Dear Friends,

The journey into the New Year and especially the arrival of a new decade with it, presents fresh opportunities for reflection, stock-taking & setting of new goals.

Even though the current rate of GDP growth in India indicates a slow-down in the economy, the rising aspirations of a multitude of Indian businesses to achieve high income growth remains unabated.

The current deceleration in growth is seen across other economies as well & is expected to moderate this year i.e. 2020. This recovery is expected to be mostly driven by emerging and developing economies including India.

Expectations are thus high regarding policy initiatives for improving competitiveness in the various manufacturing sectors especially in the textiles & clothing industry which has the ability to create a vast number of additional jobs.

A new textile policy, speedy clearance of pending claims under the TUFs, implementation of the RODTEP Scheme across the entire textile value chain, simplification of GST procedures are a few initiatives to look forward to in the new year.

Friends, this edition of the E-newsletter is a combined issue spanning the last two fortnights and highlights the Council’s participation in Heimtextil, Germany which is the first major event held at the beginning of each year for Home-Textiles.

Closer home, the Council held its prestigious Export Award function, recognising the excellent export performance by our members.

Recent Announcements

As the New Year commenced, the Government issued the much awaited clarification regarding the simultaneous availment of higher ROSCTL & enhanced MEIS scheme by exporters of Garments & Madeups. While the notification issued on 14th January ends the 11 months uncertainty, withdrawal of MEIS entitlement from March 7, 2019 (the date on which ROSCTL was announced) has come as a rude shock to the trade & industry.

Clawing back of MEIS claims already settled from March to July (after which MEIS applications were not being accepted by DGFT) is an onerous task as is the work relating to adjusting these claims within the overall limits of the ROSCTL Rate. The withdrawal of MEIS with retrospective affect also poses challenges to exporters as they have realised the amounts, received the export benefit and also paid tax on the receivables. Many Companies will suffer cash losses.
The Council on its part has taken up the matter with the Ministries of Textiles, Commerce & also Finance. We are pleading with the Government to make the notification take affect prospectively & not retrospectively.

A positive development at the commencement of the new year was the welcome extension by the DGFT of time frame to submit requests for block wise extension in the export obligation and also for submission of installation certificates under the EPCG scheme until March 31, 2020 vide Public Notice No. 55 / 2015 -20 dated January 3, 2020. The Council has advised its members to take note of the same and act upon it accordingly.

TEXPROCIL Annual Export Awards Function

The Council held its annual export award event on 16th January 2020 at the prestigious ballroom venue of Hotel ITC Grand Central, Mumbai. Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon’ble Minister of Textiles and Women & Child Development felicitated all the awardees.

The Hon’ble Minister stated that shewas happy to see the good work of exports being passed on from generation to generation and further progress can be made with the support from the banking sector. She also commended the Council for honouring export firms in the SME sector and for generating highest employment including women employees.

Earlier, in my welcome address, I appreciated the efforts being made by the Honb’le Minister to resolve various issues affecting our export sector & requested her to ensure that taxes/ duties paid by each segment of the textile value chain is reimbursed under the newly announced RODTEP Scheme.

Mr. Manoj Patodia, our Vice Chairman proposed a Vote of Thanks.

HEIMTEXTIL 2020

The Council participated in the 50th edition of Heimtextil 2020 held in Frankfurt, Germany from January 7-10, 2020. With 405 companies, India was the second largest participant at the fair. The Council participated with 20 exporters.

The response at the Fair was subdued as the industry across the world is currently facing huge challenges. Many of those taking part at Heimtextil have really felt this.

The Council’s booth served as an information centre to a large number of buyers visiting the fair. The enquiries received at Council’s booth are being compiled for dissemination among all the members.

Way forward

Friends, as the New Year has begun we remain hopeful for a better trading environment with demand picking up in leading markets. If the Government refunds the incidence of state and central levies as envisaged under it’s proposed RODTEP Scheme across the value chain it will go a long way in boosting our exports. There is a need to consider the textile value chain as an integrated continuum in order to reap the benefits of our presence in the entire textile chain unlike many other countries.

A fresh approach to resolving the issues confronting an old industry like TEXTILES would be a fine way of commencing our journey into the new decade.

