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Shri Abhay Udeshi, Chairman CHEMEXCIL meeting Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, CAEPD and Textiles. Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, Govt of India during export performance meeting dated 30th January 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi



Shri Abhay Udeshi, Chairman CHEMEXCIL meeting Shri. Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of India, government of India during export performance meeting dated 30th January 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi



Shri Raghuveer Kini, Director General, CHEMEXCIL on the dais along with the Chief Guest - Shri Ashok Shingare (IAS), Hon'ble District Collector, Thane (Centre) along with other dignitaries.

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Chairman's Desk



Dear Members,

Wishing you all a Happy Healthy & Prosperous New Year!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I address you through this second edition of the CHEMEXCIL NEWS. This platform is more than just a publication; it is a reflection of our shared vision, our challenges, and our unwavering determination to position India as a global leader in the chemical and allied industries.

As we continue our journey of fostering growth, innovation, and global outreach within the chemical industry, this platform remains pivotal in connecting our members, stakeholders, and partners.

The past months have brought both opportunities and challenges for our sector. The global economic landscape is evolving rapidly, with advancements in technology, shifts in trade policies, and an increasing emphasis on sustainability. As we navigate these changes, our industry continues to demonstrate resilience, and a commitment to excellence.

The chemical and allied sectors have always been at the forefront of industrial progress, contributing significantly to India's economic development. Despite global challenges and evolving market dynamics, our industry has demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability.

At CHEMEXCIL, we recognize our responsibility to support and empower our members in this

dynamic environment. Whether it's through organizing trade delegations, facilitating market access, or advocating policy changes, our efforts are focused on ensuring that Indian exporters remain competitive and confident on the global stage. We remain committed to supporting our members in navigating these complexities by providing valuable insights, fostering collaborations, and facilitating trade opportunities.

This edition of the bulletin is packed with insightful content that reflects the pulse of the industry. From updates on key policy developments and global trade trends to detailed reports on recent trade fairs and success stories, this publication aims to inform, inspire, and equip our members for future success.

One of our key focus areas this year is sustainability and green chemistry. The global demand for eco-friendly and sustainable products is on the rise, and it is imperative that we adapt to this shift. I encourage all our members to explore innovative solutions, adopt sustainable practices, and align with global environmental standards to stay ahead of the curve.

I am particularly pleased to note the active participation of our members in recent international exhibitions and B2B meetings. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been instrumental in showcasing India's capabilities and building strong global networks.

As we look ahead, I am confident that our collective efforts will continue to yield significant results. I urge each of you to stay engaged with CHEMEXCIL's initiatives, share your feedback, and contribute to the growth of this vibrant ecosystem. Together, we can overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and achieve new milestones.

I encourage you to leverage these resources to enhance your business strategies and expand your global footprint.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the editorial team and all contributors who have worked tirelessly to bring this edition to life. Your efforts are invaluable in making this bulletin a source of inspiration and knowledge for our entire community.

Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and grow as we strive to make India a powerhouse in the global chemical industry and work together in advancing our shared vision of making India a global leader in the chemical and allied industries. Wishing you all success, growth, and prosperity in your endeavours.

Warm regards, 

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In depth understanding of Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020



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"Section 28DA of the Customs Act 1962 therefore, empowers an importer to possess sufficient origin related information. The first point of query into origin of goods wherein preferential tariff treatment has been sought will now be an importer, shifting from G2G to B2G model."

While announcing CAROTAR 2020, the flyer issued by CBIC says *"Knowledge of this process helps the importer to identify any issue at an early stage. This will enable an importer to independently assess authenticity of the origin claim made by an exporter."*

Though the language emphasizes empowering the importer, in practice it significantly increases the importer's responsibilities when availing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) benefits for duty concessions or exemptions.

FTAs are negotiated by governments through bilateral or multilateral discussions, where both parties present their views and engage in negotiations. Both countries seek to safeguard their national interests, protect domestic markets, and promote their exports.

