) Rectify the Inverted Duty Structure existing in the MMF textile Segment; (ix) Bring down the Skyrocketing freight charges; (x) Resolve undue transit shipment delay; (xi) Conclude the India – EU FTA. Also, a separate representation has been put up to MoC&I on these points in detail.

Considering the high potential for exports of MMFT products to Germany, the Council had a promising Webinar with Consulate General of India Munich, Germany to discuss the possibilities of holding a buyer seller meet between Indian exporters & German buyers. The meeting was attended by the Consul General Mr. Mohit Yadav, Shri. N. Ramakrishnan – Consul (C.I.P) and Ms. Mirella Fuchs (Commercial) from the Consulate General of India and Shri. S. Balaraju, Executive Director and other officers from SRTEPC. The Council also updated the Indian mission about its plans to participate in Heimtextil exhibition to be held in Frankfurt, Germany from 11 to 14 January 2022, which is one of the biggest and most prominent international events for home textiles.

The Council continues to receive grievances from members regarding non-receipt of Drawback claims, IGST refunds and clearance of shipments from the Customs. I am pleased to inform you that many of our member-exporters have received their part payment of IGST claims from the CBIC, and also their pending Duty Drawback claims from Sahar Air Cargo Customs and Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House. In another case, the Council sent a clarification to the Customs on the genuineness of the GST Paid Certificate issued to our member exporter since their shipments stuck at the Customs. On receipt of the confirmation from the Council, the Customs cleared their shipments. In this connection, I am grateful to the CBIC and Customs for their continued support in resolving the issues of our member-exporters, and also, appreciate the efforts undertaken by our Council's team in taking up the matters with the authorities rigorously.

I request all Members to renew their Membership with the Council to avail all its benefits, if at all it is not renewed.

Yours sincerely Ezalul

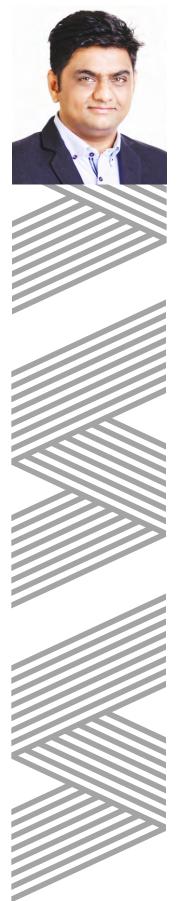
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SHRI. BHADRESH DODHIA

NEW VICE CHAIRMAN, SRTEPC



Shri. Bhadresh Dodhia, Director – International Trade & Finance of Dodhia Synthetics Limited has taken charge as the next Vice Chairman of The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council (SRTEPC) at the EGM held on 15.05.2021.

Shri. Bhadresh Dodhia has more than 15 years of experience in the textile field. He completed his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Schiller International University, London, he has been looking after the international business and financial aspect of the Dodhia Group of Companies and is the key coordinator for implementing new projects of the group which is diversified in the textile & chemical industry. He is the one, who started the exports for the group from the year 2007 & since then the export is grown & reached to diversified markets exponentially. Today the company is exporting over 40 countries with more than INR 300 core business annually, the textile division stands among the top 5 exporters of India for polyester filament yarn.

Under his workmanship and guidance, the group has established to develop appropriate marketing strategies to enhance international business growth. He has led the group to serve an extremely diverse market range to the ever-growing market demand for quality textile yarns. His mission is to keep expanding and modernizing facilities and to explore new ways in innovative, sustainable & world-class manufacturing & sourcing.

He has been holding many prominent positions in the entire Dodhia Group of Companies. He is the youngest elected to hold this position of Vice-Chairman.

SHRI. BHADRESH DODHIA NEW VICE CHAIRMAN, SRTEPC









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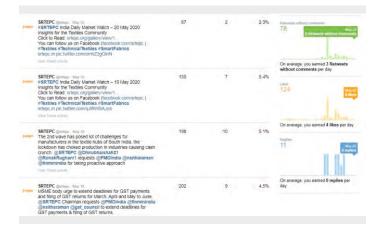
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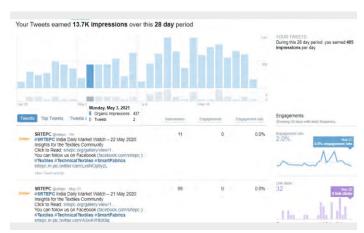
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Global trade's recovery from COVID-19 crisis hits record high: UNCTAD

Global trade's recovery from the COVID-19 crisis hit a record high in the first quarter of 2021, increasing by 10 per cent year-overyear and 4 per cent quarter-over-quarter, according to UNCTAD's Global Trade Update released today. The rebound continued to be largely fuelled by trade in goods. In contrast, trade in services continued to lag behind.

The rebound is expected to continue into Q2 2021, with the value of global trade in goods and services forecast to reach \$6.6 trillion. This is equivalent to a year-over-year increase of about 31 per cent relative to the lowest point of 2020 and of about 3 per cent relative to the pre-pandemic levels of 2019, the UNCTAD report said.

UNCTAD forecasts trade growth for 2021 at about 16 per cent (in values). Still, the positive outlook is largely dependent on reducing pandemic restrictions, a persisting positive trend in commodity prices, overall restraints from trade protectionist policies, and supportive macroeconomic and fiscal conditions.

Trade recovery remains uneven, the report highlights, especially among developing countries, with exports from East Asia rebounding substantially faster. East Asian economies are also behind the recovery of trade among developing countries (South-South trade). When trade figures from East Asian developing economies are excluded, South-South trade remains below averages.

Among major economies, China's exports continue to register a strong increase not only from 2020 averages but also in relation to pre-pandemic levels. In contrast, exports from Russia remain below 2019 averages.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

Acrylic staple fibre price expected to rise by June 2021: TexPro

The price of acrylic staple fibre, CIF NE Asia, increased from \$2.11 per kg in January 2021 to \$3.04 per kg in April 2021, recording a surge of 44.08 per cent due to the rising prices of feedstock materials such as acrylonitrile. It is expected to rise further by 14.14 per cent to reach \$3.47 per kg by June 2021 over the price of April 2021. The prices of feedstock were on an upward trajectory till March 2021 and became stable in the second half of March due to limited buying interests of downstream players amidst rising prices, according to Fibre2Fashion's market analysis tool TexPro. In the beginning of April 2021, the price of acrylic staple fibre remained steady due to the slight decline in the price of acrylonitrile, causing the sales of acrylic staple fibre to increase slightly. The price of acrylonitrile is not expected to rise. Hence, the

price of acrylic staple fibre is projected to increase in the upcoming period.

Source: Fibre2fashion

Viscose yarn prices to strengthen in Q2 2021: TexPro

The monthly average price of 100% viscose yarn, FOB China, is expected to show regular gain in the remaining period of the second quarter (Q2) of 2021. Currently, viscose yarn traders and downstream plants are less active with upcoming holiday in May 2021. While some players continue to stock, other players will again start stocking after the holiday.



From the beginning of 2021, the monthly average price of viscose filament yarn has shown a continuous narrow fluctuation, and is expected to reach to \$5.68 per kg by June 2021, according to Fibre2Fashion's market intelligence tool TexPro. The monthly average price of 100 per cent viscose yarn was \$2.54 per kg in January 2021 and it moved up to \$3.00 per kg in March 2021 with a surge of 18.11 per cent in just two months. After the substantial rise in March 2021, the price showed a drop of 7.00 per cent in April 2021 and reached \$2.79 per kg.

The current market dynamics support the expectations of price rise by the end of the first half of 2021. The price is expected to climb to \$3.05 per kg in June 2021 with a growth of 9.32 per cent over monthly average price in April 2021, as per TexPro. The price rise of 100 per cent viscose yarn in the 1st quarter of 2021 has been supported by the gradual stock building of downstream plants. Hence, viscose yarn inventory declined in the beginning of the year 2021. Yarn manufacturers remained under cost pressure due to further increase of pulp price amid tighter supply. The offer prices further increased in March 2021 with stable demand and rising prices of raw materials.

Source: fibre2fashion

Costs of nylon chips, filament yarn anticipated to rise: TexPro

The prices for nylon chips (CFR SE Asia) and nylon filament yarn (FDY 70D / 24F, FOB NE Asia) could rise in the coming months



due to rising prices for benzene and caprolactam and high demand from the downstream industry. The filament price fell in April 2021 due to an unclear price trend for raw materials and limited downstream procurement.

The market for nylon chips and nylon filament yarns was supported by higher prices for benzene and caprolactam as well as rising crude oil prices in the first quarter of 2021. The USD caprolactam contracts also supported the price increase. Players had stocked up on chips and yarn before the Chinese New Year and were expecting demand for the Chinese holidays to surge.



The price of nylon chips, CFR SE Asia, remained low at \$1,769.52 per ton in January 2021, but rose 20.22 percent from January 2021 to \$2,127.39 per ton in the first quarter. It is projected to rise \$33.03 percent to reach \$2,830 per tonne in June 2021 above the March 2021 price The TexPro market intelligence tool from Fibre2Fashion.

The price of nylon filament yarn, FDY 70D / 24F, FOB NE Asia, was \$ 2.35 per kg in January 2021. It rose significantly by 19.57 percent to \$ 2.81 per kg in March 2021, but fell by 3.56 percent in April 2021 and is expected to recover slightly, according to TexPro, to reach \$ 2.73 per kg in June 2021.

Fibre2Fashion

Turkey-based Aksa Akrilik's Everfresh tech neutralises coronavirus

The Everfresh technology developed by Turkey-based acrylic fibre producer Aksa Akrilik can make coronavirus ineffective by 97.48 per cent in 30 minutes in textile products such as denim, active clothing, socks, carpet and bedding. The company has announced that its Everfresh antimicrobial fibre has successfully passed the COVID-19 test.