Dr. K. V. Srinivasan
Chairman
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TEXPROCIL CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS OF TEXPROCIL EXPORTS AWARDS 2018-2019

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Every year the Council recognizes the role played by exporters by giving out awards in different categories. This year the Council distributed fifty eight awards in thirty two different categories, including the coveted Platinum trophy for the highest global exports. Recognising the role played by MSME units in India and given that the growth of MSMEs is one of the many thrust areas of the government, Texprocil also added an Award for the highest employment generated by MSME units this year.

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon’ble Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development, was the Chief Guest at the event. While congratulating the Award winners, Dr K V Srinivasan, Chairman, Texprocil in his opening remarks stated that the exports of textiles &amp; clothing were severely affected by the global situations like the trade conflict of US with China, EU’s struggle with Brexit, the growing geo-political tensions in the Middle East and the removal of GSP benefits to India by US.

In the backdrop of these challenges the Chairman thanked the government for taking the initiative in recognising the incidence of state and central tax levies and their impact on the competitiveness of exported textile goods by announcing the new Scheme of the Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products i.e. RoDTEP, which he hoped will address the issues of duties and taxes suffered by the entire value chain.

The Chairman also lauded the Hon’ble Minister for her personal efforts to get the Gazette Notification of March 7, 2019, announcing RoSCTL for Garments & Made-ups implemented vide Notification dated 14 January 2020.

Dr Srinivasan also requested the Hon’ble Minister to consider the cotton textiles sector as a value chain in continuum mentioning that any attempt to selectively grant incentives to certain segments of the value chain leads to unintended distortions and consequences. A case in point is the systematic exclusion of cotton yarn from the package of incentives since 2014, he added. He further reiterated that Cotton yarn also bears the same incidence of state and central levies as in the case
of made ups and garments. He said that cotton yarn should be covered under the RoSCTL scheme and the MEIS and should also be covered under the 3% Interest Equalization scheme.

The Chairman finally concluded by thanking the Hon’ble Minister for her personal intervention in various matters relating to the progress and growth of the industry.

The General Manager (SME), State Bank of India Shri S Kalyanram then addressed the gathering on the significance and importance of the relationship between the banks and the exporters and highlighted the facilities provided for MSMEs.

The Chief Guest, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani then distributed the Texprocil Awards.

In her address, the Hon’ble Minister said that with the growth of textile industry lies the growth of India and also thanked SBI for being part of the ceremony and supporting the industry as bankers play an important role in textile and clothing exports. She said that the textile industry has made India proud through its achievements only because of the commitment and dedication of the current and earlier generations.

The Hon’ble Minister was also in agreement with the many issues pointed out by the Chairman Texprocil in his welcome address.

Coming to the cotton procurement and auction process, the Minister promised speedy resolutions in honouring commitments and selling the fibre at competitive prices rather than being purchased and then stocked by CCI.

Ms Irani also assured the industry that she will continue to pursue in bringing the hank yarn obligation down further from the current percentage of production.

The Minister also mentioned that in the new Mission on Cotton she will explore ways of replicating the success of CDRA which is presently benefiting about 170,000 farmers. She said that the industry should make farmers partners and along with gainful employment for women the sector should look at quadrupling its exports and assured that the Ministry will also stand shoulder to shoulder with the industry in these efforts.

Smt Irani requested the Chairman Texprocil to handhold small companies and take them along so that they may reach the level of a medium sized companies.

Finally appreciating the efforts of Texprocil for leading from the front she requested CCI, Texprocil and the Skill Development Ministry to come together and prepare a paper on mechanizing the cotton picking methods to reduce contamination and assured the full support of the Ministry of Textiles towards this effort.

Mr Manoj Patodia, Vice Chairman of Texprocil then proposed a Vote of Thanks.

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

**TEXPROCIL@HEIMTEXTIL 2020**

Heimtextil is the biggest international trade fair for home and contract textiles. The first trade fair of the year for its sector, it is a climate and trend barometer for the new business year. Enthusiastic visitors, unique exhibits, and inspiring conversations – are the remarkable highlights of the lively and exciting atmosphere of Heimtextil held in January every year. With its globally unique product variety, Heimtextil reigns supreme as – the event for textile lovers.

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**About Heimtextil 2020 Fair**

Heimtextil – the world-leading trade fair brought together the international home textiles industry, at its 50th anniversary edition with a major focus on sustainability held during 7-10 January 2020, in Frankfurt, Germany. During this edition, 2952 companies from 65 countries presented their innovations to around 63,000 visitors from 156 countries across the globe. The anniversary edition supplied inspiration in relation to the most exciting new products and encouraged exchanges between representatives of industry and trade, design, interior architecture and hospitality.