FTAs have better versions called **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)** and **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**. When a country negotiates CECA or CEPA, they include additional aspects critical to economic development. CECA covers *Trade in Goods, Rules of Origin, Trade in Services, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, Dispute Settlement, Movement of Natural Persons, Telecom, Customs Procedures, Pharmaceutical Products, and Cooperation in other areas*. CEPA goes a step further by incorporating *Government Procurement, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and*

Investment etc. etc.

When India signed its FTA with ASEAN countries in 2010, it was expected to substantially increase exports. However, actual trade data shows that imports have grown far more than exports. For ready reference - I am reproducing hereunder the trade details from ASEAN countries.

India's Trade Deficit With RCEP Countries
(US\$ billion)

	2019			2023		
	Exports	Imports	Trade Deficit	Exports	Import	Trade Deficit
Australia	3.0	10.6	-7.6	7.7	18.5	-10.8
Brunei Darussalam	0.1	0.6	-0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Cambodia	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.1
China	17.3	68.4	-51.1	16.2	121.9	-105.7
Indonesia	4.5	15.6	-11.0	7.4	24.0	-16.6
Japan	4.8	12.7	-7.9	5.1	18.8	-13.7
South Korea	4.7	16.1	-11.5	6.3	19.6	-13.3
Laos	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Malaysia	6.3	10.4	-4.1	6.7	12.6	-5.9
Myanmar	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	-0.3
New Zealand	0.4	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1
Philippines	1.6	0.6	1.1	1.9	1.5	0.4
Singapore	10.7	14.9	-4.2	12.0	6.9	5.1
Thailand	4.3	7.0	-2.7	5.1	10.7	-5.6
Viet Nam	5.5	7.4	-1.9	5.7	9.6	-4.0
RCEP Countries	64.4	165.4	-101.1	75.6	246.3	-170.6

Source: ITC trademap 2024

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Secretariat

Any FTA reduces/exempts the custom duty applicable on imports. In India, the average custom duty is 7.5% of CIF value and after adding Social Welfare Surcharge it practically becomes 8.25%. If basic custom duty on any item becomes zero, it practically means that the imported product would be cheaper by 8.25%. In other words, product imported under FTA has better market access in India in terms of cost.

As per CBIC's press release of 18th September 2020 – **CAROTAR, 2020 implements the commitment of Finance Minister in her Budget Speech 2020 to protect the domestic industry from misuse of FTAs. Finance Minister had said "Undue claims of FTA benefits have posed threat to domestic industry. Such imports require stringent checks. In this context, suitable provisions are being incorporated in the Customs Act, 1962."**

The primary intent of CAROTAR 2020, is to prevent

misuse of FTAs and safeguard domestic industries, particularly against concerns such as China using the ASEAN agreement to route its products into India. Against this background, the provisions of CAROTAR 2020 must be understood. There are three critical areas that must be carefully seen by every importer importing goods under FTA:

The importer claiming preferential rate of duty shall –

- (a) Maintain information as per **Form I** to demonstrate compliance with country of origin criteria, including regional value content and product-specific rules, and submit it to the proper officer upon request.
- (b) Retain supporting documents for **five years** from the bill of entry filing date and provide them when requested.
- (c) Ensure **accuracy and truthfulness** of the information and documents.

Requisition of information from the importer

- 1) If the proper officer suspects that the origin criteria under the Rules of Origin are not met, they may request relevant information and documents from the importer as per **Rule 4**.
- 2) If the importer fails to provide the required information by the due date or the submitted details are insufficient, the proper officer shall forward a verification proposal to the **nodal officer** under **Rule 6**.
- 3) The **Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs** may disallow the preferential duty claim without further verification if:
 - a. The importer **relinquishes the claim**, or
 - b. Available information proves that the goods do not meet the origin criteria.

