To: Members of the Council

Sub: Seminar on Child labour issue on 30th March 2021
SEMINAR ON
ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR

Virtual meeting on Zoom Platform | Tuesday, 30th March, 2021 | 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

#SayNoToChildLabour
Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India

We invite you to join the virtual meeting to understand the steps necessary to eradicate all forms of Child Labour from the cotton textile value chain!

THE ISSUE
* Eradicating child labour in any form of employment is an important issue across the world. Major importing countries in general and USA in particular are very sensitive to this issue. *

IMPLICATIONS
➢ The Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) of the United States Department of Labour (USDoL) may restrict import of goods appearing on the list of goods and their source countries which it has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international labor standards, as required under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2005.

➢ In the list published on September 30, 2020 following products produced in India have been included in the list of items allegedly being made using child labour / forced labour:

1) Cotton seed (hybrid) : Child labour & forced labour
2) Cotton : Child labour
3) Thread/Yarn : Child Labour

➢ Failure to eradicate child labor / forced labor may lead to restrictions on the imports of such goods allegedly made by violating the international labor standards.

➢ The most recent example of this is the US Govt. imposed restrictions on the Xinjiang Cotton being produced by China.

ACTIONS DESIRED
The Indian companies need to monitor and ensure that no child labour/forced labour is being employed within own organisation or with their linked suppliers/buyers' organisations.

SEMINAR AGENDA

2.00 pm to 2.15 pm
Dr. K. Selvaraju
Secretary General
The Southern India Mills’ Association (SIMA)
Moderator Remarks

2.15 pm to 2.20 pm
Mr. Manoj Kumar Patodia
Chairman
The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)
Introductory Remarks

2.20 pm to 2.35 pm
Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director
The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)
Importance of addressing the Child Labour Issue & Procedure for delisting of goods from the US-Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) list

2.35 pm to 2.55 pm
Mr. Rana Alok Singh
Regional Director, South Asia
Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)
Third Party Social Auditing

2.55 pm to 3.15 pm
Mr. K. Varadan
Chief Consultation Officer
M/s. Aparajitha Corporate Services (P) Ltd.
& State Committee Member of Employers Federation of Southern India (EFSI)
Legal provisions against employment of Child Labour

3.15 pm to 3.30 pm
Mr. V. Regurajan
Legal Advisor
The Southern India Mills’ Association (SIMA)
Employers liability on Employment
Closing Note

SEMINAR ACCESS CODES ➤ Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83586872936 * Meeting ID: 835 8687 2936

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