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- **Meeting with DoCPC for exempting Polyester Fibre and Yarn not available in India for the scope of mandatory QCOs**

Based on the industry's requests, Secretary General-CITI, Ms. Chandrima Chatterjee had a meeting with the Secretary (DoCPC) on 16th April 2024 to discuss the exemption of certain categories of specialized polyester yarns that are not manufactured in India and are import-dependent (in terms of quality or quantity) from the scope of the recently announced QCOs, as also request for the inclusion of DoCPC in appendix 2Y of FTP – 2023 to enable the provisions for exempting inputs from the mandatory Quality Control Orders (QCOs) issued by the DoCPC for AA, SEZ and MoU units.

CITI also shared the appropriate data with DoCPC to support the above requests as asked by the DoCPC after the meeting.

Considering the urgency of the matter for the industry, SG-CITI again held a meeting with the Secretary (DoCPC) on 2nd May 2024 to discuss the progress made on the above industry's requests. It was informed that DoCPC is examining all the data and is in discussion with stakeholders of the entire value chain. Industry can expect an outcome soon in this regard.

Industry may take note of the above.

- **Inputs for the India-Bhutan Commerce Secretary Level Meeting (CSLM)**

India and Bhutan have a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which is aimed at enhancing bilateral trade and economic cooperation for the mutual benefit and development of the two countries.

Both countries organize regular bilateral meetings on Trade, Commerce, and Transit at the Commerce Secretary Level (CSLM) which has not only been effective in finding appropriate solutions to trade and transit issues hindering bilateral trade but has also proved to be a dedicated forum to explore new avenues for expanding trade and commerce between the two countries.

The last CSLM was organized on 3rd November 2021 and as per the communication received from the Department of Commerce (DoC), the next CSLM between both countries is proposed to be held shortly.

Accordingly, DoC has invited inputs/suggestions from the various stakeholders for the preparation of the agenda for the upcoming CSLM.

It is therefore requested to share inputs/suggestions on this upcoming CSLM by 9th May 2024 so that the same can be forwarded to DoC for necessary action.



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• **Meeting of the Textile Machinery and Accessories Sectional Committee, TXD 14 of BIS**

This is to inform the industry that the 22nd meeting of the Textile Machinery and Accessories Sectional Committee, TXD 14 was held on 20th April 2024 through virtual mode.

The major highlights of the meeting are as below:

- The committee discussed and finalized the drafts for publication without any changes for the draft IS 7175: Textiles – Cots for Top Rollers
- It was also discussed that BIS shall prepare a revision draft of IS 9568 (Part 3): Specification For Metallic Card Clothing – Part 3 Wires For Cylinder, Doffer and Licker-In and the same shall be widely circulated for two months for eliciting technical comments from stakeholders.
- During the meeting, the committee scrutinized the standards published before the year 2000 due for review and decided to archive the below standards:

#	Standard	Title
1	IS 3265 : 1987	Specification for weft pirns (taper fit) for use in shuttles for plain calico looms (second revision)
2	IS 7075 : 1983	Specification for cardboard tubes used as cores for jute fabric rolls (first revision)
3	IS 11511 : 1985	Specification for bobbin carrier for jute spinning frame
4	IS 14675 : 1999	Bottom drafting rollers for CHARKHAS — Specification
5	IS 14676 : 1999	Spinning rings used in CHARKHAS — Specification
6	IS 14711 : 1999	Textile machinery and accessories — Frame components of CHARKHAS — Specification

Additionally, the below given standards have been reaffirmed by the committee:

#	Standard	Title
1	IS 10948 : 1984 / ISO 570 : 1982	Dimensions of heald carrying rods for healds with closed 'O' shaped end loops
2	IS 13866 : 1994 / ISO 5239 : 1980	Textile machinery and accessories — Winding — Basic terms



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• Revision of Duty Draw Back Rates for a few items of Textile & Apparel

As the industry is aware that in order to promote exports, the Ministry of Finance vide its Duty Drawback Scheme rebates the incidence of Customs and Central Excise duties, chargeable on imported and excisable material respectively when used as inputs for goods to be exported.

The duty drawback rates are revised from time to time. Recently, the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) vide Notification no. 33/2024-Customs dated 30th April, 2024 have increased the duty drawback rates for the below items:

- HSN 630201- Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen of cotton : Duty drawback increased from 2.6% to 3% and upper cap increased from Rs 40.5 per Kg to Rs 68.9 per Kg
- HSN 630202 - Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen of blend of MMF and Cotton - Duty drawback increased from 2.4% to 2.6% while upper cap remains the same.