Verification request

- 1) The proper officer may, during the course of customs clearance or thereafter, request for verification of certificate of origin from Verification Authority where:
 - a. There is a doubt regarding genuineness or authenticity of the certificate of origin for reasons such as mismatch of signatures or seal when compared with specimens of seals and signatures received from the exporting country in terms of the trade agreement.
 - b. There is reason to believe that the country of origin criterion stated in the certificate of origin

has not been met or the claim of preferential rate of duty made by importer is invalid.

- c. Verification is being undertaken on random basis, as a measure of due diligence to verify whether the goods meet the origin criteria as claimed.

There are few serious issues arising out of CAROTAR 2020 –

- (a) **Shift of Responsibility:** Previously, Certificates of Origin were issued by authorized agencies of the respective governments, ensuring that the verification process was handled by these agencies. Importers had minimal involvement, as exporters provided all necessary details related to Rules of Origin for the issuance of the certificate.
- (b) **Unilateral Implementation:** CAROTAR 2020 primarily targets Indian importers. Other FTA partner countries have not introduced similar requirements, and Indian exporters still rely on Certificates of Origin issued by the Export Inspection Council or other authorized agencies. Thus, CAROTAR appears to be a **unilateral measure**.
- (c) **Challenges for Merchant Exporters/Importers:** While manufacturers may have access to the information required under CAROTAR 2020, it is significantly more challenging for merchant exporters/importers. They often lack access to such details, especially when the information involves **confidential data**, particularly relating to processes.

Applicability of CAROTAR 2020

- Public Notice issued by Customs Office Mumbai; ICES Advisory No. 34/2020 dated September 17, 2020, effective from September 21, 2020 **states that new regulations apply for all import of goods into India, where importer makes claim of preferential rate of duty in any trade agreement.**
- When FTA/PTA notification is claimed, it is mandatory to **declare the item-wise details** as per BoE.
- The relevant documents pertaining to CoO under that PTA/FTA must be uploaded to **eSanchit** and Invoice Reference Number (**IRN**) should be declared for the specific item.

- In tandem with CBIC Circular No. 38/2020-CUS dated August 21, 2020, **an importer must perform due diligence before importing goods** to ensure that they meet the prescribed origin criteria.

Section 28DA in Customs Act, 1962

- **Importer will be the first point of inquiry into origin of goods** when seeking preferential tariff treatment.
- Provisions for cases where preferential tariff treatment may be denied without seeking verification from the exporting country.
- **Submission of COO alone does not guarantee provision of preferential tariff treatment.**
- **Claim denied without verification** – claims can be denied when
 - it is incomplete and not in accordance with the format
 - contains any alteration not authenticated by the issuing authority
 - produced after its validity
 - issued for an item which is not eligible for preferential treatment (description and HS code)

Important checks for every importer

- Goods to be covered under “Wholly Obtained” criteria:
 - Check the rule on ‘Wholly Obtained’ and see whether the import complies with
 - Confirm if all inputs like preservatives etc., are all originating. Some Agreements allow certain percentage of use (by value or weight) of non-originating elements. Check clause on de-minimis to know about the same
- Goods to be covered under “Partially Produced” criteria:
 - If supplier claims that goods have non-originating components but meets the originating criteria – check all relevant details in advance
 - Check if the claimed originating criteria applies to the tariff heading
 - Check Regional Value Content (RVC) and change at four/six digit level HS Code, as the

case may be

- Ask for details as listed on the Form appended with CAROTAR 2020

(You can check all these requirements from Indian Trade Portal)

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- While claiming the preferential tariff under respective trade agreement **only CAROTAR, 2020 provisions will apply.**
- All imports, where preferential tariff is claimed, will be governed by CAROTAR, 2020; documentation must comply with CAROTAR provisions.