Unlike spray or other products produced with similar methods, Everfresh has antimicrobial effects thanks to the zinc compound in the fibre, the company said in a press release. The product is harmless as it is not a finishing, and can be used in carpets, blankets, quilts, beddings, towels and pillows. The effect of coronavirus can be reduced with Everfresh products in crowded areas as it prevents the formation of bacteria, fungi and mould. It continues to maintain its antimicrobial activity and impact against coronavirus even after it is washed repeatedly, the release said.

Aksa Akrilik board member and general manager Cengiz Tas stated that Everfresh technology does not provide protection against coronavirus, but inactivates the virus by 97.48 per cent within a certain period of time.

Tas added: "With our new product Everfresh, we are delighted to respond to the health-sensitive needs of our society. Everfresh once again made a difference in textile products by eliminating coronavirus by 97.48 per cent in half an hour. Thanks to its zinc compound, Everfresh provides antimicrobial properties to the products and reduces the need to wash the product by preventing bad odours.

"I can tell that it meets all expectations with its fast drying, water vapour permeability, air permeability, thermal insulation, soft, light and comfortable structure. Our product has been on the market since last year and is currently attracting a lot of attention. In addition to this, we anticipate that in the coming period we will meet the increasing needs especially for carpets with Everfresh technology in the market."

Source: Fibre2Fashion

Rising clothing prices double UK inflation in April 2021: ONS

The rate of inflation in the UK doubled in April 2021 owing to a sharp increase in clothing prices after non-retail stores opened on April 12. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose from 0.7 per cent in March to 1.5 per cent in April, highest since March 2020, as per official data. Clothing and footwear prices rose by 2.4 per cent between March and April 2021.

Throughout 2020, clothing and footwear prices followed a different pattern compared with previous years. Clothing prices fell between December 2020 and January 2021 and, unusually, fell by a further 1.5 per cent into February, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in its recent report.

"The 2.4 per cent rise in clothing and footwear prices between March and April 2021, compounded with the 1.6 per cent rise in March, unwound February's uncharacteristic fall and takes the index value to be similar to its typical, pre-pandemic April level. This is despite the different seasonal pattern experienced so far this year," ONS said.

The Retail Sales Index figures by ONS showed a 35.7 per cent year-on-year increase in overall sales (non-seasonally adjusted retail sales excluding fuel) in April 2021.

"The ongoing easing of coronavirus restrictions has meant a second month of sales growth, offering a welcome boost for



thousands of retailers in England and Wales. Pent-up demand built up during lockdown continues to be released as the reopening of 'non-essential' retail offered the public a welcomed opportunity to visit many of their favourite shops. Improved weather during April meant greater sales of fashion, particularly in outerwear and knitwear, as the public renewed their wardrobe and made plans to meet friends and family outdoors. Online sales also continued to perform strongly, rewarding those retailers who had invested in their online and delivery operations during the pandemic," said Helen Dickinson, chief executive of the British Retail Consortium, responding to the latest ONS Retail Sales Index figures.

"While the figures are a step in the right direction after many months of retail closure, demand remains fragile. Footfall is still down by 40 per cent on the pre-pandemic period, and there are still 530,000 people who work in retail still on furlough. The end of the full business rates relief in England poses a significant threat to retailers who have spent well over a billion pounds on COVIDsecure measures aimed at protecting staff and customers," she added.

The government must deliver on its promise to reform the broken business rates system in the ongoing review. By doing so, the industry will be able to make essential investment in improving their digital offering and breathing new life into the high streets and town centres, Dickinson said.

Source: Fibre2Fashion

Textile staples market size is growing significantly

The growing application of special applications in the construction and automotive industries such as apparel, interior flooring, upholstery, filtration, treatment, and construction industry is significantly increasing the size of the textile staples market.

Concerns about the safety of workers in various industries due to the increasing number of accidents and deaths leading the market growth of textile staples.

Some of the key players in the textile staples market are Dupont, Lanzing, International Fibers Group, Torrey Group, Thai Acrylic Fiber, Tejin Frontier, Grasim Industries, Reliance Industries, Indorama Ventures, Corey W. Barnett and Synthesia Egel in regional markets.

Companies are currently adopting various strategies, including consolidation and acquisition, to capture the textile staples market.

Also, Dupont is forging strategic alliances with Arvind Shilpa to increase their presence in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Personal protective clothing is being produced for textile and apparel industries. Their employment is expected to increase with strict government regulations driving the textile main market.

Growing disposable income has resulted in a recent increase in consumer purchasing power, clothing demand, interior floors of carving furniture, and fabric use. The production of niche technical products has expanded compared to generic fabric. Since staples are fibers of different lengths, its composition may be different.

The main constraint for the textile staples market is the cyclical pattern of natural and synthetic fibers due to periodic extra savings and price pressures. The cyclical nature arises from investments made at top of cycle to incur high margins with available funds that shift the balance of supply and demand as new capacity leads to availability in massive quantities.

On the other hand, the absence of sufficient economic growth to generate high demand, or the closure of the benefits of mitigating its effects, creates a new capacity period of global or regional fluidity and leads to a downturn on margins. This cyclical pattern may hinder the market growth of textile staples during the forecast period.

The natural product which includes cotton, wool and cellulose. On the other hand, Synthetic forms include polyester, rayon, nylon, acrylic and polypropylene. Cotton is used in clothing because it is preferred by most customers.

The market demand for synthetic textile staples is increasing, especially due to the high tensile and durability of polyester. It has great hydrophobic properties that lead to its widespread use in coating fabrics with water-resistant finishes.

Recent technological advances have increased their use for therapeutic purposes such as synthetic artery replacement. Elements such as volatile fashion trends and short product life cycles have strengthened the apparel segment, while its use in interior decoration has increased the quality of life and the demand for furnished homes.

Asia Pacific has a significant share in the global textile staples market with the textile industry in abundant raw material supply, increased production of technological products including skilled labor, rapid growth in North America led by the United States and infrastructure development.

On the other hand, the textile staples market in Europe has a moderate share, as the hosting giants in the automobile industry, including Audi and Volkswagen, are well-established and prosperous.

Source: Textilestoday.com.bd



Government sets up Covid-19 helpdesk to resolve import, export issues

The government on Monday said it has started a Covid-19 helpdesk to help resolve issues of exporters and importers pertaining to international trade such as customs clearance delays and banking matters.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) will monitor the status of exports and imports, and difficulties being faced by trade stakeholders in view of the surge in Covid-19 cases and support and seek suitable resolutions to issues arising in respect of international trade.

"Helpdesk would also collect and collate trade related issues concerning other ministries/departments/agencies of central government and state governments and will coordinate to seek their support and provide possible resolution(s)," the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement.

The helpdesk would look into issues relating to import and export licensing, customs clearance delays and complexities arising thereon, import-export documentation, and banking matters.

Stakeholders can submit information on the DGFT website about their issues on which support is required.

"The status of resolutions and feedback may be tracked using the Status tracker under the DGFT Helpdesk Services. Email and SMS would also be sent as and when the status of these tickets are updated," the ministry said.

Besides raising their issues on the DGFT website, stakeholders can send their issues to email id: dgftedi@nic.in with the subject header: Covid-19 Helpdesk or call at Toll Free No 1800-111-550

The status of resolutions and feedback may be tracked using the Status tracker under the DGFT.

Source: The Economic Times

DPIIT's control room started working from April 24; gets 12 queries on day one

A control room set up by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade to monitor internal trade, delivery and logistics of essential commodities during the pandemic has started functioning from April 24 and received 12 queries on day one, which are under resolution, an official has said. On the first day of its functioning, the control room received six queries from Maharashtra, three from Madhya Pradesh, two from Delhi and one from Karnataka, the official added.

Manufacturing, transportation, distribution, wholesale or ecommerce companies facing difficulties in transportation and distribution of goods or mobilisation of resources can reach out to officials on - (011) 23062383, 23062975 or dpiit-controlroom@gov.in.

"Issues reported by stakeholders through this control room are taken up with the concerned state/UT governments," the official said, adding "different types of queries are under the resolution. Major set of query pertains to logistics and permission of transportation of goods across the states".

The nature of queries raised by stakeholders includes medical delivery boys not permitted to travel by local train for delivery of medicine (Mumbai), seeking permission for manufacturing, transporting and dispatching packed food (Mumbai), and does agriculture services come under essential services.

The department has decided to monitor the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, delivery of essential commodities to the common man and the difficulties being faced by various stakeholders due to current restrictions imposed by various states/UTs because of the surge of COVID-19 cases.

Source: The Economic Times

India, Japan and Australia unveil supply chain initiative

- The Supply Chain Resilience Initiative aims to create a virtuous cycle of enhancing supply chain resilience with a view to eventually attaining strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth in the Indo-pacific region
- In a move to counter China's dominance of supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region, trade ministers of India, Japan and Australia on Tuesday formally launched the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in a virtual trilateral ministerial meeting.
- "The SCRI aims to create a virtuous cycle of enhancing supply chain resilience with a view to eventually attaining strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth in the region. The ministers consented that expansion of the SCRI may be considered based on consensus, if needed, in due course," the three trade ministers said in a joint statement.
- In 2019, the cumulative GDP of the three countries was \$9.3 trillion, while cumulative merchandise goods and services trade were \$2.7 trillion and \$900 billion, respectively.
- The meeting held by videoconference was attended by India's trade minister Piyush Goyal, Australia's minister for trade, tourism and investment Dan Tehan and Japan's minister of economy, trade and industry Kajiyama Hiroshi.

