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To,

All Members of Plexconcil /COA Members

Dear Sir(s)

Subject: Regarding Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations

This is with reference to the ongoing Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations.

The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India, has provided us a list of tariff lines which need to be kept in the Exclusion List for imports from China and in the Exclusion List for imports from other countries along with other related Tariff Lines. You may download the excel file (<https://goo.gl/VwCErg>) and refer to the two sheets for review having RCEP review list number 1 with 410 Tariff Lines & RCEP review list number 2 having 26 Tariff Lines.

The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India has advised to further examine the sensitivity of these tariff lines depending upon existing production capacity and proposed future investments and other related data. In order to allow the domestic industry sufficient time to adjust to become competitive before reducing custom duty to 0%, you may consider various options of reduction of customs duty in a phased manner. The reduction in custom duty may start after some number of years and thereafter may be fully eliminated in next some number of years.

You are kindly requested to provide inputs on following:

1. Tariff line wise comments with the proposed staging with justification.
2. Regarding Rules of Origin, Industry may give their opinion as to which option out of CTH or Value Addition of 40% is beneficial to Indian industry.
3. Industry associations may also indicate the tariff lines on which they want to take aggressive position for getting free access to the RCEP countries.

Kindly forward your inputs by **7th August, 2018** to bharti@plexconcil.org

Yours sincerely,

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