- **Exhibitor Profile** - Globally unique product variety ranging from decorative and furniture fabrics to textiles for the bedroom, bathroom and table, wallpaper and sun protection systems.
- **Visitor Profile** - Retailers, wholesalers, designers, furniture and bedding stores, interior decorators, interior architects, architects, hotel outfitters and many other decision makers come to Heimtextil every year in January.
- **Fringe Programs** – anniversary edition of Heimtextil offered over 150 lectures and panel discussions, 30 guided tours of the trade fair and numerous other programme events. Above all, the highly frequented ‘Trend Space’ with its unique trend showcase provided important industry content that was absolutely in line with the times.

**India Pavilion @ Heimtextil 2020**

TEXPROCIL organized group participation of 20 Indian companies under the MAI Scheme of Government of India. The participation was highlighted with special promotions highlighting the ‘Incredible Textiles of India’ programme of Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. Specially designed fascia distinguished the Council’s participants from the general participants. Other groups exhibiting in the fairs included companies participating through PDEXCIL, EPCH and HEPC along with companies booked directly with Messe Frankfurt.

**Marketing and Publicity of the Indian Pavilion**

Messe Frankfurt India, the Indian arm of Messe Frankfurt, Germany supported TEXPROCIL in creating an awareness of Indian participation at the Show along with publicizing the TEXPROCIL organised RBSM ‘Ind-Texpo’ with a view to promote and invite buyers to register for the show in March in Coimbatore, India.

A special edition of ‘MFI Pavilion’ booklet highlighted the Indian Group participation. Also the fascia at the stalls of India Pavilion participants were specially designed incorporating “Incredible Textiles of India” branding to make their distinct presence felt at the exhibition.

**Visit of Indian Delegation**

A high level delegation under the leadership of Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor to Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India visited the fair for two days to have a first-hand account of the prevailing home textiles market situation across the world. The delegation comprised of Shri Sibin C, Director, Industry and Commerce, Govt. of Punjab; Dr. K V Srinivasan, Chairman, TEXPROCIL and Dr. K N Prabhu, Chairman, HEPC.

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On the first day, the delegation visited the German Textile Machinery manufacturer 'Karl Mayer' and held meeting with Dr. Helmut Pressi, CFO of the company. During the course of the day the delegation held meetings with Heads of the Indian Councils participating at the show and visited the stalls of Indian participants. Day 2 of the visit saw the delegation visit Trend Forum and International pavilions along with visiting the Exhibitors of 'Incredible Textiles of India' pavilion in the fair.

Support from the local mission
The office of the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt, Germany actively supported the participating Indian companies at the fair. Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, Consul Commercial accompanied Shri Moloy Chandan Chakrabortty, Textile Commissioner and interacted with the Indian participants. Smt Pratibha Parker, Hon’ble Consul General of India at CGI, Frankfurt visited the fair on the 2nd day and accompanied the Indian delegation during their visit to the fair.

Feedback from the participants
The 50th anniversary edition of Heimtextil 2020 met with a subdued response as the industry across the world is currently facing huge challenges. Many of those taking part at Heimtextil have really felt this. Companies exhibiting at the pavilion, especially the SMEs were generally concerned with reduction in buyers’ footfalls owing to the prevailing economic situation and geopolitical tensions in some parts of the world. However, large players and brands have reportedly conducted successful meetings with existing buyers and potential new customers from various international markets and conduct business and explore new business opportunities.

TEXPROCIL Information Stall
TEXPROCIL set up the ‘Indian Pavilion’ in Hall 10.2 stand no. B05 ad measuring 36 sqm. The entire value chain of yarns, fabrics and home textiles were showcased through themed backdrops highlighting India's strength in the textile industry. The story highlighted 150 years centenary celebration of ‘Mahatma Gandhi’ along with promotion of ‘Incredible Textiles of India’ range of products.

The information counter set up by TEXPROCIL was inaugurated by Shri Moloy Chandan Chakrabortty, Textiles Commissioner, Govt. of India along with Ms. Ruby Jaspreet, Consul Commercial at the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt, Germany.

TEXPROCIL brochures and pamphlets along with special promotional bags were distributed freely through the stall along with promotional flyers of the RBSM ‘Ind-Texpo’ for buyers interested in sourcing textiles from India.

The Council’s information booth saw a steady stream of visitors, the information on which is being separately circulated to all members.