- They had first met in September to explore the possibility of a supply chain initiative.
- "Based on the high-level consultations among Australia, India and Japan since September, the ministers noted the importance of risk management and continuity plans in order to avoid supply chain disruptions and affirmed their commitment to strengthen resilient supply chains. Possible policy measures may include: (i) supporting the enhanced utilization of digital technology; and (ii) supporting trade and investment diversification," said the joint statement by the ministers.
- Initially, SCRI will focus on sharing best practices on supply chain resilience and holding investment promotion events and buyer-seller matching events to provide opportunities for stakeholders to explore the possibility of diversification of their supply chains. The ministers instructed officials to implement the initial projects and further develop the initiative. The ministers decided to convene at least once a year to provide guidance to the implementation of the SCRI as well as to consult on how to develop the initiative.

The ministers acknowledged that the covid-19 pandemic was having an unprecedented impact in terms of lives lost, livelihoods and economies affected and that the pandemic had revealed supply chain vulnerabilities globally and in the region.

"The ministers noted that some supply chains have been left vulnerable due to a range of factors," the statement said.

Source: The Mint

Cabinet approves India-UK deal on information sharing, Customs cooperation

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the signing of a deal between India and the United Kingdom on information sharing and preventing Customs offences.

The agreement is also expected to facilitate trade and ensure clearance of goods traded between the countries, an official statement said.

The deal will be signed on behalf of the governments of the two countries after it is approved by the respective governments. "This Agreement shall enter into force from the first day of the month following signature by duly authorised representatives of both parties," it said.

The agreement will provide a legal framework for sharing of information and intelligence between the Customs authorities of India and the UK and help in the proper application of Customs laws, prevention and investigation of Customs offences and the facilitation of legitimate trade.

The draft text of the proposed agreement has been finalised with the concurrence of the two Customs administrations.

Source: The Business Standard

Businesses eyeing fresh trade agreement between India and UK, says UKIBC

The UKIBC said it expected to see a step-change in the volume and nature of the trade and investment relationship between the two countries

Businesses are looking forward to India and the UK implementing an Enhanced Trade Partnership that would address market access barriers in the short and medium term and eventually lead to a potential comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the UK India Business Council said in a statement on Monday.

The statement comes a day ahead of a virtual meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart Boris Johnson. The India-UK summit aims to lay a comprehensive road map to 2030.

"The trade and investment partnership is particularly important, and the UKIBC hopes that the meeting tomorrow will provide more details of the Enhanced Trade Partnership initiated by Piyush Goyal, India's minister for commerce and industries, and his UK counterpart, Liz Truss, secretary of state for international trade," the UKIBC said in a statement.

The UKIBC expects to see a step-change in the volume and nature of the trade and investment relationship between the two countries. Alongside the reduction and removal of tariffs and nontariff barriers to goods trade, it was important that the ETP recognised the critical importance, to both countries, of knowledge- and technology-driven trade, such as digital, data, and financial services, it said.

A reduction in tariff and non-tariff barriers, including the alignment of standards, is expected to benefit digital and ICT, food and drink, defence, health care and pharma, and the advanced manufacturing sector.

"The Enhanced Trade Partnership is therefore important – it will create jobs and prosperity in both countries, and we at the UKIBC look forward to supporting the implementation of the ETP on this exciting and important journey to an FTA," UKIBC said.

The British PM had planned to visit India to attend Republic day celebrations, but it was cancelled owing to a spike in Covid-19 cases in the UK. Johnson was then planned to come to India in

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April but that was again called off due to the second wave of the pandemic in India.

Source: The Business Standard

RBI allows loan restructuring for individuals, MSMEs hit by fresh Covid-19 wave

To augment supply of goods for COVID care, the central bank opened Rs 50,000 crore on-tap window to ease access to emergency health services to boost provision of immediate liquidity for ramping up COVID-19 related healthcare infrastructure and services in the country.

This liquidity window is being opened till March 31, 2022, he said, adding that under the scheme, banks can provide fresh lending support to a wide ranging of entities including vaccine manufacturers, importers and suppliers of vaccine and medical devices, hospitals and dispensaries and suppliers of oxygen and ventilators importers and also patients for treatment. "Banks are being incentivised for quick delivery of credit under the scheme, through extension of priority sector classification to such lending... and these loans will continue to be classified under priority sector till repayment or maturity, whichever is earlier," he said an unscheduled press briefing.

With regard to restructuring he said, borrowers that are individuals and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) having an aggregate exposure of up to Rs 25 crore would be considered for the new scheme. This would be for those who have not availed restructuring under any of the earlier frameworks, including the Resolution Framework 1.0 of RBI dated August 6, 2020, and who are classified as standard as on March 31, 2021, shall be eligible for the Resolution Framework 2.0, he said. Under the proposed framework, bank may be invoked up to September 30, and shall have to be implemented within 90 days after invocation, he added.

RBI has also introduced Rs 10,000-crore special long-term repo operation for small finance banks.

Under this, loans up to Rs 10 lakh to MSMEs will be considered as priority sector lending, Das said.

Das also announced relaxation in overdraft facility for state governments to enable them to better manage their fiscal situation in terms of their cash flows and market borrowing. Now the maximum number of days of overdraft, that are only in a quarter, have been increased from 36 to 50 days. RBI also announced rationalisation of certain components of the extent know-your-customer (KYC) norms for enhancing customer convenience. These include extending the scope to video KYC known as video based customer identification process, he said.

Further, keeping in view the COVID-19 related restrictions in various parts of the country, RBI regulated entities have been asked that for the customer accounts were periodic KYC updating is new or pending, "no punitive restriction on operation of customer accounts" will be imposed till December 31, 2021, unless warranted, due to any other reason.

Source: DT NEXT

India's exports surge 80% to \$7 billion during May 1-7

Continuing a positive growth, India's exports grew by 80 per cent to \$7.04 billion during the first week of this month, according to preliminary data of the commerce ministry. Exports during May 1-7 last year stood at \$3.91 billion and \$6.48 billion in the same week of May 2019, data showed.

Imports too rose by 80.7 per cent to \$8.86 billion during May 1-7, 2021 as against \$4.91 billion in the same period last year and \$10.39 billion in 2019.

India's exports in April jumped nearly three-folds to \$30.21 billion from \$10.17 billion in the same month last year.

Major export commodities which are recording healthy growth include gems and jewellery, jute, carpet, handicrafts, leather, electronic goods, oil meals, cashew, engineering, petroleum products, marine products and chemicals.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President S K Saraf said that the exports growth is encouraging and order books of exporters are healthy.

I will urge the government to look into the issues of MEIS (merchandise export from India scheme). RoDTEP (remission of duties and taxes on export products) rates should also be announced immediately to further push the shipments as profitability of exporters are getting impacted," he said.

Source: The Economic Times

India committed to conclude trade, investment protection pacts together at early date: Goyal

India is committed to concluding negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement and investment protection pact with European Union (EU) together at an early date, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday. The proposed free trade agreement, officially dubbed as Broad-based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) between the two sides has been stalled since May 2013 as both sides are yet to iron out differences over several issues. Speaking at the closing ceremony of EU–India Business Roundtable, Goyal said that both the regions should look at a comprehensive dialogue so that they can agree on a comprehensive free trade agreement covering all the tracks of trade in goods, services and investment protection. He expressed confidence that this should provide a significant and much-needed impetus to economic engagement of both the sides. This will also benefit both the sides immensely and bring strategic ties to the next level, he said. India and the European Union on Saturday announced the resumption of talks for a free trade agreement, eight years after its suspension, and agreed to launch negotiations for two key pacts on investment protection and geographical indications.

These decisions were taken at a virtual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of 27 member nations of the bloc during which the two sides also unveiled an ambitious connectivity partnership. "These will be separate agreements and negotiated in a parallel track simultaneously. We are also committed to conclude them together at an early date. I say this because I believe that investments and trade go hand in hand and just like you have significant interest in the investment agreement...India's interest lies in greater market access in Europe for our goods, and services," Goyal said. The minister also said that investments are protected in India and the country has a strong judiciary and respect for rule of law, transparency in all decision making, political stability, and IPR (intellectual property rights) protection. There is no compulsion for any company to do technology transfer in India, he informed.

"We are actively working towards improvement in our ease of doing business rankings, in our competitiveness, debureaucratisation systems and making procedures simpler, opening up newer sectors for more FDI, strengthening regulatory practices," he said. Talking about Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Goyal said the campaign does not mean being protectionist and closing doors to the world. "On the contrary, India wishes to open its doors wider and warmly welcomes businesses from across the world," he said, adding businesses can trust India to provide a multitude of investment and manufacturing opportunities. On Covid-19 pandemic, the minister said the government is currently ramping up vaccine production so that "we can expand our vaccination coverage speedily". He added that India can become a natural manufacturing base to make the products from European innovation, competitive in the world. "Our trade is balanced and complementary. The basket of traded goods is highly diverse and technologically advanced," he said. Speaking at the function, Prime Minister of Portugal António Costa too said that the decision to resume negotiations for a free trade pact "is a very important sign" because the negotiations had been suspended since 2013. "Today India and the EU joint statement paves the way to achieve these goals. It gives renewed political impetus to our relationship," he said. He added that a more ambitious relationship between India and the EU will certainly have a positive impact on global patterns of trade, and investments. About 6,000 European companies have presence in Indian markets, he said adding "it is

now the time to realise the full potential of our economies...". India"s exports to EU member countries stood at about USD 54 billion in 2019-20, while imports aggregated at USD 52 billion. The main exports from India to EU include engineering goods, ready made garments, aircraft, made-ups of textiles, precious stones, pharmaceuticals and iron and steel, while imports include industrial machinery, chemicals, and diamonds.

Source: Outlook The News Scroll

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal calls for clearing dues of exporters

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday asked his team to seek an early payment of exporters' dues from the finance ministry, while looking at ways to help businesses raise funds against these dues. An option being explored by the commerce department, is to accept applications from exporters for the now-defunct Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) so that traders can avail of loans against the outstanding amount and get some liquidity.

