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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject : Regarding the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) linking India to Central Asia and Russia via Iran
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This has reference to the communication dated 08.03.2017 received from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce regarding the **International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) linking India to Central Asia and Russia via Iran.**

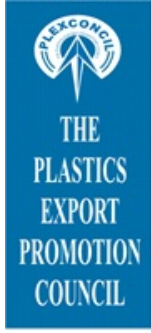
This is likely to get operationalized shortly and it would offer a shorter and cost effective trade route for India's bilateral trade with Russia and other CIS countries.

The Dry Run carried out by the Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India (FFFAI) in 2014 and transportation of 5 containers from Bengaluru to Moscow via INSTC route in October, 2016 has clearly demonstrated that compared to the traditional route from Mumbai via St. Petersburg which takes about 41 days, the INSTC routes take only about 20 to 25 days. Efforts are underway to further reduce the transportation time to 19 days. At this stage, there are two operational INSTC routes :

- (i) Mumbai – Bandar Abbas – Astara – Samur – Moscow
- (ii) Mumbai – Bandar Abbas – Amirabad – Astrakhan – Moscow

At present, except India and Oman, all other 12 countries which have signed the INSTC Agreement, are signatories to TIR convention, 1975. Union Cabinet has on 6th March, 2017 approved India's accession to the Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and for completion of necessary procedures for ratification. This will facilitate seamless movement of container cargo from India to Russia with further reduction, in transit time and transportation costs. Once volume of Exim cargo increases, there could be further reduction in transportation costs.

As informed by Department of Commerce, our Honorable Prime Minister is likely to formally 'flag off' the first shipment through INSTC route on 13th April 2017.



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Member exporters, exporting to Russia and CIS countries are requested to use INSTC route for their shipment. Interested members are requested to contact our council official in this regard at the earliest. A detailed presentation on INSTC route is available on the link :-

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With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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