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TEXPROCIL @ Première Vision Paris, February 2018



(Seen in pic.) Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director and Shri N Ravindranathan, Director, TEXPROCIL interacting with a visitor at 'Brand India' pavilion setup by the Council at the Première Vision Fair, held at Paris, France during 13-15 February 2018.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

As per provisional data released by the Ministry of Commerce, India's trade deficit shot up to a 56-month high of \$16.3 billion in January as the growth in exports slowed down. Some of the experts have opined that stagnation in world trade, decline in trade with China, narrow export base, currency fluctuations, are some of the contributory factors towards this deficit.

However, looking inwards, another major contributor to this deficit is the lack of an efficient manufacturing base, the issue of GST refunds and a strong rupee.

There is an emerging fear of import substitution in trade with a 15% increase in the imports of textile

yarn, fabric and madeups during the April-January 2018 period. Post GST, the effective import duties have come down sharply, thus making imports cheaper for the domestic industry by 15-20%.

Friends, the Council has been continuously representing to the Government to intervene in a timely manner in the matter to help our exporting community face this challenging situation. The Council also continued to open new frontiers to facilitate trade in value added products by participating in the prestigious Première Vision Fair, Paris (February 13-15) for the first time. 30 Indian companies manufacturing Yarn, Fabrics and Accessories had been selected to participate in this event.

Trade Data

In dollar terms, the exports of Cotton textiles (Yarn, Fabrics &

Made-ups) have recorded a 10% decline during January 2018 however cumulative exports for the period from April to January 2018 reached US\$ 8.3 billion as compared to US\$ 8.1 billion during April to January 2017 registering a growth rate of 3.04%.

During the (April – January 2018) period, cumulative exports of Textile & Clothing in dollar terms stagnated at a growth of 0.63%. Exports of RMG Clothing during the period January 2018 reached US\$ 1.4 billion as compared to US\$ 1.5 billion during January 2017 registering a sharp decline of (-) 8.38%.

Meetings with Officials / Representations made to the Government

Alongside the alarming decline in exports on the one side, the exporting community is also facing

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issues relating to delays in disbursal of GST & ROSL dues. In this connection, the Council has made representations to the concerned Ministries that the refunds should be expedited in order to enable exporters to maintain cash flows. Inordinate delays have a severe impact on the low margin industries like textiles.

Friends, we are following up on the matter & hope that the Government will appreciate the logic in our arguments and expedite release of the pending claims.

GST Update

Since the implementation of GST, there have been various changes in the GST Rules & procedures related to exports with further changes with regard to the different schemes under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 along with the introduction of a new scheme in the Mid Term Review of FTP 2015-20. In order to provide the exporters with a clear understanding regarding these changes, TEXPROCIL under the organising support received from SIMA conducted a Session on 'Textiles Exports and Imports under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 and GST' in Madurai on February 9, 2018.

The session extensively covered topics such as IGST Refunds, Exports under LUT and IGST Refund, Procedure for Refund of Input Tax Credit and Accumulated Input Tax Credit on export products, procedures to be followed by the merchant exporters, filing of Returns etc. The session also covered topics such as valuation of imported goods under GST, changes in Advance Authorization, EPCG, 100% EOU, SEZ and Drawback Schemes. Specific cases of exporters were also discussed and suitable guidance was provided. The Council's presentation was well received by all those attending the event.

Première Vision Fair, Paris

Held twice a year for a duration of 3 days at Paris-Nord Villepinte, Première Vision, Paris is a can't-miss event for textile companies to conceive and create their collections for the fashion world. The event features major industries including Yarns, Fabrics, Leather, Designs, Accessories, Manufacturing – coming together to showcase their select few products in Paris, the capital of fashion.

The 2018 edition of the fair saw, the TEXPROCIL participation in the prestigious Fair, for the first time with 30 Indian companies manufacturing Yarn, Fabrics and Accessories that had been carefully selected to participate in this event. The highlights of the fair included 60,000 visitors from 125 countries interacting with 1900 rigorously selected exhibitors from 57 participating countries.