The revenue department has been sitting on refunds for over a year apart from not paying exporters under the new Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) scheme that was launched in January. But even four months later, the government is yet to notify the rates resulting in around Rs 15,000 crore of duty refunds pending with the Centre. Some estimates suggest that close to Rs 50,000 crore of MEIS payments are also due. Similarly, payment of dues under the Services Export from India Scheme are pending for FY20.

Source: The Times of India

Exporters raise high input costs, pending export refunds with Piyush Goyal

At a meeting with export promotion councils, issues related to high input costs due to rising prices of steel and plastics, release of pending refunds under export incentives and extension of interest subvention scheme for one year.

Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said that India's merchandise exports can reach \$400 billion in FY22 as there is a large potential for enhancing exports in several sectors like pharma, engineering, auto-component, fishries, and agroproducts. At a meeting with export promotion councils, issues related to high input costs due to rising prices of steel and plastics, release of pending refunds under expert incentives and extension of interest subvention scheme for one year.

He said that the performance of exports in April 2021 and 2020-21 gives hope that this year an ambitious goal of merchandise exports worth 400 billion dollars can be achieved," the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement.

India's merchandise exports in April were \$ 30.21 billion, an increase of 197.03% over \$ 10.17 billion in the same period last year and an increase of 16.03% over \$ 26., 04 billion in April 2019. Industry representatives who attended the meeting said the minister also lobbied for a swift resolution of differences between the commerce department and the finance ministry over the remission of tariffs and taxes on exported products (RoDTEP) whose rates have not yet been notified although the scheme was implemented in January.

"Rising prices for raw materials, especially steel and plastics, was an area of concern and the industry was asked to remain vigilant against any increase in input costs," said a representative of a council. promotion officer who attended the meeting.

According to another representative, high freight costs and persistent container shortages were other key issues addressed at the meeting.

"It was a balance meeting and the ministry pushed for the early disbursement of the benefits of the India Services Export Scheme for 2019-20," the source said, adding that a new economic package could offer some incentives for the export sector. from the country.

The Federation of Indian Export Organizations has said that exporters have yet to receive tax refunds of around Rs 40 billion under the Indian Goods Export Scheme as they were not allowed to file their claims in under the scheme as of April 2019.

Exporters also sought to have exports included in essential services amid the Covid-19 pandemic, as localized closures, especially in Maharashtra, would lead to factories being closed for the next fifteen days.

Source: India Shipping News

CBIC asks officers to clear pending Customs, drawback refund claims by month-end

The CBIC has asked field offices to clear all pending refunds of customs and drawback claims by month-end.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the apex decision making body in customs matters, has issued an instruction to all customs Principal Chief Commissioners that a 'Special Refund and Drawback Disposal Drive' will be conducted with the objective of priority processing and disposal of all pending refund and drawback claims.

However, all such refunds would have to be "considered on merit" following legal provisions.

"This Special Drive shall be in place from 15th May 2021 to 31st May 2021. It is expected that during this period all refund and drawback claims that are pending as on 14th May 2021 shall be disposed," it said.

The CBIC also asked field offices to coordinate this refund drive with the major trade and industry associations, especially those that cater to exporters, for their assistance, including submission of required documents.

It, however, said that though the decision to process pending refund claims has been taken with a view to provide immediate relief to the taxpayers, officers would have to do due diligence before granting the refunds and drawback.

"For facilitation of exporters, all communication should be done over email, wherever the email id of the applicant is available.

"It is urged that in these difficult times all officers concerned make special efforts to liquidate the pending refund and drawback claims by May 31, 2021, and make the Special Drive a grand success," the CBIC added.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said this special drive for processing refund claims by customs authority only, needs to be extended to local GST officers also.

"In this Special refund drive, the customs authority is not empowered to process refunds arising on account of Excess payment of tax due to mistake or inadvertence, Excess balance in Electronic Cash Ledger, refund of ITC on account of export under Bond/ LUT, Inverted duty structure, refunds available to diplomats and embassies. Thereby as of now benefit of this drive would be limited to select exporters only," Mohan added.

Source: The Economic Times

MSME body wants FM to extend GST deadlines

Small scale industries body Kassia on Monday urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to extend deadlines for GST payments and filing of GST returns for March, April and May to June. The association wants the government not to levy any penalty or interest on such late payments in view of the on-going lockdown in Karnataka due to Covid-19.

Kassia President KB Arasappa also requested the Finance Minister to take steps to see refunds were released on priority. Karnataka has been under a lockdown until May 24, and manufacturing activities, except those in the essential sectors, have been at a standstill. The lockdown has choked production in industries and caused cash crunch, he said.

In the event of deaths of a supplier, the recipient is unable to get a refund in cases of inverted duty structure or exports, and this has hurt the small and medium industries, Kassia said.



Kassia also urged Karnataka home minister Basavaraj Bommai,who represents the state on the GST Council, to highlight the issues industries are facing at the Council meeting scheduled for May 29.

Source: The Economic Times

Pandemic inflicts short-term pain on textile hub of South India

Coimbatore, Tiruppur units see long-term gain from key export markets of US, Europe

The sudden spike in Covid-19 infections in India, especially in and around the textile hubs, has hurt the textile sector, albeit temporarily, at a time when the industry has been gearing up to meet strong export demand catalysed by geopolitical factors.

Though exporters were expecting some impact from the second wave, they were confident of overcoming it due to learnings from the first wave, and adequate precautionary measures were put in place.

Spike in daily cases

The second wave has, however, posed a lot of challenges for manufacturers in the textile hubs of Tiruppur and Coimbatore. While Coimbatore is the second worst-hit region after Chennai, Tiruppur has also seen a spike in daily new cases over the past few days.

"Tiruppur has seen a complete shut down of textile units, while export-oriented units in the outskirts and rural areas are trying to operate with skeletal staff," says Prabhu Damodharan, Convenor, Indian Texpreneurs Federation.

Each unit is adopting calibrated measures and adhering to government guidelines. Industry representatives say that units

have realised the need to break the transmission of virus and are ready to undergo the short-term pain for long-term gains once key export markets see a revival.

A Sakthivel, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), points out that while new infections in Tiruppur have increased, it is not at alarming levels despite being an industrial township with about five lakh workers. But exporters have taken adequate precautions to execute some important orders.

"Thanks to the State government's efforts, we expect the situation to improve soon. Also, our key markets — such as the US and Europe — are not under lockdown like last time and orders continue to flow from these regions," he added.

Demand boom

Damodharan also pointed out that key consumption markets are witnessing a demand boom and the industry has communicated to the buyers that the lockdown and restrictions will be a short term one, may be for three weeks.

"We told them that we will meet their requirements as we have adequate raw material and manpower to ramp up quickly. In some product cases, we have order visibility for six months," he added. Damodaran said organised players have retained their migrant labourers and workers by providing them with accommodation and making arrangements to vaccinate them at the earliest.

"I would say about 95 per cent of migrant workers are staying back. The association has also communicated to the members that this would be a short-term disruption and workers can be retained with adequate protective measures," said Sakthivel.

Source: The Hindu

Trade enquiry from a Buyer in Kenya

Contact details of the Buyer:

Name of the Buyer: Ms. Silvia Waikuru Mwaura Designation: Director Name of the Company : Kimila Afrika Ltd. Address: 298, Tetere Close, Eagle Plains, P.O.Box 68-00502, Nairobi, Kenya Mobile: 00254 722820494 Email id: <u>sylvia.mwaura@gmail.com</u>

Description of the product and its specifications: The Buyer wants to buy Bed Sheet Fabrics.

- 1) Specification of bed sheet fabric
 - Percale
 - CVC cotton poly blend
 - Sateen
 - Microfiber
- Total sourcing quantity
 500 meters approximately White 112 width king
 500 meters approximately white 94
- 3) Price: FOB

Trade enquiry from an Agent in Guatemala

Contact details of the Agent :

Name of the Agent: Dr. Rajesh Ingle Name of the Company: STRATECH Country: Guatemala Cell: +91 99872 73023 E-mail: <u>rajeshi@stratech.in</u> Website : <u>www.stratech.in</u>

Products :

- 100% Polyester Staple Fiber Polyethylene Terephthalate
- Recycled Polyester fiber 1.2 X 38 mm Ecosure SDOB
- Yarn Pak 47 1/2 X 47 1/2, 250 GA 11-3/411 cone single skin cover black HS Code 3926.90.99.00
- Yarn Pak 47 1/2 X 47 1/2 .250 GA 11-3/4" cone single skin pallet black HS Code 3926.90.99.00
- Yarn Pak 47 1/2 X 47 1/2 , 080 GA 11-3/411 cone single skin divider black HS Code 3926.90.99.00

4 Degree 20 paper cones length -170 +/- 1.0 MM,TID 28 +/-0.25 MM, bottom I.D.59 Mm +/-0.5 mm, Average weight -32+/-GMS, Conos de Carton 4 Degree 20 Length 170 mm X Dia meter superior 28 mm X Dlameter Inferior 59 mm

Qty approx. 1 FCL each item



Trade enquiry from a Buyer in Germany

Contact details of the Buyer

Company Name: Heusel Textil GmbH Co & KG , Address: Otto-Hahn-Str. 7 (1), 59379 Selm – Bork, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany E-mail: <u>info@heuseltextil.com</u> Web: <u>www.heuseltextil.com</u>

Contact Persons:

- Name of the Buyer: Mr. Arthur Arthurn Designation: Legal adviser
 Email: agaba1425@gmail.com
- Name of the Buyer: Ms. Olivia Yorel Designation: Senior Knit Buyer
 E-mail: <u>oliviayorel@gmail.com</u>

Heusel Textile has been working well over 15 years as Importers of apparel. Company is looking for new suppliers or a committed Agent.

