



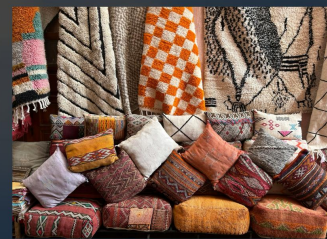
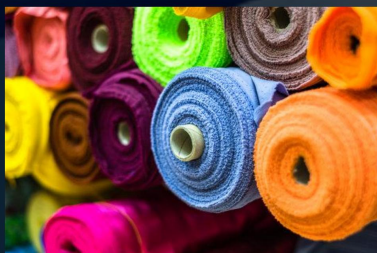
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India's Cotton Textile sector gets a massive boost under the India–New Zealand FTA.



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Sub: India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement Signed – Opportunities for Indian Cotton Textile Exporters

Dear Madam / Sir,

As you may be aware that India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was officially signed on 27th April 2026, in New Delhi, by Hon. Union Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and New Zealand's Trade and Investment Minister Mr. Todd McClay

This is a landmark agreement, an important step forward in strengthening bilateral trade and investment between the two nations and it presents a major opportunity for Indian Cotton Textile sector along with all other sectors.

The key highlight relevant to the Cotton Textile Sector is Indian Cotton Textile Exporters will get zero-duty market access for almost all tariff lines, covering a wide range of products.

-- India's Cotton Textile Exports to the New Zealand stand at USD 42.77 million during calendar year 2025 which accounts for approximately 22.23% of New Zealand's global Cotton Textile imports.

--The New Zealand's total Cotton Textile imports from the world is USD 192 million of which India currently captures only USD 42.77 million, indicating significant untapped potential.

--This FTA is expected to boost India's Cotton Textile Exports to the New Zealand by 30%-40%, during coming financial year i.e., FY 2026-27.

--Indian Cotton Textile Exporters will have a competitive advantage through duty-free tariff access, they can explore the long-term partnerships, joint ventures, and technology exchange. It is a big boost for MSMEs and exporters.

The official India New Zealand FTA document is available on below link :

<https://www.commerce.gov.in/#/international-trade/trade-agreements/agreement-of-india-nz-fta>

Members are requested to go through the relevant paras of their product sector, also refer in above link

2A - Schedules of Tariff Commitments

2A1 - Schedule of Tariff Commitments

2A2 - Schedule of Tariff Commitment of NZ

Chapter 3 Rules of Origin

3A - Product Specific Rules of Origin

Please find [enclosed herewith](#) Factsheet for India - New Zealand Free Trade Agreement

By utilizing the preferential tariff structure, you can increase the exports of your products and improve market penetration in New Zealand and contribute to India's overall Textile Export growth. We request members to review the important links of India-New Zealand FTA provided above.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The India-New Zealand FTA is yet to come into force. Its effective date is still to be announced, as it requires ratification by both countries. Therefore, immediate preferential access to New Zealand is currently unavailable.

TEXPROCIL will organise a detailed session on in-depth analysis of India-New Zealand FTA with focus on Textile Sector in due course.

In case of any queries or issues regarding India-New Zealand FTA, please mail us at sybil@texprocil.org ; ramitha@texprocil.org with a copy to shailesh@texprocil.org

Regards,

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