Circular No.EPS/12/2017-18

To: Members of the Council

Sub: Safeguard Measures on import of Cotton Yarn into Indonesia

Dear Member,

As you are aware, Indonesia had imposed Safeguard duties on the import of Cotton Yarn effective from June 6, 2011 till June 5, 2014. The duties were imposed on “Cotton Yarn other than Sewing thread falling under HS codes 5205 and 5206”. Subsequently, after a review process initiated in December 2013, the Safeguard duties were extended for another three years from June 6, 2014 to June 5, 2017. These Safeguard Measures are scheduled to end on June 5, 2017.

Since Indonesia is one of the leading export markets for Cotton Yarn in South East Asia, and also taking into account the Government’s “Look East Policy”, we had taken up this matter with the Government of India to initiate appropriate steps so that the Safe duties are abolished. We had also suggested to the Government of India to seek consultations with Indonesia under the aegis of WTO DSB.

We are glad to inform you that we have received a message from the Embassy of India in Jakarta, Indonesia confirming that the said Safeguard measures on Cotton Yarn will terminate on 5th June 2017 and no further investigation on the extension of the safeguard measure (sunset review) has been proposed. In other words, the measure will come to an end on 5th June 2017.
We would request you to kindly take a note of the above while negotiating future orders for Cotton Yarn with the buyers from Indonesia.

Regards,

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