Summing Up

Friends, the Council stands fully committed to getting relief for the exporters and through various representations have apprised the highest authorities of the concerns expressed by the exporters regarding impact of GST implementation on textile exporting community. Despite assurances of all support, the relief has not been forthcoming so far! We have no reason to doubt the sincerity of the policy makers in helping the exporters, maybe there is a procedural delay which we hope will be overcome shortly. We continue to remain hopeful!

**Ujwal R Lahoti
Chairman**

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COVER STORY

TEXPROCIL@ Première Vision

Paris, France (13-15 February, 2018)

Première Vision, Paris is a can't-miss event for textile companies to conceive & create their collections for the fashion world !



About Première Vision (PV) Paris

Première Vision Paris (PV Paris) is a prestigious event for promoting branded textiles, held in Paris twice a year (every September and February). Organisers of the Fair follow stringent screening process in

admitting exhibitors in this high volume, quality conscious business event.

With the active support of the Indian Embassy in France, the Council has gone through the screening process and has been admitted to exhibit at the February 2018 edition of Première Vision Fair held at Paris from 13 to 15 February 2018. Total number of exhibitors at this edition of the Fair was 1850, predominantly exhibitors from Europe, Turkey, Korea and China.

Première Vision Paris – February 2018 edition

A place for business, inspiration and experiences, Première Vision Paris was carried forward by a dynamic focus on renewal and innovation. As per the fair statistics, 54,500 visitors showed their strong support to the innovations at Première Vision Paris, February 2018.

By welcoming for 3 days a large number of these focussed visitors - 71% international and coming from 120 countries - Première Vision Paris confirmed its role as the leading influential event for the entire international creative fashion industry.

This new edition demonstrated its strong and continually unmatched appeal for the sector, with a very high-level of quality, with a slight decline in attendance figures (-3% vs. Feb.17) following two successive editions marked by growth.

Diverse, International and Premium Visitorship

Beyond the numbers, this edition was above all marked by the quality of the industry professionals seen at Villepinte, including the most influential decision-makers, creators and

Order-writers. Their goals were primarily to find inspiration, and to discover the products and creative materials that will make a real difference in their Spring Summer 19 collections.

The show highlighted a premium, and above all international, visitorship marked by its diversity. This is true in terms of size - from independent designers to international groups and small and medium-sized enterprises - of positioning - from luxury houses, medium and high-end fashion and accessories brands, large-volume retailer - and in terms of markets - clothing, leather goods, shoes, fashion jewellery and more.



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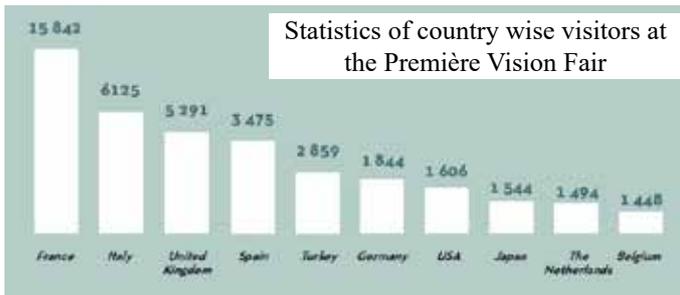
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TEXPROCIL@ Première Vision

Paris, France (13-15 February, 2018)



Visitor Statistics

Visitors to Première Vision Paris came mainly from Europe (77% of attendees). France took the lead with 15,842 visitors. In second place, Italy had 6,125 visitors (11% of attendance), followed by the United Kingdom with 5,291 visitors (10% of attendance). This trio is followed by Spain (3,475 visitors), Germany with 1,844 visitors (3% of visitors), the Netherlands and Belgium.

There was also a rise in attendance from Portugal (1,180 visitors), pointing to its economic recovery and growing influence in the sector; and countries from Northern Europe, led by Sweden (508 visitors) and Denmark (473 visitors). These countries are now essential to the creative fashion scene.

It was interesting to note that 9% of professional visitors came from Asia. The show saw a decrease in Asian visitors, highly affected by the Chinese New Year. With 1,544 visitors, Japan, a leading purchasing country for fashion and creative textiles, led the Asian countries. Attendance from China was down, for a total of nearly 780 visitors, preceded by South Korea - a true destination market for innovative and creative fashions - with 990 visitors.

