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Sub: Issues/Challenges related to Rules of Origin in India-Australia ECTA

Dear Member,

The Council is in receipt of a message from the Trade Negotiations Bilateral Division, Dept. of Commerce seeking views/feedback on the issues/challenges faced by Members of Trade related to Rules of Origin in India-Australia ECTA.

As you are aware, India-Australia ECTA came into force on 29.12.2022. Various committees have been constituted by the Dept. of Commerce for overseeing the operationalization of the said agreement and to help exporters/importers seize the opportunities provided by this Agreement and achieve sustainable growth of bilateral trade between India and Australia.

Further, a Joint Technical Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation has been constituted under Article 4.32 of this agreement to identify challenges faced by the Trade & Industry and propose strategies/solutions to overcome them.

In this regard, a meeting of such Committees/Working Groups is scheduled in the first week of March 2024.

Members are therefore requested to provide your views / feedback, latest by Wednesday, 14th February, 2024 to shailesh@texprocil.org, sybil@texprocil.org and annie@texprocil.org on the following:

- (1) Challenges related to the Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures faced by the exporters/importers since its entry into force.
- (2) Any inconsistencies w.r.t. the relevant RoO provisions, highlighting the sector impacted.
- (3) Any setbacks or obstacles to the free movement of goods between India and Australia under the India - Australia ECTA

Members may kindly make a note of the above and do the needful at the earliest for enabling us to send the same to the Dept. of Commerce within the given time limit.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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