Conclusion
The Indian participants at the fair strongly feel that there are a few areas which would require government intervention and strategies by the Industry so that the present level of exports of around US $ 5 million from India can be increased to US $ 8-10 million in the next 3-5 years. The Indian participants expressed their desire to remain as one contiguous pavilion despite the challenges faced.

The next Heimtextil, international trade fair for home and contract textiles, will take place from 12-15 January 2021 in Frankfurt am Main.
Dear Member,

Kindly fill in your complete information below and respond to the questions below by tick (✓) marking appropriate response in the space provided or with suggestions in brief wherever necessary. We value your association with us and prompt feedback.

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1) Kindly rate the following services offered by Texprocil on rating of 1 to 5. in order to serve you still better.*

1 = Excellent, 2=Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 4 = Needs Improvement, 5 = Not Availed (N.A.)

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2) a. Are you generally satisfied with the services actively availed by your company and marked above? **Tick (✓)**

   YES [ ] NO [ ]

b. If you have replied ‘no’ above, please suggest how the Council can improve the services (use additional sheet if required)

   Suggestions:

3) How is your company benefitting from the Exhibitions / BSMs being organized by the Council? **Tick (✓)**

   Accessing new Markets [ ] Generating additional business [ ]

   Making new Contacts (Trade Enquiries) [ ] Any Others [ ]

   Others (Pls. Specify): [ ]

4) How is your company benefitting from the Export Facilitation services being provided by the Council?

   Information on Export Policy / Procedures [ ] Responses to various EXIM queries [ ]

   Redressal of Trade related grievances [ ] Any Others [ ]

   Others (Pls. Specify): [ ]

5) Have you recommended TEXPROCIL Membership to other companies? **Tick (✓)**

   YES [ ] NO [ ]

6) Do you have any other suggestions to offer regarding TEXPROCIL Member Services? (use additional sheet if required)

   Suggestions:

*Kindly ignore this feedback form, if you have already responded.*
The Annual Renewal Subscription for the financial year 2019-2020 for existing members has become due for payment from 1st April, 2019, as follows:

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Note: GST Invoice will be issued on receipt of payment.

Note for Members:

- Members are also requested to submit the CA Certificate as per the format given below certifying the Export Turnover for the financial years 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 i.e. the amount of actual FOB value of exports of Cotton Textiles excluding Readymade Garments and Handloom Textiles.
- Members may note that the eligibility criterion of annual export turnover is minimum Rs. 2 Crore. Those not fulfilling the criteria will automatically be renewed as RTE i.e. Registered Textile Exporter.
- RTEs are not required to submit the CA certificate.

Format of Chartered Accountant Certificate to be submitted by Members only:

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT CERTIFICATE
(on C.A.’s Letter Head)

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that M/s. ______________________ (Name and full address of the Member) having IE code No. __________________ have exported Cotton / Cotton Yarn / Cotton Fabrics / Cotton Madeups (Excluding Handloom Items / Readymade Garments and Silks, etc.) during the financial year 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 as follows:

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(Stamp & Signature of Chartered Accountant)
(Membership No. of Chartered Accountant)
(Firm Registration No. of Chartered Accountant)

PLACE: ____________________________
DATE: ____________________________
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Note to Members & RTEs whose RCMC has expired on or before 31.03.2019:

Please apply immediately for renewal of RCMC with the following documents (self-attested copies) on mail or upload them online through member login from TEXPROCIL’s website:

[1] Copy of Importer-Exporter Code (IEC) of the company
[2] In case of Manufacturer Exporter, a copy of Manufacturing Licence
[3] In case of changes in Partners, a copy of revised deed of partnership
[4] In case of changes in Directors, a copy of DIR-12 or Board Resolution for those who have resigned and newly appointed.

Members may obtain RCMC & Renewal documents online through member login on TEXPROCIL’s website. The procedure is as follows:

- Go to the Membership Login Menu and click on ‘Enter Now’ at Membership Management Program
- Since you are already registered member of the Council, you need to choose Registered Member at Member login page between New Member and Registered Member.
- Once you click on Registered Member, you should type your email id registered with the Council for the login purpose as User Name and type company’s Importer Exporter Code (IEC) code as password.
- You can view all the details of your company and can get RCMC, renewal documents etc. by clicking on ‘Company Details’.
- You can also upload your export returns online.

(For any further queries please write to Mrs. Smita Dalvi on email : smita@texprocil.org)