



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Sub : Inviting suggestions on Revision of Harmonized System (HS) to include Sustainability, Circularity and Traceability.

Dear Member,

The Council has been informed by the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF), Zurich regarding their upcoming participation in a symposia on enhancing the Harmonized System (HS) to support environmentally sustainable trade organised by the World Customs Organization (WCO). (To view a copy of the HS Symposia-Session 3 – Kindly [Click Here](#)).

Titled as “The Textile Industry: The interaction between textiles and environment”, the symposium will take place in a hybrid format on November 8th, 2022. The objective of the symposium is to contribute in the debate on the best approach for the identification of textile products that are sustainably obtained or that are used for the purposes of environmental protection.

During the symposium, with an overarching general theme of “Visualising a Greener HS”, the HS-codes for fibres, textiles and garments are going to be discussed. As you are aware, HS with relevant codes are revised every 5 years. The WCO is keen to initiate discussion with the private sectors and other relevant partners for the HS-revision in 2027 – as to how it can be revised including aspects like: Sustainability, Circularity and Traceability.

It is against this backdrop that ITMF is seeking thoughts and inputs from the Member Associations including TEXPROCIL and their Member Companies. In view of the above, we request all our Members to provide their views and suggestions directly to ITMF under intimation to the Council using one of the following mediums as suggested by ITMF Secretariat:

- By writing an email to Dr. Christian Schindler, Director General, ITMF on email: Christian.Schindler@itmf.org
- By calling the ITMF Secretariat on [+41 44 2836380](tel:+41442836380) and/or
- By participating in the Zoom-meetings on Friday, 4th November 2022 or on Monday, 7th November 2022. (meeting schedules / links will be shared shortly)

For any further information required in this matter, please write to Mr. Rajesh

Satam / Ms. Kalavathi Rao at TEXPROCIL on email rajesh@texprocil.org / kala@texprocil.org.

Since this WCO-event is taking place very soon, the Council and the ITMF request inputs (on urgent basis) from as many members as possible on “How the Harmonized System (HS) should be revised in a way that is beneficial for the global textile value chain”.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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