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### **To: Members of the Council**

#### Sub : Surveys to collect imported cotton usage data - reg

#### Dear Member,

As you are aware that in the recent budget announcement an import duty – 5% Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and 5% Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) has been imposed on Cotton and 10% BCD on Cotton Waste. This step of the Government will discourage the cotton value added segments and exports which is also the major chunk of our textile products export basket. This will also make our textile industry uncompetitive on the global front and encourage large volumes of imports of readymade garments from SAFTA countries especially Bangladesh and Sri Lanka resulting in job losses.

In this regard, a survey is being conducted by the **National Committee for Textiles and Clothing (NCTC)** to collect the usage of imported cotton for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 to take up the issue of import duty levied on Cotton and Cotton waste in the recent budget.

Members are requested to submit their responses for the two surveys (**links given below**) at the earliest, so that the same can be consolidated and submitted to the Ministry of Textiles.

\*Survey Monkey Links are\*

1. Survey - I https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HV8TL3Y

2. Survey - II https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLPMWNL

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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