Products: Garment - Knitwear, Woven and Sweater

Requirement: Company's MOQ 12000 PCS per Style and min order quantity one 40ft container

Payment mode: LC at sight

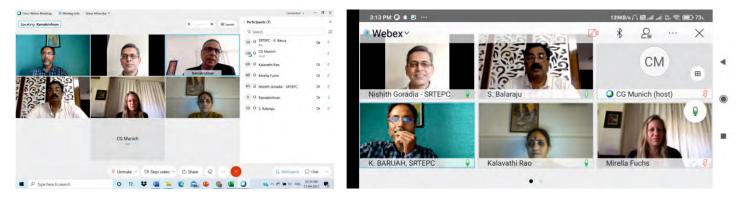
Buyer's criteria to trade with:

- 1) Indian Company should have experience in apparel trade with proper permission from Indian Govt.
- 2) Indian Company should have at least 3 buyers in communication that they know you and your company. This is not mandatory that the company has done business with them, so that Buyer can ask them about their deliveries/quality and their communication performance. Company needs the contact details such as e-mail address and telephone numbers etc.

Please fill up the minimum 3 Customers/Buyers references and reply to Buyer by using the following format:

Your Customer's C	Company Name:	
Contact Name :		
E-Mail Address:		
Tel No.:		





The Council had a promising virtual Interaction with Consulate General of India Munich, Germany, the meeting was attended by the Consul General Mr. Mohit Yadav, Mr. N. Ramakrishnan – Consul (C.I.P) and Ms. Mirella Fuchs (commercial) and from our side By Mr. S. Balaraju (Executive Director) and other officers.

Considering the high potential for exports of MMFT products to Germany the meeting was called to evaluate the possibilities of holding a buyer seller meet between Indian exporters & German buyers, enabling easy market access to Indian exporters.

During the meeting the Council also updated the Indian mission about the following trade trend:

- 1. Besides traditional textiles like home furnishing products, polyester fiber etc. demand for Indian technical textiles has been increasing.
- 2. High potential for Indian technical textile manufacturers for exports to Germany.
- 3. Technologically German textile industry is ahead of India and hence there is lot of scope for technology transfer and forming JV for manufacturing in India.

Council also updated the Indian mission about its plans to participate in Heimtextil exhibition to be held in Frankfurt, Germany from 11 to 14 January 2022, which is one of the biggest and most prominent international events for home textiles.

We hope the initiative shall go a long way in developing better trade of Indian MMFT products in Germany.

Attention Members

Renewal of Council's Membership for the year 2021-22

Kindly refer to our Circular message dated 1st April 2021 (Ref: Mem/2021-22/001) regarding renewal of your company's membership with SRTEPC.

The annual membership renewal fee for Non-SSI and SSI are as follows:

For Non-SSI, renewal fees is Rs.12,331

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For SSI/MSME units (Micro/small category), renewal fees is Rs.8,201

Please note, non-payment of Membership Subscription will lead to discontinuation of your membership as well as cancellation of the Registration-cum Membership Certificate (RCMC) issued to your company.

In view of the above, Members who have not yet sent their renewal fee are requested to send their Membership Subscription Fee for the year 2021-22 at the earliest.

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'COVID-19 Helpdesk' by DGFT for International Trade related Issues



The Department of Commerce, Government of India and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) have undertaken to monitor the status of exports and imports, and difficulties being faced by trade stakeholders in view of the surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, a 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' has been operationalised by DGFT to support and seek suitable resolutions to issues arising in respect of International Trade. In this regard, O/o DGFT has issued Trade Notice No. 2/2021-22 dated 26th April, 2021 and also, a Press Release dated 26th April, 2021 has been issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

How will the COVID -19 HELPDESK help the Trade community?

- It will look into issues relating to-
 - ✓ Dept. of Commerce/ DGFT,
 - ✓ Import & Export Licensing issues,
 - ✓ Customs clearance delays & complexities arising thereon,
 - ✓ Import/ Export documentation issues,
 - ✓ Banking matters etc.
- It will collect & collate trade related issues concerning other Ministries/ Departments/ Agencies of Central & State Governments and will co-ordinate to seek their support and provide possible resolution(s).



Steps to be followed by Exporters/ Importers while submitting information on the DGFT website relating to their issues on which support is required:

- 1) Navigate to the DGFT website (<u>https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/</u>) >>> SERVICES >>> DGFT HELPDESK SERVICE.
- 2) Create New Request' & select the Category as 'Covid-19'.
- 3) Select the suitable sub-category, enter the other relevant details & Submit.

Alternatively, issues may be sent to dgftedi@nic.in with Subject Header: Covid-19 Helpdesk or call at Toll Free No.: 1800-111-550.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- The status of resolutions & feedback may be tracked using the Status tracker under the DGFT Helpdesk Services.
- Email & SMS would also be sent as & when the status of these tickets are updated.
- DGFT has requested the Trade community to make use of the given facilities suitably.

Members are requested to kindly make use of the facilities provided by DGFT

Source:

- 1) DGFT's Trade Notice No. 02/2021-2022 dated 26.4.2021 (https://tinyurl.com/6htbkvjr).
- 2) Press Release issued by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry dated 26.4.2021 (https://tinyurl.com/xa94r2a6).





Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD)

Q1. What does QCTD stand for? What are the benefits of this module?

- QCTD stands for Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
- Objective of the module To resolve complaints or trade dispute matters whenever they arise, in an amicable manner as soon as possible.
- Benefits of the module (a) Exporters need to project a good image of the country abroad to promote exports. (b) Maintaining an enduring relationship with foreign buyers is of utmost importance. (c) In an endeavour to resolve such complaints and to create confidence in the business environment of the country, this mechanism is being laid down to address such complaints and disputes.

Q2. What is meant by a Complainant?

• Complainant' is the Indian or Foreign Importer/Exporter filing the complaint.

Q3. What is meant by a Complainee?

• Complainee' is the Foreign or Indian Importer/Exporter against whom the complaint is made.

Q4. What are the prerequisites for applying for filing a complaint for QCTD?

- For filing a complaint for QCTD, following are required:
 - ✓ User profile must be linked with an IEC for Indian Complainant.
 - ✓ Valid PAN number of Indian importer/ exporter.
 - ✓ Valid Mobile Number and Email ID.
 - ✓ Other pre-requisites as mentioned in Chapter 8 of Foreign Trade Policy and Hand book of Procedures may be referred.

Q5. Where can we get the link to apply for QCTD?

- Please follow the below path to file complaint for QCTD:
 - ✓ Services >>> Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
 - ✓ Click on Indian Complainant or Foreign Complainant tile provided under "Services under Trade Dispute".

Q6. What is the application fee?

• There is no application fee required for filing a complaint under QCTD module.

Q7. If my IEC is in DEL/cancelled/suspended, am I eligible to file a complaint under QCTD module?

· Complaint may be filed under QCTD module for old disputes even if IEC is in DEL/ cancelled/ suspended.

Q8. What is an application number? Where can I find it?

- When an application is created and saved for the first time, an application number gets created. All draft applications have an application number.
- Application Number can be found by following the given path My Dashboard >>> Draft applications.

Q9. What is a file number? Where can I view my submitted applications/File number?

- When an application is submitted, a file number is generated. The application is tracked via this file number.
- Please follow the below path to get the file number for QCTD:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ All details of submitted applications are available in the search results. These details also include their file number.



Q10. How can I request for withdrawal of my submitted application?

- Please follow the below path to withdraw a submitted application:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Withdraw.
 - \checkmark Enter Withdraw remarks.
 - ✓ Click on Withdrawal application button.

Q11. Where can I check the status of my submitted application?

- Please follow the below path to withdraw a submitted application:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ In the search results, please find the status of the submitted application under the column File Status.

Q12. What to do if my application is marked as deficient?

- If the File Status of your submitted application is marked as deficient, please follow the below steps to respond to the deficiency raised by the officer:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Respond Deficiency.
 - ✓ Click on View under the Deficiency view to view the deficiency letter issued by the officer.
 - ✓ To respond to deficiency, click on Respond under the Respond to Deficiency.
 - ✓ A pop-up shall appear asking you Do you want to amend application?, in case you have to add attachments only, please click on NO whereas, to make changes to your application, please click on YES.
 - ✓ On submission of your response, the life cycle view of the application is updated for your reference and the file is submitted to the RA officer who issued the deficiency letter.

Q13. Where can I confirm the submission of my response to a deficiency against my submitted application?

• Post submission of your response to the deficiency, a pop-up appears confirming your submission. Also, the same gets updated in the life cycle view.

Q14. Can I create a copy of an existing application?

- Please follow the below path to create a copy of an existing application for QCTD:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Make a Copy.

Q15. Which all attachments/documents are mandatory for submission of the application?

• No mandatory documents are required to file a complaint under QCTD module.



Q16. Where can I find provision for attaching a document while filing a complaint under QCTD module?

- A provision of attachment is provided under Item Wise Details tab where user may upload upto 5 attachments of 5 MB size.
- User may also navigate to Concerned Offices tab and upload attachment by selecting the desired attachment type from the dropdown and entering remarks which are optional and clicking on upload attachment button. The details of the attachment will be visible in table provided.

Q17. On declaration page of an application form, I am unable to proceed further, or system is not allowing me to click on "Save and Next".

• Please tick the box for acceptance of declaration/undertaking and enter the place.

Q18. Why registration is required on DGFT Website?

- Have your own user profile.
- Apply/Link IEC in case of Indian complainant View IEC Dashboard under single window.
- Apply and track applications easily.
- Receive notifications over dashboard, email and mobile.

