

File No. 14/7/2013-TPD
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(Trade Policy Division)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
23rd May, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Sub: Non-tariff measures (SPS and TBT) issue being faced by our exporters to be raised in the forthcoming WTO SPS/TBT committee meetings.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the upcoming WTO TBT/SPS Committee Meetings which are scheduled to be held in June 2017. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise their concerns with regard to the non-tariff measures relating to SPS/TBT taken by any other member country.

2. The international scenario today is that countries are looking for even small opportunities to raise non-tariff measures. The response mechanism by us has to be strong to protect our exports and to gain market access. This forum of WTO SPS and TBT committees also gives an opportunity to raise long-pending issues which are affecting trade bilaterally. One of the outcomes of Standards Conclave is to raise aggressively SPS/TBT issues being faced by our exporters in these meetings.

3. It is requested to kindly identify issues that could be raised as Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) during the forthcoming meetings of SPS and TBT Committee. It is also requested that a small background note to the issue so identified along with details of its impact on our exports may please be provided. The updated concerns may be provided by 29th May, 2017.

4. This issues with the approval Joint Secretary, Trade Policy Division.


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To,

As per list enclosed