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All Members/Members of the COA

Dear Sir(s),

**Subject : Stakeholder's Consultation meeting on Trade in Good's Commitments under RCEP on 28.02.2019**

**Ref. No. : DI/Export/Consl.Trade/RCEP/2019/B.2149 dated 20.02.2019**

As members are already aware that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a free Trade Agreement being negotiated involving 16 countries namely ten countries of ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and their six free trade agreement (FTA) partner i.e Australia, China, India, New Zealand and South Korea. The RCEP negotiation have entered a critical stage having completed 5 years which was aptly captured by the 2<sup>nd</sup> RCEP Leader's Summit communiqué held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 in Singapore acknowledging a substantial progress in the negotiation. RCEP countries count for 32 percent of global GDP and 28 percent of global trade. From India's point of view, RCEP is a natural extension of India's Act East Policy with long term strategic interests in the integrating Indo-Pacific region.

Department of Commerce, Govt has entrusted the center for Regional Trade (CRT) to undertake an independent assessment of India approach in the RCEP negotiations through stakeholder's consultation across the country on tariff modalities. Accordingly, one Day Stakeholder's consultation meeting is organized of various stakeholders from the State to gather inputs with respect to the trade in goods commitments that India should look for in its negotiations. In this regard there is a Stakeholder's Consultation meeting in Mumbai on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Our council will be representing the Plastic industries in this meeting.

**Concern members are requested to go through the questionnaire and reply accordingly. Yours input should reach us on or before 25.02.2019 to the undersigned at [bharti@plexconcil.org](mailto:bharti@plexconcil.org)**

th best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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## **Stakeholders' Consultations for RCEP: A Questionnaire\***

1. Please specify the products (at HS 6/8-digit level) you export to the RCEP member-countries or expect to export in future.
2. What is the value of your exports to the RCEP member-countries and to the rest of the world?
3. Do you wish to get tariff reductions from the RCEP member-countries for your export products? If yes, then from which tariff level to what level and in which country?
4. Please specify the products (at HS 6/8-digit level) you import from the RCEP member-countries.
5. What is the value of your imports from the RCEP member- countries and from the rest of the world?
6. Your views on India's tariffs vis-à-vis RCEP member- countries. Do you want any import duty reductions for your imports from the RCEP member-countries? What type of phasing out in the tariff schedule would you wish to see?
7. What is the production capacity of your item? If you have a surplus, are you exporting it to the RCEP member-countries? If you are having a deficit in production capacity, are you meeting it through imports from the RCEP member-countries?
8. Please provides a profile of your product/sector in the context of RCEP with projections for the next 20-30 years.
  - Whether you would be sufficiently producing to meet the domestic demand without importing from the RCEP member-countries, or would you be having a surplus production capacity so that you can enhance your exports to the RCEP member-countries?
9. Do you feel there is any presence of inverted duty structure?
10. Do you face any problem with respect to infringement of Rules of Origin?
11. Do you face any problem in meeting the Rules of Origin in exporting your products and acquiring the relevant Rules of Origin certification?
12. If you are facing any other issues relating to trade with the RCEP member-countries, please specify.
13. Do you face any Non-tariff barriers: SPS/TBT issues?