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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(EPL-I Section)

Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce during November 2022

I. Export Infrastructure

- Development Commissioners of various SEZs during the month of November, 2022 have approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 757.647 Crore, which will also provide employment to approx. 15362 persons.
- During the month, under Trade Infrastructure for Export Schemes (TIES), Rs. 31.72 Crore was released for the following projects-
 - i. Rs. 3.56 Crore released for Air Cargo Complex at ICD Sanganer, Jaipur, Rajasthan project of Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Limited(RAJSICO).
 - ii. Two ongoing projects(I. Provision of 3 MLD Water Supply System in SIPCOT Industrial Park, Cuddalore and II. Establishment of Export Trade Facilitation Centre at SIPCOT IT Park, Siruseri) of States Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited(SIPCOT) supported with total financial assistance of Rs. 9.35 Crore.
 - iii. Total TIES grant of Rs. 18.81 Crore released for development of Mini Tidel Parks in Villupuram, Thoothukudi and Thanjavur Districts of Tamil Nadu

II. Export Promotion

- Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL) organized "Virtual Buyer Seller Meet between Indian Exporters of Ceramic Products and Qatari Importers" in association with IBPC, Qatar under the Aegis of the Embassy of India in Qatar on 01.11.2022.
- CAPEXIL conducted Webinar Programme with MSME Development & Facilitation office, Chennai and National Accreditation Board for certification Bodies (NABCB), New Delhi on 18th November 2022.
- Basic Chemicals, Cosmetics and Dyes Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXIL) organised a webinar on RBI Guidelines for exports- exports bills and payments, a seminar on Growth of Exports through FTAs at Vatva GIDC Ahmedabad and a webinar on MSDS Regulation Updates and Obligation in South Korea on 7th, 23rd and 24th November 2022 respectively.
- Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL) organised meeting with the Chairman of Laghu Udyog Bharti on 11th November 2022 to discuss the Council participation at the editions of Laghu Udyog Bharti, an initiative of the Government of Rajasthan. The event targets the small and medium sector enterprises to participate for the fruitful outcome of their business entrepreneurs.
- To promote Saurashtra Plast 2022 exhibition which is being organised at Race Course Ground, Rajkot from 14th - 17th December, 2022, a road show was organised on 12th

November, 2022 to connect with Industry participants. PLEXCONCIL participated in this road show and explained members the activities and services offered by Council.

- PLEXCONCIL organised Cosmoprof Italy 2023 Show Exhibitor's meeting on 16th November, 2022 to finalize various preparatory work pertaining to India Pavilion exhibitors which is scheduled to be held during March 2023 at Bologna, Italy.
- PLEXCONCIL organised webinar on Importance of Insurance and Risk Management for Plastic Industry on 23rd November 2022.
- PLEXCONCIL participated at Indplas 2022 trade fair in Kolkata from 25th - 28th November, 2022.
- Telecom Equipment & Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) organized India pavilion in Africacom 2022.
- Information of 72 upcoming projects was circulated to Project Export Promotion Council (PEPC) members in November 2022.
- Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) organized Indian electronic component company's participation during 15th-18th November 2022 in Electronica Germany, which is the world's largest trade fair for the electronics components and sub-assemblies. 19 companies participated at the event under ESC banner.
- ESC organised National Start-up Conclave in New Delhi. Around 100 start-ups participated in the event.
- Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) organized Jewellery Arabia from 1st to 26th November 2022. The show was executed and concluded with 68 companies participating under the India pavilion and feedback was collected from the exhibitors.
- GJEPC organised International Gems and Jewellery Show (IGJS) Dubai 2022 from 1st to 10th November 2022. The show ended well, and feedback was collected from the exhibitors.

III. MPEDA

- MPEDA enrolled 185 farms, formed 4 new cluster farms and organised 154 campaigns benefitting 1866 farmers during November 2022.
- 12 exporters and 1 handling facility were issued certificate of registration. Currently 429 EU approved seafood processing establishments and 69 EU approved cold storages are present.
- MPEDA participated in the Busan International Seafood & Fisheries Expo (BISFE) 2022.

