



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL
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To: Members of the Council

Sub.: Cross border trade resumes at ICP-Petrapole

Dear Member,

The ICP at Petrapole on India-Bangladesh border is the largest land port and presently handling above 35 percent of bi-lateral trade taking place between the two countries. Due to restrictions imposed by the local administration of the Govt. of West Bengal, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the trade has come to a grinding halt through Petrapole- Benapole international land border.

In view of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) order dated 15-4-2020, the Council has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Commerce & Industries to allow resumption of export of textile products through Petrapole land customs and we are glad to inform you that Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) vide Office Memorandum dated 29th April 2020 clarified that the West Bengal state administration is agreeable to carry out transshipment of EXIM cargo on the zero line of International Border (IB) from Indian trucks to Bangladeshi trucks and vice-a-versa.

Considering the prevailing circumstances and with a view to resume cross border trade at ICP-Petrapole, it has been decided to allow transshipment of EXIM cargo on zero line of Petrapole-Benapole international land border.

All the stake holders are accordingly requested to take suitable steps for resuming the cross-border trade, while adhering to COVID-19 protocol.

A copy of Office Memorandum dated 29th April 2020 issued by LPAI is attached [\(click](#)

[here](#))for your refefrence.

Regards,

Dr.Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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