Practical guide for importers

- Entire documentation has to be correct.
- Check HS codes, product specific restrictions, exemption notifications etc. etc. carefully.
- **Calculation of Regional Value content (RVC)**
 - Ascertain information about process. If possible, get documents explaining the process in advance
 - It is better to obtain drawings / Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) etc. which will help you confirm the process undertaken in exporting country/countries
 - Also ensure that process amounts to manufacture as per the contents of the agreement
 - Be careful about HS Code changes at Six-digit level
 - Where duty concession is granted at Eight-digit level examine the product more carefully.
- Ultimately, don't forget “Customs have passed on the responsibility to importers”.

Conclusion

To summarize, one must remember that the entire documentation with customs is online. Customs department uses AI and technology for examination of documents submitted online. Since customs is more equipped compared to you, you cannot have an attitude of “go and get it done” henceforth.

There is no option but to be knowledgeable.

Global Trade Commitments and National Law-The Intersection of SCOMET and India's Constitutional Framework



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Introduction to SCOMET, Wassenaar Arrangement, and India's Legal Framework

In the contemporary globalized world, export controls are pivotal in ensuring national security while fostering trade. India's Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment, and Technologies (SCOMET) list forms the foundation of its export control regime, especially for dual-use items. The recent A.R. Sales Pvt. Ltd. judgment vs Union of India & Ors. provides an important lens into interpreting and applying these controls in the Indian context, specifically concerning the Catch-All provisions that India incorporated as part of its international commitments under the Wassenaar Arrangement.

What is SCOMET?

SCOMET is a part of India's Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) and governs the export of goods and technologies that can be used for both civilian and military applications, referred to as dual-use items. The export of these items requires special authorization from the DGFT to prevent misuse, especially in the production of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) or for military purposes.

SCOMET is divided into various categories covering nuclear materials, chemicals, microorganisms, aerospace systems, and more. The Catch-All provisions in SCOMET allow authorities to regulate items not explicitly listed but which pose a risk of being diverted for military applications.

What is the Wassenaar Arrangement?

India joined the Wassenaar Arrangement in 2016, marking its commitment to controlling the export of arms and dual-use technologies in alignment with international norms. The Wassenaar Arrangement aims to prevent destabilizing accumulations of arms and sensitive technologies by promoting transparency and responsibility in transfers.

The Catch-All provisions were introduced to control the export of goods that, while not specifically listed

in SCOMET, might pose a threat to national or global security if used for military purposes. This provision, codified under Para 10.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, gives authorities the power to stop an export if there is suspicion that it might be used inappropriately.

Indian Constitutional Provisions and International Law

India's domestic legal system provides a strong foundation for integrating international commitments. Article 51(c) of the Indian Constitution directs the state to respect international law and treaties in its dealings with other nations. Although international agreements are not automatically incorporated into Indian law, Article 253 of the Constitution grants Parliament overriding authority to enact legislation for implementing international treaties, agreements, or conventions, even if such subjects fall under the State List (List II) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court of India has also played a crucial role in interpreting the relationship between international law and domestic law. As noted in the landmark judgment of *Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala* (1973), Justice Sikri held that the rules of customary international law are automatically incorporated into domestic law unless they conflict with municipal law. However, the power to enact a law for implementing an international treaty is not immune from constitutional restrictions, such as fundamental rights.

Catch-All Provisions under Indian Law

The Catch-All provisions in Para 10.05 of the FTP, 2023, allow the DGFT to regulate exports of items that are not specifically mentioned in the SCOMET list but could have military applications. These provisions were incorporated as part of India's obligations under the Wassenaar Arrangement, and they are in line with the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005. The catch all provision is not merely a part of the FTP. The importance that Government of India attaches to this requirement is evident from the fact that this requirement was incorporated a Section 14 C of the Foreign Trade Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 in August 2010 as a measure of India's commitment to International treaties in this regard.

Section 14 C reads:

Catch-all controls.

14C. No person shall export any material, equipment or technology knowing that such material, equipment or technology is intended to be used in the design or manufacture of a biological weapon, chemical weapon, nuclear weapon or other nuclear explosive device, or their missile delivery systems.

This control helps India regulate the export of items that may not have been listed but still carry the risk of being used for illegal purposes, ensuring national security and compliance with international treaties.