IV. Promotion of Plantation Sector

- Rubber Board initiated rubber planting in North East under NE MITRA Project with a commitment of financial support to the tune of Rs.1,000 Crore from four participating tyre companies for five years from 2021 to 2025 for developing 200,000 ha rubber plantations. The maximum support for rubber plantation development as committed by

the contributing tyre companies is Rs 50,000 per ha. Total planting is 27227.64 ha, so far.

V. Export Credit, Insurance and MAI Assistance

- During November 2022, ECGC Ltd. has supported exports of Rs 53,314 Crore, earned a premium of Rs 110 Crore, issued 1083 policies, added 1,424 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs 58 Crore.
- During November 2022, National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) Trust has supported projects worth Rs 1084.75 Crore and issued covers worth Rs. 1835.01 Crore.

VI. Bilateral Trade

- Pursuant to laying down of the report on 18th November 2022 by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaty (JSCOT) on Ind-Aus ECTA, the Australian Parliament approved the Ind-Aus ECTA and thereafter received assent of the Executive Council, leading to ratification of the Agreement from the Australian side. India has also received the Presidential Assent and the agreement stands ratified from our side. In the light of above, India and Australia had exchanged written notifications on 29th November, 2022. The Agreement will enter into force 30 days after this exchange of written notification between India and Australia in accordance with Article 14.7 of the Agreement. Accordingly, the Agreement will come into effect from 29th December 2022.
- An inter-ministerial meeting was held on 22nd November 2022 to discuss the pending issues related to India-Russia Sub-Working Group on elimination of trade barriers.
- The 17th CII -Exim Bank Regional Conclave on India – Southern Africa Growth partnership “Creating Shared Futures” was held from 31st October – 1st November 2022 in Johannesburg, South Africa, with the support of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The event had delegates comprising of leading Indian industry and representatives from 16 SADC countries from Africa. The Conclave covered a diverse range of sectors pivotal to Indian – Southern Africa collaboration and had the participation of more than 35 speakers from India and Africa. The event focused on key areas especially trilateral partnerships and emerging opportunities in the services sector – Healthcare & Pharmaceutical, IT / ITES Education & Skill Development, besides the traditional sectors of partnerships – Agriculture & Food processing, Power and Energy, Infrastructure, and financial Partnership. The Conclave also sensitized Indian industry about the opportunities that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) can usher to boost the trade and economic ties with the region and prepare them to realise the same.

VII. DGFT

- Regional Authorities of DGFT have issued 15,414 Authorizations/Scrips under various FTP Schemes viz., Importers/Exporters Code (IEC), Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), Service Exports from India's (SEIS), Advance Authorizations and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during November 2022.

- One-time relaxation for submission of hard copy of applications for claiming assistance under the erstwhile 'Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products' Scheme (foreclosed by Department of Commerce w.e.f. 31.03.2021). (Trade Notice No. 21/2022-23 dated 25/11/2022)
- Allocation of quantity 5841 MT (raw/refined) Sugar by EU for export from India under TRQ for the year 2022-23 & allocation of quantity 8606 MTRV raw cane sugar by USA for export from India under TRQ scheme for US fiscal year 2023 – regarding. (Public Notice No. 36/2015-20 dated 16/11/2022)
- Modification in Standard Input Output Norms (SION) of Textiles (Product Code 'J') : Amendment in SION J-222 – reg. (Public Notice No. 37/2015-20 dated 25/11/2022)
- Fixation of new Standard Input Output Norms (SION) at E-136 for export of wheat flour (Atta), deletion of SION E-110, amendment in Appendix 4J and insertion of new para 4.05 (iii) under Handbook of Procedures 2015-20- reg. (Public Notice No. 38/2015-20 dated 25/11/2022)
- Amendments under the Foreign Trade Policy in sync with RBI A.P.(DIR Series) Circular No.10 dated 11th July 2022 (Notification No. 43/2015-20 dated 09/11/2022)
- Incorporation of new policy condition against HS Code 1006 40 00 (Notification No. 45/2015-20 dated 29/11/2022)