With more than 1,900 visitors, North America also recorded a decline in attendance. Primarily, this is a direct consequence of structural and economic changes in the United States, which accounted for 1,606 visitors this session (- 5%).

Turkey saw an almost 20% increase in its visitors. With



2,859 visitors, this key country in the fashion industry now ranks 5th among visitor countries.

Visitor profile and product coverage at this Fair was excellent and offers scope for increasing presence of more number of Indian exporters of value added textiles.

Highlight of Indian participation

Highlight of Indian participation at the present edition of PV Paris was:

- Presence of MSME as well as large scale manufacturers from India.
- Participation of manufacturers of Fibre, Yarn, Fabrics & Accessories.
- Hand embroidered fabrics for bridal wear has a big attraction amongst the European visitors / buyers.
- Innovative weave and fibre blends from India has drawn interest of upmarket and brand conscious importers.
- Products displayed by the Indian exhibitors were at par with creativity of Italian textile companies, for example, yarn dyed shirting fabrics made of cotton & Lycra blend; linen, cotton & Lycra blends for men's wear etc.

Visitors to the Council's stands were keen to source:

- > Organic cotton textiles
- > Organic cotton / ahimsa silk blended yarn and fabrics
- > Shawls and Stoles of cotton / silk / wool blends
- > Organic prints for ladies wear
- > Wider width cotton fabrics
- > Fancy yarns of various blends and effects

A total of 30 Indian exhibitors have been admitted to exhibit at the February 2018 edition and it is likely that more number of Indian exhibitors will get accepted after going through the rigorous screening process and get approval to exhibit in the next edition to be held in September 2018.

Première Vision & TEXWORLD are two concurrent events held at Paris at two different venues close to each other.



TRADE FACILITATION

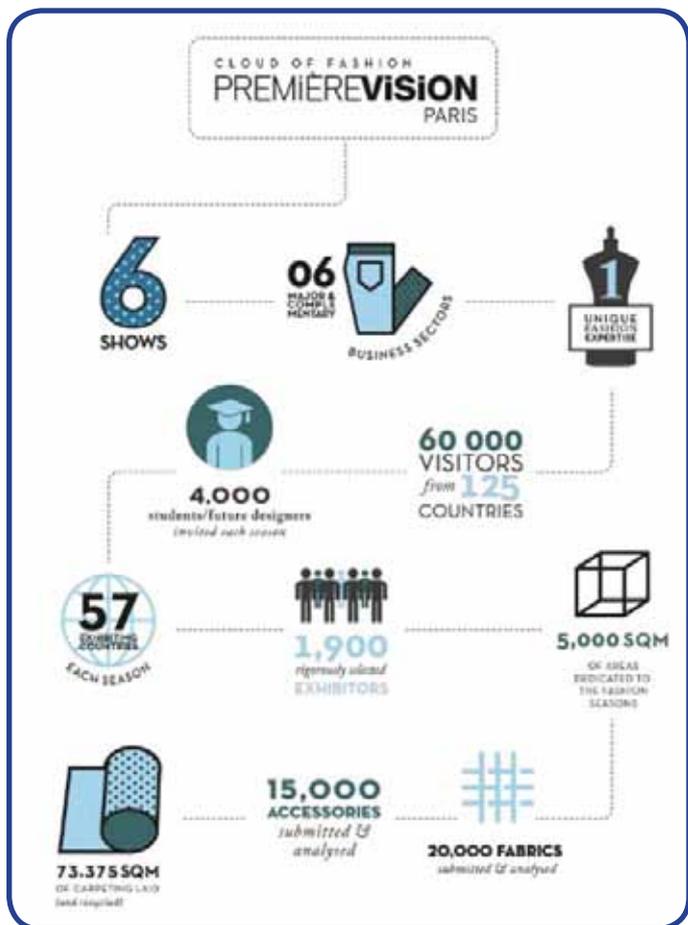
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While Texworld is meant for textiles and clothing targeting lower to middle end of the market segment, PV Paris focuses more on textile & design and is meant for highly quality and compliance conscious importers for conversion and supply to international brands.

In view of the prestige attached to this fair and to focus more on high end of the market segment, it is important that continuity is maintained in showcasing the presence of Indian companies at this Fair so as to derive meaningful results from a promotional activity.

