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To,
All the Members of Plexconcil

Dear Sir / Madam,

Greetings from Plexconcil!

Subject : Regarding members inputs on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures & Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

As members are aware that Agreement on application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) provide the framework for balancing public health, safety and other concerns while ensuring that they do not become unjustifiable barriers to trade .

Sanitary & phytosanitary (SPS) measures are quarantine and biosecurity measures which applied to protect human, animal or plant life or health from risks arising from the introduction, establishment and spread of pests and diseases and from risks arising from additives, toxins and contaminants in food and feed.

The Technical **Barriers** to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.

The SPS and TBT Committee meeting which are attended by WTO members are held triannually at the WTO, Geneva. The meetings give an opportunity for member countries to raise their concerns with regard to SPS and TBT measures imposed by other member countries, with a view to seek response from the resolution of several grievances raised by exporters domestically.

The Department of Commerce is the nodal department to take up such issues at various platform, including WTO. In order to effectively participate in the deliberations, Indian Plastic companies needs to raise its trade concern multilaterally as well as bilaterally.

In this regard, council will be sharing monthly report to the DoC, therefore members are requested to upload their trade concern on following Google form link with regard to SPS and TBT on or before 25th of each month. In case of any difficulty, members may approach to the undersigned at bharti@plexconcil.org

Link for submission of trade concern: <https://forms.gle/7nHpciZzARZKcVWf6>

Members are requested to use this online platform for resolving their SPS and TBT query.

Best regards

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