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<u>Sub : Complaints received from Indian exporters regarding payment issues from</u> <u>Egyptian banks</u>

Dear Member,

This is to inform you that the Embassy of India in Cairo has written a letter to the Council regarding rising number of complaints being received from Indian exporters regarding delays in payment due to banks in Egypt being unable to issue Letters of Credit (LCs) within the stipulated time period.

The Embassy is aware that this issue has been causing delays in payments, high demurrage charges and creating inconveniences to both exporters from India as well as importers from Egypt. The LC stipulation has been introduced by the Egyptian Banks in order to regulate the import process and the use of hard currency, at a time when Egypt's hard currency revenues have been affected by the war in Ukraine.

Further, due to portfolio outflows as a result of the larger crises triggered by the war in Ukraine, Egypt also devalued its currency by 14-17% in March 2022.

In view of the above, members are advised to take adequate precaution while negotiating business with Egyptian importers.

For any further clarification, you may write to Mr Shailesh Martis at shailesh@texprocil.org

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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