



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Sub : Advisory on precautionary measures to be taken while importing from China

Dear Member,

As you are aware the calls for ban on Xinjiang cotton is gaining momentum in the global textile industry. The stakeholders including Governments and other players across the value chain are increasingly taking steps to ensure that no sourcing / production or value addition has been carried out using cotton or downstream products of Xinjiang cotton.

Traceability in the supply chain to ensure clean cotton and cotton products is being demanded by the US Government as well as companies, retail chains and brands based in USA. USA is one of the largest importers of Cotton Yarn, Cotton Fabrics and Made-ups from India. USA imported USD 150 million worth of Cotton Yarn, USD 308 million worth of Cotton Fabric and USD 2600 million of Made-ups from India in 2021, i.e., more than USD 3 billion worth of Cotton Textile products.

The US Department of Homeland Security has laid out a strategy to implement The Uyghur Forced Labour Prevention Act (UFLPA). In this connection they have released a list of business entities in Xinjiang that produce or manufacture products with forced labour ([copy enclosed](#))

In consideration of the fact that the USA is one of our major markets and the stakes involved in bilateral trade between India and USA is very high, we advise our member companies sourcing cotton yarn and cotton fabric from China to take the necessary precaution to ensure that the products sourced by them from China have no linkages to Xinjiang.

Companies sourcing under the Advanced License Scheme through suppliers nominated by the buyer are requested to maintain the details of the order/contract. Similarly, companies importing yarn and fabric for sampling purposes are requested to kindly maintain the records of the same. Other companies are advised to take all the necessary precaution to ensure that there are no linkages in the sourcing of upstream products to Xinjiang.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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