

Export Performance:-

EPCs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	April-Sept. 2017	April-Sept. 2018	Growth (%)
Plexconcil	7.67	7.63	7.55	8.80	3.07	4.01	30.6
Chemexcil	12.66	11.68	12.06	15.91	6.95	9.40	35.1
Capexil	13.94	13.08	15.23	18.00	8.39	10.44	24.4
Shefexil	3.51	1.61	1.57	1.90	0.90	1.01	13.4

Value in US \$ Billion

All the 4 EPCs recorded remarkable positive growth during the current Financial Year.

	Issues	Status
CHEMICALS	Expansion of Interest Equalisation Scheme by adding more Tariff lines of Chemical Sector and making the Scheme available to merchant exporters. (Action: DoC/MoFinance)	Letter sent to DGFT vide no.-5/6/2016-EP(CAP) dated 6.11.2017. Reminder sent to DGFT vide No.5/6/2016-EP(CAP) dated 12.10.2018
	To allow import of Technical Pesticides from all sources without the need for registration, especially for export purposes. Action:- CIBRC	CIBRC has till date, not shared the notification issued by it with regard to simplification of registration process. Reminder was sent to CIBRC vide letter No. 5/6/2016-EP(CAP) dated 11.10.2018.
	To speed up the process of environmental clearance from Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) for EOU Projects. (Action: MoEF)	Letter has been sent from CS to Secretary , MoEF vide D.O. No.5/6/2016-EP(CAP) dated 30.08.2018.
	Support for Data Development: SMEs in India are facing problem in REACH registration due to high cost of registration and high data acquisition. Due to this, many SMEs in India are not able to register for REACH, thereby losing access to the European market. Reimbursement of data generation / testing charges for Chemicals under MAI Scheme (Action: EMDA/IFD, DoC)	Proposal sought from CHEMEXCIL vide e-mail dated 8.10.2018. Reminder sent to E&MDA Division on 12.10.2018.

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CHEMICALS	<p>Focus on Research & Development: Both India and China are having sister institutes set up with support of UNIDO. The Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology (IPFT) at Gurgaon, needs to be similarly facilitated and more GLP approved labs are needed so as to make our products suitable for registration in developed markets. (Action: DCPC)</p>	<p>Sought comments from CHEMEXCIL vide e-mail dated 9.10.2018</p>
	<p>Focus on pesticide molecules going off patent Indian companies can explore opportunities to take up contract manufacturing for global companies or enter into a JV with companies abroad for manufacture of odd-patent molecules. (Action: DCPC/Industry associations)</p>	<p>Sought comments from CHEMEXCIL vide e-mail dated 9.10.2018</p>
	<p>Agrochemical Export must be supported by Intermediates:- Focused cluster based intermediates hubs, in vicinity of agro industry hubs need to be developed with policy support. (Action: DCPC, CIBRC)</p>	<p>Inputs sought from CHEMEXCIL vide e-mail dated 9.10.2018</p>

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Support is required for the development of new castor hybrid varieties for higher yields, shorter duration, higher oil content and mechanization possibilities. (Action: DoA)	Inputs on Action Plan Castor Oil Value Addition and Finance required awaited from CHEMEXCIL vide reminder e-mail dated 9.10.2018
Review of India-ASEAN FTA in respect of Chemicals products. Also, the import duties on Soap /Surfactants (Ch3401/3402) and Oleochemicals, especially Fatty Alcohols (Ch 382370/290517) may be increased from Zero to at least 15% as domestic capacity of all these products is far in excess of the domestic demand.	Letter sent to DGFT vide no.-5/6/2016-EP(CAP) dated 6.11.2017. The Action Plan has been shared with the respective Divisions / Departments / Ministries and comments / suggestions were sought from them vide OM no.-5/3/2018-EP(CAP) dated 11.09.2018
Amendment to Gazette Notification Number 3156 dated August 09, 2018 for banning of Pesticides and to allow manufacture of products viz..(Dichlorvos, Triazophos and Phorate) and their respective formulations for export only.	Matter has been taken up with Directorate of Plant Protection , Department of Agriculture and Cooperation vide letter No, K15015/1/2017-EP(CAP) dated 27.09.2018
Trade Barriers on India export to China	Chemexcil request forwarded to FT(NEA) Division for necessary action vide OM dated 17.10.2018.