Facts of the Case: A.R. Sales Pvt. Ltd. vs Union of India

In *A.R. Sales Pvt. Ltd. vs Union of India 2024 (8) TMI 729 - DELHI HIGH COURT*, the petitioner, an exporter of civil/commercial aircraft parts, sought to export aircraft engines to Siberian Airlines. These engines were certified for civil use by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and cleared by the Defence Research and Development Organisation as well. However, the DGFT invoked the Catch-All provisions, blocking the export because the engines could potentially be diverted for military use.

The petitioner contended that:

- The engines were certified for civil use and did not fall under the SCOMET list.
- The company had complied with all regulatory requirements, including submitting end-user certificates.
- The DGFT's invocation of the Catch-All provisions was unjustified and speculative.

Court's Reasoning and Judgment

The Delhi High Court ruled in favour of A.R. Sales Pvt. Ltd., emphasizing the importance of rational implementation of export regulations. The court observed:

- The engines in question were certified as civil-use engines, and the DGFT's decision lacked concrete evidence to support its suspicion that the engines could be used for military purposes.
- The court acknowledged the importance of dual-use controls but stated that economic interests must be balanced with security concerns. Simply because an item has potential military applications

does not mean its export should be blocked if all certifications point to civil use.

- National legislation, even when aligned with international law, must be applied in a way that does not unduly hinder legitimate trade.

The court quashed the DGFT's notification and allowed the export, reaffirming that items cleared for civil use should not be subject to undue restrictions based on hypothetical concerns.

But the fact that was not taken into account is that the possibility of diversion and the objective of the Catch-all control is to take care of such eventualities. In such matters the fact that the impugned goods were not specifically covered under the SCOMET list should not have been a decisive factor.

Recommendation:

The judgment in *A.R. Sales Pvt. Ltd. vs Union of India* is a landmark ruling that underscores the importance of rationality and balance in export regulations. While India's obligations under international treaties like the Wassenaar Arrangement are crucial for global security, their domestic implementation must be carefully calibrated to avoid over-regulation that stifles legitimate trade.

India's Catch-All provisions are critical for maintaining national security, but they must be applied judiciously. **The DGFT should consider appealing the decision to the Supreme Court, not to contest the court's reasoning, but to seek further guidance on how to strike the right balance between trade facilitation and security concerns.**

This case also highlights the importance of clarity in guidelines for businesses, especially exporters dealing in dual-use items. The DGFT should issue clearer directives on when and how the Catch-All provisions should be applied to ensure that legitimate exporters are not subjected to unnecessary restrictions.

In light of India's international commitments, such as its membership in the Wassenaar Arrangement, this judgment could serve as a global precedent. It reinforces the need for clarity and fairness in the application of export controls, ensuring that national security and economic interests are given equal priority in the implementation of international agreements within domestic law.

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The Role of BIS and QCO in India's Standardization Ecosystem



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Introduction:

In a rapidly globalizing economy, ensuring product quality and safety is indispensable for consumer trust and fair-trade practices. India, one of the world's largest economies, has established a comprehensive regulatory framework to maintain product standards. At the heart of this framework are the Bureau of

Indian Standards (BIS) and Quality Control Orders (QCOs). This article explores the functions of BIS, QCOs, BIS licensing process, consequences of noncompliance, impending QCOs in the chemical sector.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):

The BIS established under the BIS Act, 1986 (amended in 2016), is India's apex body for standardization. BIS operates under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. It plays a central role in developing, certifying, and promoting quality benchmarks across industries. BIS ensures that products adhere to Indian Standards, bolstering quality culture and enabling Indian goods to compete in the global market. The BIS performs various activities including, Indian Standards (IS) formulation, Product certification, Hallmarking, Laboratory services, etc.

