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Additional duties imposed by Turkey will adversely affect exports of textiles, Chairman, TEXPROCIL

Turkey has imposed Additional Duties on a wide range of products vide Notification dated April 20, 2020 which includes "Textiles & Clothing" products. Additional duties of 8 to 12% on Cotton Yarn and 25% on Made ups and 35% on Apparels has been imposed.

"The additional duties imposed by Turkey will adversely affect exports of Cotton Yarn and fabrics to Turkey" said Dr.K.V.Srinivasan, Chairman of The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL). Dr. Srinivasan pointed out that there was already an Additional duty of 20% imposed on fabrics in 2011 and this has now been increased to 25%.

These duties will be applicable on shipments effected from April 20, 2020 and will be valid till September 30, 2020.

Exporters are already facing unprecedented challenges on account of COVID-19 and are reeling under the combined impact of closure of production facilities due to lockdown on the one hand and cancellation of export orders on a large scale and non-receipt of payments against shipments already made on the other hand.

With huge disruptions caused in the main export markets of US and EU due to COVID-19, the additional duties imposed by Turkey has further aggravated the problems for textiles exporters, according to Dr. Srinivasan.

"In these crisis times, Countries should not create additional tariff barriers for commonly traded commercial products but enable normal development of trading activities" said Dr. Srinivasan.

The Chairman, TEXPROCIL urged the Government to take up this matter immediately with the Turkish Government so that textile products exported from India to Turkey are exempted from the Additional Duties.

Dr. Srinivasan also appealed to the Government to include Cotton Yarn under the MEIS since Turkey is an important market for this product.