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Seen in pic. Shri A Ravikumar, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL making a presentation at the GST Workshop

TEXPROCIL & SIMA conducted a Session on ‘Textiles Exports and Imports under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 & GST’ in Madurai on the 9th of February, 2018, which was attended by over 60 exporters. The objective of the workshop was to provide the exporters with a clear understanding regarding various changes in the GST Rules & procedures related to exports and discuss other changes with regard to the different schemes under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 along with providing them with an understanding of the new scheme introduced in the Mid Term Review of FTP 2015-20. The session covered topics such as refund of IGST and input tax credits, filing of returns, rectification of errors, etc. The queries raised by the participants during the Q&A session were addressed and necessary clarifications were provided. The Council’s presentation was well received by all those attending the event.

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**TRADE
NOTICE**

**Important Notification on Pending ROSL Schemes
& Shipping Bills Transmission status on DGFT & ICEGATE websites**

E Serve No. 20 of 2018

Circular No.EPS/75/2017-18

Dated: February 08, 2018

To: Members of the Council

Sub: Pending ROSL claims

Dear Member,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Textiles vide Notification dated March 15, 2017 had notified ROSL rates for Made ups covered under Chapter 63 of the AIR Drawback Schedule. The rates were made applicable to exports with Let Export order dates from 23.3.2017 onwards.

In this regard, we would request you to please send us details of ROSL amounts received by you till date and the ROSL amounts pending in the format which is enclosed below.

DETAILS OF ROSL CLAIMS

Name of the Exporter : _____
 Category – Merchant Exporter or
 Manufacturer Exporter : _____

Port (Specify the Customs)	Total ROSL claims (Till January 31, 2018)	Total ROSL amount Received (Till January 31, 2018)	Pending ROSL claims (As on January 31, 2018)

Please send us the details immediately by email on the Email IDs **ravikumar@texprocil.org / vimal@texprocil.org**.

We solicit your support and co-operation in the matter and look forward towards receiving the details at the earliest.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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Notice Re: Shipping Bills Transmission Status on DGFT & ICEGATE websites

E Serve No. 19 of 2018

Circular No.EPS/74/2017-18

Dated: February 07, 2018

To: Members of the Council

Sub: Shipping Bills Transmission Status on DGFT & ICEGATE websites

Dear Member,

As you are aware, exporters applying for MEIS scrips on the DGFT website often find that many of their EDI Shipping Bills does not appear on the DGFT website. As a result, they are unable to file their applications online for MEIS scrips.

Recognizing the difficulty faced by its members, the Council had taken up this matter with the office of DGFT and also at various other levels with the Government.

We are glad to inform you that the Government has considered the Council's representations in the matter and DGFT has now issued Trade Notice No. 23/18 dated 6.2.2018.

As per the above Trade Notice, exporters are advised to check the shipping bill transmission status first on ICEGATE and then on the DGFT website after 72 hours from integration of SB with ICEGATE. If the SB details are not available on ICEGATE or DGFT website, the issue should be reported to the concerned authorities.

Further, the transmission status of a SB can be checked on ICEGATE website (<http://www.icegate.gov.in>) under "Service->Public Enquiry->DGFT Shipping Bill Integration Status option" and the same can be checked on DGFT website (<http://dgft.gov.in>) under "User Facilitation -> Shipping Bills received from Customs" for an IEC option.

A copy of the above Trade Notice is available with the Council and can be requested via emails **ravikumar@texprocil.org / vimal@texprocil.org** for your information.

You are requested to please take a note of the above and do the needful.

In case, any further clarification or guidance is needed in this regard, please contact Shri A. Ravi Kumar, Joint Director, TEXPROCIL.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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TRADE NOTIFICATION

MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY

Dear Member,

Kindly fill in your complete information below and respond to the questions below by tick (✓) marking appropriate response in the space provided or with suggestions in brief wherever necessary. We value your association with us and prompt feedback.

COMPANY INFORMATION

Name of the Company	:	
Contact Person & Designation	:	
TEXPROCIL Membership (RCMC) No.	:	
Email Address & Website	:	

1) Kindly rate the following services offered by Texprocil on rating of 1 to 5. in order to serve you still better.*
 1= Excellent, 2=Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 4 = Needs Improvement, 5 = Not Availed (N.A.)

