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To,

- (i) Executive Director
Chemexcil, Mumbai
- (ii) Executive Director
Plexconcil, Mumbai
- (iii) Executive Director
Capexil, Kolkatta
- (iv) Executive Director
Shefexil, Kolkatta

Subject: Minutes of the meeting chaired by Shri Shyamal Misra, Joint Secretary to discuss the action required to be taken by the Councils regarding the GSP review initiated by United States.

I am directed directed to enclose the minutes of the meeting held on 04.05.2018 under the chairmanship of Shri Shyamal Misra, Joint Secretary on the above subject for information and appropriate action.

Encl.: as above



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Minutes of the meeting chaired by Shri Shyamal Misra, Joint Secretary to discuss the action required to be taken by the Export Promotion Councils regarding the GSP review initiated by United States Trade Representative.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of JS(SM) in Room No. 141, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi on 4.05.2018 at 12.00 Noon to discuss the way forward in the matter of review undertaken by the USTR of Generalized System of Preferences for India. The meeting was attended by the all the EDs, Chairman (Chemexcil) and a few panel members of the four councils.

2. Chairman initiated the discussion by first inviting attention of all the participants towards the recent communication of NAFTA Division dated 23rd April, 2018 to all EPCs informing about the United States (U.S.) extension of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Benefit and review of Country specific eligibility by United States Trade Representative (USTR). India is one of the largest beneficiaries of GSP and is being now reviewed for its extension. The Chairman briefed the participants about the issue stating that if any country receives GSP benefits, then the US based importers can import products under less import duty from such a country and there is a benefit of around 4% as compared to importing the same product from any other Country that is not entitled to receive GSP benefits. The Products receiving GSP benefits are from all the 4 EPCs.

3. The Chairman discussed the Products of all the 4 EPCs along with Chapter heading that receives GSP benefits which are summarized as under:-

Chapter	Chapter Heading	EPC
29	Organic Chemicals	CHEMEXCIL
38	Miscellaneous Chemical products	
32	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	
33	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	
85 (Part only)	Electrical Insulators only	CAPEXIL
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	
40	Rubber and articles thereof	
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	

70	Glass and Glassware	
69	Ceramic products	
35 (Part only)	Peptones	
90	Medical disposables, writing instruments including Ballpoint Pens	PLEXCONCIL
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	
63	woven sacs, etc	
39	Plastics and articles thereof	
56	Fishnets	
5	Human Hair	
96	Ballpoint Pens	
67	Wigs	
13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	SHEFEXIL

2. The Chairman took note of the products receiving GSP benefits and directed all EPCs to contact their major exporters of all the items that are likely to be affected if GSP benefits are not extended to India and that the EPCs may ask their exporters to make valid representations along with their arguments therein specifying the benefit their exported material provides to their importers US based importers and to the industry as a whole, well before the deadline. Also, the member exporters of the EPCs may also request their partners/importers in the US to make similar representations before USTR therein submitting the benefits they derive in importing products from India and the benefits that the imported goods provide to their economy in terms of value-addition and re-exporting, etc.

3. The Chairman directed the EDs of the 4 EPCs to coordinate this effort of their member exporters and submit a consolidated report by 15th May, 2018 to this Department.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Participants:

1. Shri Shyamal Misra, Joint Secretary, EP (CAP) Division, DoC - Chair
2. Shri Vijay Shanker Pandey, Under Secretary, EP (CAP) Division, Doc
3. Shri M.F. Vohra, Panel Representative, CAPEXIL
4. Shri Satish Wagh, Chairman, Chemexcil
5. Shri S.G.Bharadi, Executive Director, Chemexcil
6. Shri SribashDas Mohapatra, Executive Director, Plexconcil
7. Shri T.K. Bhattacharyya, Executive Director, Capexil
8. Shri S.G. Bharadi, Executive Director, Chemexcil

9. Dr. Debjani Roy, Executive Director, Shefexil
10. Shri Sanjeev Diwan, Regional Director, Plexconcil
11. Dr. J.P Tiwari, Regional Director, Chemexcil
12. Shri Vibhor Sharma representative from Jubliant Lifesciences
13. Shri Sachin Kumar Sharma - M/s SRF Ltd
14. Shri V Gopalkrishnan, VP-SCM - M/s Excel Crop Care
15. Shri Dilip Singh - M/s Aditya Birla Group
16. Representative from M/s Garware