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Common for all 4 EPCs	<p>Seek Support from our Embassies/Missions abroad</p>	<p>We have asked EPCs to share the details of the 20 important export destinations of their products and also the potential destinations where the products exported from India are being imported but India's export share in these destinations is less vide e-mail dated 14.09.2018.</p>
	<p>To create awareness among domestic manufacturers - To hold stakeholder consultation by the four EPCs in important cities, regularly. · Consultation with State Governments to understand the existing potential and share - Interactive session will be organised by four Councils amongst the exporters to find out the reasons for not entering in the new markets, and how to facilitate new exporters (Action: EPCs)details of all manufacturing associations and manufacturing units</p>	<p>We have directed EPCs vide letter dated 18.07.2018 to take action in this regard and furnish month-wise report of the action taken to this Department. Also, communication has been sent to respective State Governments to provide information pertaining to their states so that the stakeholders be made aware about Department Trade policies, programmes , incentives and support extended by the Government vide Letter No.5/3/2018-EP(CAP) dated 26.09.2018</p>

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Common for all 4 EPCs	<p>Removal of pre-import condition for claiming IGST exemption under duty elimination schemes of Advanced Authorisation/ EPCG/ 100% EOUs. Government in October 2017 exempted the payment of integrated tax and Compensation Cess for the supplies made for exports under Advanced Authorisation scheme. However a “pre-import” condition was introduced which implied that to avail this exemption, exporters have to first import the raw material and then export the finished goods. This condition didint exist in pre-GST. Various representations have been received from exporters association. Even post GST, the imports under Advanced Authorisations are exempted from payment of Basic Customs Duty, ACD, Safeguards Duty, wherever applicable, whether goods are imported prior to exports or subsequent to exports. Only in case of Integrated Tax and Compensation Cess, the pre-import condition has been imposed creating practical difficulties for the exporters and capital blockages for them.</p>	<p>A proposal has been sent to D/o Revenue. The proposal will be considered by the Committee of Exports under the chair of Finance Secretary shortly.</p> <p>NOTE:- This matter was initially added in the Action Plan for EP(CAP). However, since this is a common issue for all Sectors and all EPCs. DGFT is taking action on this and as on date, this has been included in the Action Plan for cross-cutting sectors.</p>

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PLASTICS	<p>Manufacturers in plastics industry, especially SMEs, largely have outdated technology/machines with high operational cost and poor efficiency- Establishing a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) may provide assistance for up gradation to modern and efficient machinery. (Action: DCPC)</p>	<p>Reminder has been sent to PLEXCONCIL on on 9.10.2018 seeking detailed proposal in the matter.</p>
	<p>Allowing import of virgin PVC industrial scrap (Action: DGFT /DCPC/MoEF)</p>	<p>Letter sent to DGFT vide letter No. No.5/3/2018-EP(CAP) dated 10.07.2018. A consolidated reminder has been issued on 12.10.2018.</p>
	<p>Seeking support for technology upgradation of Human hair industry</p>	<p>Request of Human Hair association has been forwarded to Office of DGFT, CBEC, DCPC, MSME, MHA, Ministry of Rural Development , Deptt. of Science and Technology, FT(WANA) & LAC Division vide letter no.- 7/5/2016-EP(CAP) dated 28.08.2018. A consolidated reminder issued on 12.10.2018.</p>

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	<p>Plastic processing industry is dependent on imports of DOP plasticizer:(Diocetyl phthalate) as the local production is very small. Inclusion of HS code 29173200 in India-Korea CEPA agreement so that BCD exemption can be availed. (Action: FT-NEA)</p>	<p>Letter sent to FT(NEA) Division vide letter No. No.5/3/2018-EP(CAP) dated 10.07.2018. Reminder issued on 12.10.2018.</p>
	<p>Benefit of SAFTA treaty may be extended to PVC flooring and PVC leather cloth reducing the custom duty to 20% and 8% respectively. (Action: FT-SA, DoC)</p>	<p>Letter sent to FT(SA) Division vide letter No. No.5/3/2018-EP(CAP) dated 10.07.2018. Reminder issued on 12.10.2018.</p>
	<p>Plasticizers are not getting export benefits for export to Nepal and Bhutan. The exporters informed that their exports to these countries are not allowed under dollar exchange and are considered under domestic exports. As a result, the exporters are unable to received export benefits and could not compete with foreign competitors.</p>	<p>Detailed representation along with justification to be submitted by the EPC in this regard.</p>
	<p>- Jumbo bags: Import duty in USA may be reduced and inverted duty structure regarding GST</p>	<p>Detailed representation along with justification to be submitted by the EPC in this regard.</p>