Additionally, it is also clarified that the term “counts” wherever used in Chapter 52 shall mean “counts in New English (Ne)”

Industry may take note of the above and may plan their Export/Import accordingly.

• Draft Indian Standards into Wide Circulation

It is to inform the industry that the below given Indian Standard(s)/Amendment(s) have been prepared by the concerned technical committee of BIS and issued in wide circulation for public comments:

#	Document No	Title	Type	Last Date for Comment	Link for Documents
1	TXD 31 (25547) WC	Continuous Filament Polypropylene Yarns - Specification	New	2-07-24	https://tinyurl.com/2emj6bxx
2	TXD 31 (25551) WC	Viscose Rayon Cut Staple (Spun) Yarn - Specification (Second Revision)	Amendment	2-06-24	https://tinyurl.com/2emj6bxx
3	TXD 32 (25486) WC	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Monofilament Mosquito Netting Round Mesh - Specification (First revision)	Revision	30-06-24	https://tinyurl.com/3t8xm7fk
4	TXD 32 (25487) WC	Determination of Flammability by Oxygen Index	Revision	30-06-24	https://tinyurl.com/3t8xm7fk
5	TXD 32 (25486) WC	Methods of Test Part 2 Determination of Resistance to the Exposure of UV Light Moisture and Heat Xenon-Arc Type Apparatus	Revision	30-05-24	https://tinyurl.com/v7d8xtn2



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Industry members are requested to kindly examine the draft Indian Standard(s)/Amendment(s) and forward their views stating any difficulties which they are likely to experience in their business or profession, if these are finally adopted as Indian Standards/amendments to Indian Standards.

It may kindly be noted that the comments should be shared in the prescribed template through the link provided in the table.

- **Invitation to participate in the Webinar on Enhancing Indo-Swiss Textile & Apparel Trade – reg.**

CITI and Swiss Textiles Association, the leading Associations of T&A, signed an MoU in November 2023 intending to promote bilateral trade and investment as also engage for more product-specific B2B interactions' knowledge sharing, & capacity building, etc. based on the respective core competencies of both the countries.

In this context CITI in association with Swiss Textile Association is organising a Webinar Series first of which is scheduled to be held on **16th May 2024 at 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM** on “**Enhancing Indo-Swiss Textile & Apparel Trade**”.

	Save the Date & Join the Webinar!	SWISS TEXTILES
Enhancing Indo-Swiss Textile & Apparel Trade B2B Series 1.0 16th May 2024, 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm (IST)		
Speakers		
<small>Mr. Manoj Patodia Managing Partner, Patodia Overseas Exports & Vice Chairman & MD, Prime Urban Development India Ltd</small>	<small>Mr. Dinesh Nolkha Vice Chairman, CITI & Managing Director, Nalin Spinners Ltd.</small>	<small>Mr. Peter Flückiger Chairman of the Board, SWISS TEXTILES</small>
<small>Mr. Ashwin Chandran, Deputy Chairman, CITI & CMD, Preeto Ltd.</small>	<small>Ms. Annabelle Hutter Managing Director, Santia Textiles</small>	<small>Mr. Wolfgang Haberl Sales Director, TextiColor</small>
Discussion Points: Market Analysis and Opportunities Industry Insights and Best Practices Technology and Innovation Showcases Policy Dialogues and Regulatory Updates Investment Opportunities and Financing		
<small>For further information on Programme / attending the B2B Webinar, please send your request to E: mail@citiindia.org M: 9013386941</small>		

This webinar will serve as a platform to explore and strengthen the textile and apparel trade relations between India and Switzerland.

The discussions will delve into market dynamics, regulatory frameworks, innovation, and potential avenues for mutual benefits.

prior free registration is mandatory to attend the event.

Registration link is: <https://shorturl.at/gITZ0>

Programme Details: <https://tinyurl.com/7kpfkhdT>

It is requested to kindly register for the above event to make it a success as also share your ideas/suggestions on probable topics for organizing the other webinars of this series.

It may be noted that



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• Data Analysis

- Turkey is one of the few countries after China and India which have the presence of the entire textile Value Chain.
- Turkey overtook India to emerge as the 6th largest apparel exporter to the world in 2020.