Q19. How to register on DGFT Website?

- Visit the DGFT website and proceed with registration process.
- Navigate to <u>https://dgft.gov.in</u>.
- Click on Login >>> Register.
- Enter basic details.
- Enter the OTPs sent on your mobile and email.
- Submit the details, Registration is Successful.
- Temporary password sent on your email.
- · Login and change temporary password.

Q20. In how much time the OTP Expires?

- One time password (OTP) is generated by computer and sent on mobile phone and e-mail to authenticate.
- OTP expires in 15 minutes.
- If OTP expires, click the Resend OTP button.

Q21. How will I get to know that whether my complaint is filed successful or not?

- After Successful payment, you will get the Acknowledgement stating the Successful Submission of application for IEC with File No.
- The Application Status can be tracked using 'Track Status' and Receipt could again be printed.

Q22. How I can take the print of my QCTD application?

- Navigate to https://dgft.gov.in.
- Enter User Name and password.
- Click Services>>> Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
- Click on Complaint Summary tab.
- · Verify Your details.
- Click on Print Summary button.
- PDF is displayed.

Q23. New System or application is compatible with which Browsers?

• New portal is compatible with the latest versions of Google Chrome / Mozilla Firefox / Microsoft Internet Explorer / Apple Safari.



CATEGORY OF DISPUTE TAB

Q24. Can I make multiple selection in category of dispute tab?

• Yes, you may make multiple selection by clicking on the checkbox against each category and entering remarks before clicking on save and next.

Q25. How will I ensure what all fields do I need to enter in Item wise details tab based upon my selection in category of dispute tab?

- A tooltip is provided for entering mandatory fields in next screen Item wise details based upon the selection criterion.
- Also, a matrix is provided for reference is displayed as soon as the user clicks on save and next button having mandatory fields that needs to be entered in item wise details screen.

Q26. How many fields can I select in category of dispute tab?

• There is no restriction on selecting the fields in category of dispute. You may do so by clicking on the checkbox.

Q27. Can I skip the entire Category of Dispute screen by not selecting any field and click on Save & Next button?

• No, you have to choose atleast 1 field in Category of Dispute tab based upon which you will be redirected to Item wise details tab.

ITEM WISE DETAILS TAB

Q28. What all fields do I need to enter in Item wise details tab?

- Based upon the selection made in category of dispute tab, a warning message is displayed mentioning the fields which are mandatory.
- These fields will also be marked with red asterix for reference.
- Q29. Can I enter additional optional fields in Item wise details tab?
 - Yes, you may enter additional fields in Item wise details tab. There are no restrictions.

Q30. Can I edit my application after submitting the same on Customer Portal?

• The application once submitted cannot be edited.

Q31. Can I reopen my complaint if I am not satisfied with the resolution provided?

· No, there is no provision for reopening the complaint.

Q32. Am I allowed to make changes in my application and how?

• Yes, you can make changes in your application anytime before submission by navigating to the desired tab and modifying the details. Please click on Save and next button and changes will get saved.

Q33. How to verify the changes that I have saved are successfully reflecting in my application?

· You may verify the same by clicking on complaint summary tab and updated details will be displayed.

Q34. What should I do if I am facing issues in linking my IEC?

- Logon to DGFT website via link <u>https://dgft.gov.in</u>.
- Click on Application Help & FAQs under "Learn" menu tab.
- Check the documents uploaded under IEC Management Profile for reference.



Q35. What should I do if I want to modify my IEC?

- Logon to DGFT website via link: https://dgft.gov.in.
- Click on Application Help & FAQs under "Learn" menu tab.
- Check the documents uploaded under IEC Management Profile for reference.

Q36. Do I need to use the same mobile and email which is registered under IEC while filing a complaint for QCTD?

· Yes, you need to use the same mobile and email which is registered under IEC while filing a complaint for QCTD

USER REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR FOREIGN IMPORTER/EXPORTER

Q37. If I am a foreign importer/exporter, how can I register on portal?

- Foreign importer/exporter are on-boarded on customer portal and may register by adopting the following path:
 - ✓ Click on Register button >>> Register User.
 - ✓ Select Foreign importer/exporter from dropdown option.
 - ✓ Enter First Name, Email ID, Country, State, City, Zip Code, Mobile Number and captcha as mandatory fields.
 - ✓ Click on the checkbox for agreeing to the terms and condition.
 - ✓ Click on Send OTP button.
 - ✓ Enter the OTPs sent on your mobile and email.
 - ✓ Temporary password sent on your email.
 - ✓ Login and change temporary password.

Q37. If I am a foreign importer/exporter, can I file a complaint against another foreign importer/exporter through this platform?

• No, complaints can only be filed by a foreign importer/exporter against another Indian importer/exporter and vice-versa.

Q38. Where we can get the link to apply for QCTD if I am a foreign user?

- Please follow the below path to file complaint for QCTD:
 - ✓ Services >>> Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
 - ✓ Click on Foreign complainant tile provided under "Services under Trade Dispute".

LEGACY RECORDS WHICH ARE MIGRATED IN PRESENT SYSTEM

Q39. How can I see my legacy records present in the present system?

- When an application is submitted, a ref number is generated in legacy system. The same application is tracked via this ref number.
- Please follow the below path to get the file number for QCTD:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ All details of submitted applications in legacy system are available in the search results. These details also include their file number.
 - ✓ The same ref number is visible in columns Application Number and File Number.



Q40. Can I take a print of my application submitted in legacy system?

- Please follow the below steps to take print out of your application submitted in legacy system:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ All details of submitted applications in legacy system are available in the search results. These details also include their file number.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Print.

Q41. Am I allowed to modify my details of the application submitted in legacy system?

• You cannot modify the details in your own application unless the BO Officer marks the file as deficient.

Q42. What to do if my application is marked as deficient for legacy cases?

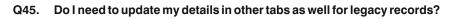
- If the File Status of your submitted application is marked as deficient by BO user for legacy cases, please follow the below steps to respond to the deficiency raised by the officer:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Respond Deficiency.
 - ✓ Click on View under the Deficiency view to view the deficiency letter issued by the officer.
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 - ✓ A pop-up shall appear asking you Do you want to amend application?, in case you have to add attachments only, please click on NO whereas, to make changes to your application, please click on YES.
 - ✓ On submission of your response, the life cycle view of the application is updated for your reference and the file is submitted to the RA officer who issued the deficiency letter.

Q43. Where can I confirm the submission of my response to a deficiency against my submitted application for legacy records?

• Post submission of your response to the deficiency, a pop-up appears confirming your submission. Also, the same gets updated in the life cycle view.

Q44. Am I allowed to update my IEC details for legacy records?

- Yes, but the pre-requisite for this is the file should be marked as deficient by BO user.
- An Indian user may update the same in "Applicant details" and a Foreign user may update the same for Indian importer/exporter in "Details of Firm against which complaint is being made" by following the below steps:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Respond Deficiency.
 - ✓ Click on View under the Deficiency view to view the deficiency letter issued by the officer.
 - ✓ To respond to deficiency, click on Respond under the Respond to Deficiency.
 - ✓ A pop-up shall appear asking you Do you want to amend application? please click on YES.
 - ✓ Update the IEC details in Applicant details tab and the relevant IEC fields related fields will also get updated.
 - ✓ Click on Save and Next.
 - ✓ On submission of your response, the life cycle view of the application is updated for your reference and the file is submitted to the RA officer who issued the deficiency letter.



- Yes, in case if the details in Category of Dispute tab is blank. You may make desired selection by clicking on the checkbox against each category and entering remarks before clicking on save and next.
- Based upon the selection made in category of dispute tab, a warning message is displayed mentioning the fields which are mandatory in item wise details tab. These fields will also be marked with red asterix for reference.

Q46. How can I add attachment for legacy records and submit the same?

- For legacy records, please follow the below path:
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Attach documents.
 - \checkmark Enter Remarks and there is a provision to attach 5 documents upto 5 MB.
 - ✓ Click on Sign and Submit button.

Q47. Will I be able to see my old data for Category of Dispute tab since there are many additional fields in the new design?

- Yes, you may check your old data entered in Category of Dispute tab by following the below path:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.

FAQs

✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Print.

Q 48. Can I withdraw my complaint which was submitted in legacy system?

• No, you cannot withdraw your complaint submitted in legacy system.

Q49. Am I permissible to make a copy of the file submitted in legacy system?

• No, make a copy functionality is not allowed for complaints filed in legacy system.

Q50. How can I view the attachments submitted to DGFT RA/ IMA Office?

- Please follow the below path to view the attachments submitted to DGFT RA/IMA Office:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> View Submitted Attachments.

Q 51. How can I see the resolution comments if the status of my file is Resolved?

- Please follow the below path to view Resolution comments:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).
 - ✓ Click on Search.
 - ✓ Ensure that the status of the file is Resolved.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> View Resolution Comments.

Q 52. How can I keep a record on the movement of my file?

- Please follow the below path to view Resolution comments:
 - ✓ My Dashboard >>> Submitted Applications.
 - ✓ Enter Type of Scheme (Select in dropdown: Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes (QCTD) and Type of Sub Scheme (File Complaint).



- ✓ Click on Search.
- ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> View Life Cycle.
- ✓ Details like Action taken on file, Action Date and Action by are visible in tabular format.

Q 53. Is there any restriction on count of Make a copy functionality while filing a complaint for QCTD?

• No, you may make as many copies as you want by Make copy functionality while filing a complaint for QCTD.

Q54. Is there a provision to delete the draft application?

- Yes, you can delete a draft application by following the below path:
 - ✓ Services >>> Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
 - ✓ Click on Indian complainant or foreign complainant tile provided under "Services under Trade Dispute".
 - ✓ Select the radio button against the draft application you wish to delete.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Delete.
 - ✓ A pop up will appear "Are you sure, you want to delete this draft?".
 - ✓ Click on Ok and a successful message will appear that draft is deleted successfully.