Indian Standards:

BIS formulates Indian Standards in line with the national priorities for various sectors that have been grouped under 14 Departments like Chemicals, Food and Agriculture, Civil, Electro-technical, Electronics & Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Management & Systems, Metallurgical Engineering, Petroleum Coal & Related Products, Medical Equipment and Hospital Planning, Textile, Transport Engineering, Production & General Engineering and Water Resources.

Corresponding to these Departments fourteen Division Councils exist. Each Division Council has a number of Sectional committees working under it. The standards cover important segments of economy and help the industry in upgrading the quality of their goods and services.

Quality Control Orders (QCOs): Enforcing Indian Standards

BIS certification scheme is fundamentally voluntary in nature. However, for a number of products, compliance to Indian Standards is made compulsory by the Central Government under various considerations viz. public interest, protection of human, animal or plant health, safety of environment, prevention of unfair trade practices and national security.

For such products, the Central Government directs mandatory use of Standard Mark under a Licence from BIS through issuance of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 16 read in conjunction with section 17 and subsection (3) of section 25 of the BIS Act, 2016.

After the date of commencement of the QCO, no person shall manufacture, import, distribute, sell, hire, lease, store or exhibit for sale any product(s) covered under the QCO without the Standard Mark (e.g. the ISI Mark).

Impact of QCO on Domestic Industry:

- i. **Enhanced Quality and Safety:** Ensures high-quality and safe products, reducing the use of hazardous and substandard chemicals.
- ii. **Global Competitiveness:** Aligns Indian products with international standards viz ISO, EN, CE etc. improving export prospects.
- iii. **Boost to Domestic Manufacturing:** Encourages technological upgrades and supports the "Make in India" initiative.
- iv. **Reduced Import Dependency:** Curbs substandard imports, promoting domestic production.
- v. **Supply Chain Adjustments:** Short-term disruptions due to compliance requirements for raw materials.
- vi. **Environmental Benefits:** Promotes safer, eco-friendly production methods.
- vii. **Economic Growth:** Strengthens the industry's reputation and resilience, fostering long-term growth.

BIS Licensing Process:

The manufacturers of products that come under the

compulsory BIS certification (Scheme-I) must register through the Normal Procedure. However, certain products that require compulsory certification are also included in the list of products that come under Simplified Procedure. When the compulsory BIS certification products are listed under the products eligible for simplified procedure, the manufacturers of such products can register them under the simplified procedure and not through the normal procedure.

(i) Normal procedure for domestic manufacturers:

- a. Submission of application and payment of applicable fees
- b. Evaluation of application by BIS scientist
- c. Factory visit by BIS scientist
- d. Sample testing
- e. Grant of license

(ii) Simplified procedure for domestic manufacturers:

- a. Submission of application along with sample testing report and payment of applicable fees
- b. Evaluation of application by BIS scientist
- c. Factory visit by BIS scientist
- d. Sample testing
- e. Grant of license

Noncompliance: Penalties and Risks:

The Section 29 (2), (3) and (4) of BIS Act, 2016 stipulates that:

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (6) or (8) of section 14 or section 15 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than one lakh rupees, but may extend up to five times the value of goods or articles produced or sold or offered to be sold or affixed or applied with a Standard Mark including Hallmark, or with both:

PROVIDED that where the value of goods or articles produced or sold or offered to be sold cannot be determined, it shall be presumed that one year's production was in such contravention and the annual

turnover in the previous financial year shall be taken as the value of goods or articles for such contravention.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of Section 17 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to two years or with fine which shall not be less than two lakh rupees for the first contravention and not be less than five lakh rupees for the second and subsequent contraventions, but may extend up to ten times the value of goods or articles produced or sold or offered to be sold or affixed or applied with the Standard Mark, including Hallmark, or with both:

PROVIDED that where the value of goods or articles produced or sold or offered to be sold cannot be determined, it shall be presumed that one year's production was in such contravention and the annual turnover in the previous financial year shall be taken as the value of goods or articles for such contravention.

(4) The offence under sub-section (3) of Section 29 shall be cognizable.

