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Sub: Stakeholder Meeting for RCEP at Texprocil office in Mumbai

Dear Member,

At the instance of the Ministry of Commerce, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has commissioned a study on the approach to be taken by India at the ongoing Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) with respect to merchandise trade and India's offensive and defensive interest in terms of the HS tariff lines. The study is being led by Dr. V. S. Seshadri, a former Ambassador of India to Myanmar who has wide experience in dealing with trade policy issues and currently a Senior Advisor with CII.

As you are aware, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN-Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and the six states with which ASEAN has existing free trade agreements (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand).

Dr. V S Seshadri has proposed a meeting at the **Texprocil Head Office in Mumbai at 1.30 pm on 19th December, 2017**. The objective of the meeting is to understand the areas where tariff concession should / should not be offered especially in the context of China's presence in the FTA as a signatory as well as discussions on the Rules of Origin (RoO) and Standards for the cotton textiles industry under RCEP.

We request your presence at the meeting to deliberate on the issues that will evolve during the meeting so that suggestions from the industry are incorporated in the negotiation process. The Council, it may be mentioned, is

actively involved in voicing the proposals of the industry in various FTAs including the RCEP.

As part of the process to obtain industry feedback on merchandise trade vis-à-vis China, a survey questionnaire has been prepared that will help to supplement the analytical work being undertaken so as to negotiate **tariff issues with China**.

Views or suggestions given in the survey will not be attributed to any particular company.

We request you to kindly attend the meeting on 19th December at 1.30 pm and confirmations can be sent to info@texprocil.org so as to make suitable arrangements.

We also request you to fill up the attached questionnaire ([click here](#)) and send it to us latest by Saturday, 16th December 2017.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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