Q55. Is there a provision to make a copy for draft application?

- Yes, you can make copy of draft application by following the below path:
 - ✓ Services >>> Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes.
 - ✓ Click on Indian complainant or foreign complainant tile provided under "Services under Trade Dispute".
 - ✓ Select the radio button against the draft application you wish to make a copy.
 - ✓ Click on Action (Under the Results) >>> Make a copy.
 - ✓ A pop up will appear "Are you sure, you want to clone this draft?".
 - ✓ Click on Ok and a successful message will appear with application details.

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3)	Public Notice No. 38/2021	29.04.2021	Submission of documents for specified items of work through e-mail-a measure to minimize human contact - Amendment/ Modification in Public Notice No. 35/2021 dtd. 20.4.2021	Requests related to the items of work viz. Bill of Lading amendment in respect of prior to final regularization & regularization of Bill of Entry from prior to final, specified at S. No. (i) & (vi) of para 2 of Public Notice No. 35/2021 dtd. 20.4.2021 should be made through Web-form link (<u>http://bit.ly/nscustoms</u>).	https://tinyurl.com/ 498vdy2h
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6)	Public Notice No. 33/2021	15.04.2021	Miscellaneous functionalities / changes enabled in ICES	JNCH has informed about the new functionalities and provisions made in the System for the benefit of the members of trade.	<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>s5kmcept</u>
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1)	Public Notice No. 28/2021	10.05.2021	Restoring the facility under Circular No. 17/2020-cus dated 03.04.2020- Measure to facilitate trade during the lockdown period-section 143AA of the Customs Act , 1962	In case of any difficulty, members may kindly contact the Additional Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import), Mumbai through email on proaccsahar@gmail.com.	<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> fjh6t4au
2)	Public Notice No. 26/2021	30.04.2021	for specified items of work through e-mail- a measure to minimize human contact -	Final, specified at S. No. (i) & (vi) of	https://tinyurl.com/ 3xd9udtw



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3)	Public Notice No. 21/2021	21.04.2021	Submission of documents for spcified items of work through e-mail- a measure to minimize human contact	Requests relating to the items of work given in Public Notice will be made through e-mail to the concerned Appraising Group/Section along with a copy to the Addl./Joint Commissioner of the concerned Appraising Group, who will be the Nodal Officer.	<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>dezhuj6s</u>
4)	Public Notice No. 20/2021	21.04.2021	Miscellaneous functionalities /changes enabled in ICES	Trade is hereby informed about the new functionalities and provisions made in the System for their benefit.	<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>3yay5nmt</u>
		DIR	ECTORATE GENERA	L OF TRADE REMDIES	
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1)	Office Memorandum No. 354/7/ 2021-TRU	06.05.2021	completion of the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn)" from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam	for investigation by 3 months beyond 20.05.2021 i.e. upto 20.08.2021, for completing the subject investigation and notifying the final findings.	https://tinyurl.com/ 5b2f3k5d
			RESERVE BAN	-	
S.No.	Heading No.	Date	Subject	Description	Download the Link
1)	RBI/2021-22/32	05.05.2021	Resolution Framework 2.0 – Resolution of Covid-19 related stress of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	RBI has extended the facility of Restructuring of Advances for restructuring existing loans without a downgrade in the asset classification subject to the conditions given in this Notification.	https://tinyurl.com/ 2b7w4t4d
2)	RBI/2021-22/30	05.05.2021	Credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Entrepreneurs	Scheduled Commercial Banks were allowed to deduct the amount equivalent to credit disbursed to new MSME borrowers from their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) for calculation of the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR). This exemption was available up to Rs. 25 lakh per borrower for the credit disbursed up to the fortnight ending 1.10.2021. Now, this exemption has been extended till 31.12.2021.	https://tinyurl.com/ 22zdhs8p

CENTRAL TAX NOTIFICATIONS

(https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/central-tax-notfns-2017)

Notification No. & Date	Subject
14/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021	Seeks to extend specified compliances falling between 15.04.2021 to 30.05.2021 till 31.05.2021 in exercise of powers under section 168A of CGST Act.
13/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021	Seeks to make third amendment (2021) to CGST Rules.
12/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021	Seeks to extend the due date of furnishing FORM GSTR-1 for April, 2021.
11/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021	Seeks to extend the due date for furnishing of FORM ITC-04 for the period Jan-March, 2021 till 31st May, 2021.
10/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021	Seeks to extend the due date for filing FORM GSTR-4 for financial year 2020-21 to 31.05.2021.

Notification No. & Date		Subject		
09/2021-Central Tax date	ed 01.05.2021	Seeks to amend notification no. 76/2018-Central Tax in order to provide waiver of late fees for specified taxpayers and specified tax periods.		
08/2021-Central Tax dated 01.05.2021 Se		Seeks to provide relief by lowering of interest rate for the month of March and April, 2021.		
07/2021-Central Tax date	ed 27.04.2021	Seeks to make second amendment (2021) to CGST Rules.		
		INTEGRATED TAX NOTIFICATIONS		
(<u>ht</u>	tps://www.	cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/integrated-tax-notfns-2017)		
Notification No. & Date		Subject		
01/2021- Integrated Tax	dated 01-05-2	Seeks to provide relief by lowering of interest rate for the month of March & April, 2021.		
	U	INION TERRITORY TAX NOTIFICATIONS		
(<u>http</u>	s://www.ck	bic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/gst/union-territory-tax-notfns-2017)		
Notification No. & Date		Subject		
01/2021-Union Territory	Tax dt. 01-05-2	Seeks to provide relief by lowering of interest rate for the month of March & April, 2021.		
		PRESS RELEASES		
Name of Ministry	Date	Subject		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	10.05.2021	DGFT's COVID-19 Helpdesk coordinating and resolving International Trade related Issues		
Ministry of Finance	02.05.2021	Government announces various relief measures for taxpayers under GST law in view of severe COVID-19 pandemic.		
Ministry of Finance	01.05.2021	GST Revenue collection for April' 21 sets new record.		
Ministry of Finance	01.05.2021	Government extends timelines of certain compliances in light of the severe pandemic.		
Ministry of Finance	28.04.2021	Cabinet approves Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	26.04.2021	Operationalisation of DGFT 'COVID-19 Helpdesk' for International Trade related Issues.		
Ministry of Finance	24.04.2021	Government extends certain timelines in light of the raging pandemic.		
Cabinet	20.04.2021	Cabinet approves Amendments to the Finance Bill, 2021.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	20.04.2021	Shri Piyush Goyal chairs meeting with various Export Promotion Councils.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	20.04.2021	Container shortage eases in the country.		
Ministry of Finance	20.04.2021	Cabinet approves Amendments to the Finance Bill, 2021.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.04.2021	India's Foreign Trade: March 2021.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	15.04.2021	Shri Piyush Goyal chairs the first meeting of National Startup Advisory Council.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	13.04.2021	Shri Piyush Goyal said, "India can prove to be the most natural ally for the European Union".		
Ministry of Finance	13.04.2021	Provisional Net Indirect Tax collections (GST & Non-GST) for the Financial Year 2020-21 show growth of more than 12% compared to actual Revenue Receipts in FY 2019-20.		
Ministry of Commerce & Industry	12.04.2021	Shri Piyush Goyal launches "DGFT Trade Facilitation App" for Providing instant access to Exporters/Importers any-time any-where.		
Ministry of Finance	09.04.2021	Provisional Direct Tax collections for the Financial Year 2020-21 show growth of almost 5%.		

ANALYSIS ON INDIAN MAN-MADE FIBRE TEXTILES EXPORTS DURING APRIL – JANUARY 2020-2021

Exports of Indian Manmade Fibre (MMF) textiles for the period of April-January 2020-21 were US\$ 3604.02 Mn. as against US\$ 4945.12 Mn. for the same period last year – a decline of 27.12%.

Segments	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	% Growth/Decline
Fibre	423.28	294.37	-30.46
Yarn	1488.83	1024.58	-31.18
Fabrics	1792.38	1188.51	-33.69
Made-Ups	1240.63	1096.56	-11.61
TOTAL	4945.12	3604.02	-27.12

Source: DGCI&S.

HIGHLIGHTS

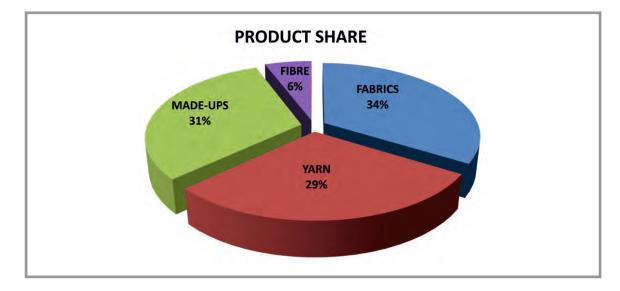
- > Overall exports during April-January 2020-2021 declined by 27.12% as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Exports of MMF have shown a decline of 30.46% during April-January 2020-2021 as compared to the same period of the previous year. Polyester Staple Fibre (US\$ 179.44 Mn) was the leading item in the MMF category followed by Viscose Staple Fibre (US\$ 103 Mn).
- MMF Yarn exports declined 31.18% during April-January 2020-2021 as compared to the same period of the previous year. Polyester Filament Yarn was the leading item with exports worth (US\$ 554.55 Mn) followed by Polyester Cotton Yarn (US\$ 130.80 Mn), Polyester Spun Yarn (US\$ 59.47 Mn). Synthetic spun yarn was the only yarn witnessing significant growth of 39.45% during the observed period of 2020-2021 as compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Exports of MMF Fabrics declined by 33.69% during Apr-Jan 2020-21 as compared to the same period of the previous year. Synthetic Filament Fabrics (US\$ 448.14 Mn) was the top exported product in India's MMF textile exports followed by Polyester Filament Fabrics (US\$ 205.64 Mn) during April-January 2020-2021. However, during the observed period, the exports of Synthetic Filament Fabrics and Polyester Filament Fabrics took hit of 35.02% and 41.17% decline respectively.
- Only the exports of Viscose spun Fabrics could witness a positive growth of 2%.
- Exports of Fabrics dominated with 34% share followed by Made-ups 31%, Yarn 29% and Fibre 6% in the Indian MMF textile exports.
- While exports of MMF Made-ups declined by 11.61% during the period.
- Share of the value-added segments- Fabrics and Made-ups has been 65% of total exports.
- In Made-ups, exports of Bulk Containers was the leading item with exports worth US\$ 554.79 Mn followed by shawls/scarves US\$ 66.80 Mn, motifs worth US\$ 61.42 Mn fishing net US\$ 57.04 Mn respectively. Bed linens and fishing nets were the items that witnessed positive growth of 29% and 9% respectively.
- USA was the leading market for Indian MMF textiles during April-January 2020-2021 with 15% share in total exports followed by UAE 6% and Turkey 6%.
- USA was also the only export market for Indian MMF textiles with positive growth of 1.31% during the observed period.