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CAPEXIL	Pre-Import Condition on Natural Rubber	Matter has been taken up with DGFT vide OM dated 14.09.2018 for examination / necessary action. A consolidated reminder has been issued on 12.10.2018.
	Issues regarding Natural Stones & products Panel of Capexil	Matter taken up with M/o Mines vide D.O. letter 6/12/2014-EP(CAP) dated 12.04.18 and reminder dated 27.09.18. Also, the State-wise issues have been forwarded to M/o Mines and MoEF for appropriate action vide OM dated 18.10.18.
	Animal By-product Panel – i. Requirement of NOC from Wildlife Authority ii. Opening up of Factory Stuffed containers by Custom Authorities at ICDs/Ports	Matter taken up with CBEC and MoEF for necessary action vide OM dated 5.10.2018.
	- Plywood Panel – i. Amendment in Export Policy of Sawn Timber, i.e. 30% value-addition requirement may be changed to 15% value-addition ii. Export of sawn timber may be allowed freely from all ports.	Matter taken up with DGFT vide OM no.-6/8/2015-EP(CAP) dated 4.10.2018. A consolidated reminder sent on 12.10.2018.
	Tyres exported to Nepal under SAFTA have been affected due to change in HS code classification of some products.	The representation has been received from CAPEXIL/ATMA. Under examination, being processed.

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SHEFEXIL	- Guar Meal – Revision of Classification of Guar Meal	SHEFEXIL has submitted a Pre-budget proposal in this regard to this Department which will be taken up appropriately..
	SHEFEXIL's MAI Proposal for conducting Toxicity Study of Shellac (E 904) based on the Public Call issued by EFSA	The proposal would be discussed during the Sub-Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 23.10.2018 under the Chairmanship of JS(R).
	Research to support use of Guar Gum (E412) in food for infants below 16 weeks of age in response to Call for data by EFSA, EU(Action:- E&MDA)	The proposal has been recommended to E&MDA Division for consideration. would be discussed during the Sub-Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 23.10.2018 under the Chairmanship of JS(R).
	Product Development for moving up the Value Chain – Guar Gum	Second tender to be floated by SHEFEXIL. Bid document finalized. The Council initiated dialogue with DAVP Authority regarding the cost estimate / media plan for advt. of the Notice of the 2nd Tender which is in process.
	On board Nutraceuticals into Shefexil’s portfolio of Vegetable Saps & Extracts and focus on their export growth (Action:- SHEFEXIL)	SHEFEXIL to submit representation in this regard to this Department.

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SHEFEXIL	Focus on North East India exports – Proposal for conducting the feasibility study for value chain assessment and to assess the feasibility to establish a bamboo tech park in NER (Action:- SHEFEXIL)	SHEFEXIL was advised to submit its proposal to DACFW) and seek support under NBM. The Council mentions that they have submitted a proposal in this regard under MAI Scheme since directly seeking support under NBM looks difficult.
	Plea for reduction of GST of 18% on Guar Gum Powder, ITC(HS) code 13023230 to 5% under the GST schedule	Pre-Budget Proposal submitted by SHEFEXIL in this regard; the same will be taken up appropriately.
	Institutionalizing MEP (Minimum Export Price) for Shellac & Lac based products (Action:- DGFT)	This Division have requested DGFT to examine the matter and furnish appropriate advice to the Council vide OM no.-K-15021/2/2017-EP(CAP) dated 23.08.2018. A consolidated reminder issued on 12.10.2018.
	Enhance exports of 25 identified herbs (medicinal plants) - (Action:- SHEFEXIL)	Shefexil has formally awarded the study to RIS. In the meantime, RIS has invited appl. for Research Associate/Assistant for the said project.
	Reduce Trade Barriers by negotiating for zero duty market access under various FTA negotiations (Action: SHEFEXIL).	SHEFEXIL to furnish inputs concerning Trade Negotiations to the Territorial Division under intimation to EP(CAP) Division with justification and appropriate facts.