Membership	Rate Here	Trade Development	Rate Here	Trade Promotion	Rate Here	Trade Services	Rate Here	Trade Intelligence	Rate Here
Procedure for New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Publication: E-Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intl. Fairs & Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interactive Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-serve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminars & Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grievance Redressal Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-News Clippings	<input type="checkbox"/>
RCMC Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Circulation Trade Enquiries/ Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	MDA/MAI Schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information on Exim policy/ Amendment DBK	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Disseminated	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) a. Are you generally satisfied with the services actively availed by your company and marked above? Tick (✓)	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If you have replied 'no' above, please suggest how the Council can improve the services (use additional sheet if required)	Suggestions:			

3) How is your company benefitting from the Exhibitions / BSMs being organized by the Council? Tick (✓)	Accessing new Markets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Generating additional business	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Others (Pls. Specify):</i>	Making new Contacts (Trade Enquiries)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any Others	<input type="checkbox"/>

4) How is your company benefitting from the Export Facilitation services being provided by the Council?	Information on Export Policy / Procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Responses to various EXIM queries	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Others (Pls. Specify):</i>	Redressal of Trade related grievances	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any Others	<input type="checkbox"/>

5) Have you recommended TEXPROCIL Membership to other companies? Tick (✓)	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6) Do you have any other suggestions to offer regarding TEXPROCIL Member Services? (use additional sheet if required)	Suggestions:			
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*Kindly ignore this feedback form, if you have already responded.

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TRADE NOTIFICATION

TEXPROCIL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Registration as well as Renewal fees for membership of the Council has been revised w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

Accordingly New Registration Fee Structure is as follows:-

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right) (including Rs.6000/- as Entrance Fee)	17000/-	3060/-	20060/-
Registered Textile Exporter (including Rs.3000/- as Entrance Fee)	9000/-	1620/-	10620/-

The Annual Renewal Subscription amount for the financial year 2017-2018 (due from 1st April, 2017) is as follows:-

Type of Membership	Amount (Rs.)	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
Member (with Voting Right)	11000/-	1980/-	12980/-
Registered Textile Exporter	6000/-	1080/-	7080/-

Note for Members:

Members are also requested to submit the CA Certificate as per the format given below certifying the Export Turnover for F.Y. 2015-2016 & F.Y. 2016-2017 i.e. the amount of actual FOB value of exports of Cotton Textiles excluding Readymade Garments and Handloom Textiles.

Members may note that the eligibility criterion of annual export turnover is minimum Rs. 2 Crore. Those not fulfilling the criteria will automatically be renewed as RTE i.e. Registered Textile Exporter.

RTEs are not required to submit the CA certificate.

Format of Chartered Accountant Certificate to be submitted by Members only:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE (on C.A.'s Letter Head)

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that M/s. _____ (Name and full address of the Member) having IE code No. _____ have exported Cotton / Cotton Yarn / Cotton Fabrics / Cotton Madeups (Excluding Handloom Items / Readymade Garments and Silks, etc.) during the financial year 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 as follows:

Sr. No.	Description	2016-2017 (Rs. FOB Value)	2015-2016 (Rs. FOB Value)
1	Cotton		
2	Cotton Yarn		
3	Cotton Fabrics		
4	Cotton Made-ups		
	TOTAL		

(Stamp & Signature of Chartered Accountant)
(Membership No. of Chartered Accountant)
(Firm Registration No. of Chartered Accountant)

PLACE:

DATE:

Note to Members & RTEs whose RCMC has expired on/before 31.03.2017:

Please apply immediately for renewal of RCMC with the following documents:

- [1] Copy of your Import-Exporter Code (IEC)
- [2] In case of Manufacturer Exporter, a copy of Manufacturing Licence
- [3] In case of changes in Partners, a copy of revised deed of partnership
- [4] In case of changes in Directors, a copy of Form 32/DIR-2 or Board Resolution for those who have resigned or newly appointed.

(For any further queries please write to Mrs. Smita Dalvi on email : smita@texprocil.org)