- Other key markets during April-January 2020-2021 were Bangladesh (5%) Brazil (4%), Sri Lanka (4%), Egypt, Germany, Italy and Belgium with share of 3% and 2% each.
- USA, UAE and Sri Lanka were the leading markets for Indian MMF Fabrics during April-January 2020-2021
- USA was also leading market for Indian MMF Made-ups and Fibre during the period, followed by UAE and Turkey.
- Yarn Exports to important markets like Turkey, Brazil, USA and Bangladesh have declined significantly by 46.50%, 37.09% and 12.28% respectively.

PRODUCT SHARE

During April-January 2020-2021, dominant product in the Indian MMF textiles export basket was Fabrics accounting for a share of 34% followed by Made-up 31%, Yarn 29% and Fibre 6%.



PRODUCT-WISE EXPORT PERFORMANCE APRIL-JANUARY 2020-2021 (Value in US\$ Mn)

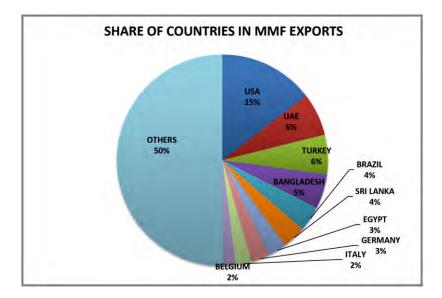
Product Description	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth	
FABRICS (Woven + non-woven + knitted)					
Synthetic Filament	689.61	448.14	-241.47	-35.02	
Polyester Filament	349.56	205.64	-143.92	-41.17	
Polyester Viscose	234.12	159.93	-74.19	-31.69	
Polyester Blended	75.64	43.17	-32.47	-42.93	
Polyester Cotton	27.58	23.00	-4.58	-16.61	
Nylon Filament	33.83	21.55	-12.28	-36.30	
Viscose Spun	20.33	20.71	0.38	1.87	
Polyester Wool	27.40	16.11	-11.29	-41.20	
Viscose Blended	21.32	14.02	-7.30	-34.24	
Viscose Filament	17.40	13.16	-4.24	-24.37	
Polyester Spun	14.35	12.13	-2.22	-15.47	
Other Fabrics	281.24	210.95	-70.29	-24.99	
Total Fabrics	1792.38	1188.51	-603.87	-33.69	

Product Description	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth	
YARN					
Polyester Filament	886.25	554.55	-331.70	-37.43	
Polyester Cotton	130.95	130.80	-0.15	-0.11	
Polyester Spun	99.41	59.47	-39.94	-40.18	
Viscose Spun	71.82	50.63	-21.19	-29.50	
Polyester Viscose	89.26	45.29	-43.97	-49.26	
Synthetic Spun	32.35	45.10	12.75	39.41	
Nylon Filament	28.37	19.59	-8.78	-30.95	
Viscose Filament	30.45	18.89	-11.56	-37.96	
Acrylic Spun	29.35	25.22	-4.13	-14.07	
Polyester Wool	13.82	7.11	-6.71	-48.55	
Other Yarn	76.80	67.93	-8.87	-11.55	
Total Yarn	1488.83	1024.58	-464.25	-31.18	
MADE-UPS					
Bulk Containers	578.21	554.79	-23.42	-4.05	
Shawls/Scarves	75.15	66.80	-8.35	-11.11	
Motifs	79.41	61.42	-17.99	-22.65	
Fishing Net	52.53	57.04	4.51	8.59	
Muffler	69.57	49.52	-20.05	-28.82	
Blanket	22.84	19.49	-3.35	-14.67	
Rope	21.59	16.85	-4.74	-21.95	
Furnishing Articles	17.88	16.56	-1.32	-7.38	
Bed Linen	12.42	16.04	3.62	29.15	
Sacks and Bags	17.76	13.54	-4.22	-23.76	
Braids	10.74	9.51	-1.23	-11.45	
Other Made-ups	282.53	215.00	-67.53	-23.90	
Total Made-ups	1240.63	1096.56	-144.07	-11.61	
FIBRE					
Polyester Staple	238.58	179.44	-59.14	-24.79	
Viscose Staple	148.18	103.34	-44.84	-30.26	
Acrylic Staple	30.86	7.02	-23.84	-77.25	
Other Fibre	5.66	4.57	-1.09	-19.26	
Total Fibre	423.28	294.37	-220.25	-30.46	

*Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container (HS Code 63053200)/big bag/bulk bag or Super Sack is a standardized <u>container</u> in large dimensions for storing and transporting dry, flow able products, for example <u>sand</u>, <u>fertilizers</u>, and <u>granules</u> of M, <u>plastics</u>, most often made of thick <u>woven polyethylene</u> or <u>polypropylene</u>, either coated or uncoated. **Other Made-ups include Tents, Sails, Rags, Embroidery (without visible ground) & Accessories.

Synthetic Filament: HS Codes 54077200, 54072090, 56031200, 54077400, 54079400, 54079200





LEADING MARKETS

Value in US\$ Mn Net **April-January April-January** % Markets Change 2019-2020 2020-2021 Growth USA 505.20 511.84 6.64 1.31 UAE 283.29 229.33 -53.96 -19.05 TURKEY 404.13 212.91 -191.22 -47.32 BANGLADESH 324.33 185.62 -138.71 -42.77 BRAZIL 214.49 135.24 -79.25 -36.95 SRI LANKA 172.00 124.71 -47.29 -27.49 EGYPT 120.29 100.84 -19.45 -16.17 GERMANY 118.64 98.50 -20.14 -16.98 ITALY 101.80 87.04 -14.76 -14.50 BELGIUM 87.32 66.07 -21.25 -24.34

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FABRICS

	Valu			n US\$ Mn
Markets	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth
USA	142.34	160.88	18.54	13.03
UAE	157.20	115.34	-41.86	-26.63
SRI LANKA	145.65	104.65	-41.00	-28.15
BANGLADESH	181.66	92.10	-89.56	-49.30
EGYPT	25.48	24.91	-0.57	-2.24
ITALY	18.03	20.46	2.43	13.48
BELGIUM	17.85	14.98	-2.87	-16.08
GERMANY	11.14	10.27	-0.87	-7.81
TURKEY	11.70	7.86	-3.84	-32.82
BRAZIL	7.57	4.45	-3.12	-41.22

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MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF YARN

Value in US\$ Mn

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Markets	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth
TURKEY	352.61	188.64	-163.97	-46.50
BRAZIL	193.04	121.44	-71.60	-37.09
USA	61.15	68.66	7.51	12.28
BANGLADESH	82.86	65.83	-17.03	-20.55
EGYPT	77.87	61.90	-15.97	-20.51
BELGIUM	31.94	23.86	-8.08	-25.30
UAE	21.05	22.53	1.48	7.03
SRI LANKA	20.35	15.85	-4.50	-22.11
ITALY	16.63	12.37	-4.26	-25.62
GERMANY	13.24	10.98	-2.26	-17.07

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF MADE-UPS

	MAJOR MARKETS FOR	Value in US\$ Mn		
Markets	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth
USA	260.07	256.91	-3.16	-1.22
UAE	103.24	89.49	-13.75	-13.32
GERMANY	82.04	69.26	-12.78	-15.58
ITALY	59.94	47.82	-12.12	-20.22
BELGIUM	21.35	17.16	-4.19	-19.63
SRI LANKA	6.00	4.20	-1.80	-30.00
EGYPT	5.09	4.10	-0.99	-19.45
TURKEY	4.98	2.95	-2.03	-40.76
BRAZIL	4.00	2.33	-1.67	-41.75
BANGLADESH	20.53	1.40	-19.13	-93.18

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FIBRE

MAJOR MARKETS FOR MMF FIBRE			Value in US\$		
Markets	April-January 2019-2020	April-January 2020-2021	Net Change	% Growth	
USA	41.64	25.39	-16.25	-39.02	
BANGLADESH	39.28	26.29	-12.99	-33.07	
TURKEY	34.84	13.46	-21.38	-61.37	
BELGIUM	16.18	10.07	-6.11	-37.76	
EGYPT	11.85	9.93	-1.92	-16.20	
GERMANY	12.22	7.99	-4.23	-34.62	
BRAZIL	9.88	7.02	-2.86	-28.95	
ITALY	7.20	6.39	-0.81	-11.25	
UAE	1.80	1.97	0.17	9.44	
SRI LANKA	0.00	0.01	0.01		

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