These penalties underscore the government's commitment to maintaining product quality and consumer safety.

List of existing and upcoming QCOs in the Chemical Sector:

Over the past five years, exports of chemicals, petrochemicals, and fertilizers have exhibited significant fluctuations. The export quantity of major chemicals rose from 1,698,384 metric tons (MTs) in FY2019-20 to 2,642,179 MTs in FY2023-24, peaking at 4,626,765 MTs in FY2022-23. Conversely, petrochemical exports declined from 8,798,230 MTs in FY2019-20 to 3,850,778 MTs in FY2023-24, despite reaching a high of 9,334,559 MTs in FY2022-23¹.

In response to these trends, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has introduced mandatory BIS Standards for chemicals and petrochemicals. This initiative ensures that both imported and domestically produced chemicals adhere to strict quality standards, thereby preventing the circulation of hazardous and substandard products. The list of existing and upcoming QCOs covering chemicals are tabulated below:

1 <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=2037425#:~:text=D%2Fo%20Chemicals%20%26%20Petrochemicals%20has,extended%20from%20time%20to%20time.>

2 <https://www.bis.gov.in/upcoming-qcos-notified-and-due-for-implementation/>

Sl. No.	Indian Standard	Chemicals	Date of entry into force of QCO
1	IS 252:2013	Caustic Soda	03.04.2018
2	IS 695 : 1986	Acetic Acid	03.08.2025
3	IS 517 : 1986	Methanol	03.08.2025
4	IS 2833:2019	Aniline	03.08.2025
5	IS 15573 : 2018	Poly Aluminium Chloride	02.02.2020
6	IS 8058: 2018	Pyridine	13.03.2025
7	IS 16113: 2013	Gamma Picoline	13.03.2024
8	IS 16112: 2013	Beta Picoline	13.03.2025
9	IS 12084: 2018	Morpholine	01.05.2025
10	IS 297: 2001	Sodium Sulphide	14.12.2020
11	IS 7129: 1992	Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous	13.03.2024
12	IS 170: 2004	Acetone	13.03.2024
13	IS 4581: 1978	Phosphorus Trichloride	14.12.2020
14	IS 11744: 1986	Phosphorus Pentachloride	14.12.2020
15	IS 11657: 1986	Phosphorous Oxychloride	14.12.2020
16	IS 2080: 1980	Hydrogen Peroxide	24.11.2022
17	IS IS 3205: 1984	Precipitated Barium Carbonate	14.12.2020
18	IS 12928: 1990	Precipitated Barium for Ceramic and Glass Industry	14.12.2020
19	IS 4505: 2015	Sodium Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate	14.12.2020
20	IS 6100: 1984	Sodium Tripolyphosphate, Anhydrous, Technical	13.03.2025
21	IS 7686 : 2020	3 (N, N- Di Ethyl) Aminophenol	24.11.2021
22	IS 4566 : 2020	Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	20.11.2023
23	IS 2012 : 2006	Red Phosphorus	24.11.2021
24	IS 798 : 2020	Ortho Phosphoric Acid	11.12.2021
25	IS 17439 : 2020	Polyphosphoric Acid	22.06.2022
26	IS 17412 : 2020	Trimethyl Phosphite	03.10.2022
27	IS 17450 : 2020	1, 3 Phenylenediamine	24.10.2022
28	IS 10931:1984	Lauric Acid	24.04.2025
29	IS 12029:1986	Acid Oil	24.04.2025
30	IS 12067:1987	Palm Fatty Acids	24.04.2025
31	IS 12068:1987	Rice Bran Fatty Acids	24.04.2025
32	IS 12069:1987	Coconut Fatty Acids	24.04.2025
33	IS 12124:1987	Rubberseed Fatty Acids	24.10.2022
34	IS 12361: 1988	Hydrogenated Rice Bran Fatty Acids	24.04.2025

Conclusion:

The chemical and petrochemical industries are integral to India's industrial and agricultural growth, playing a pivotal role in ensuring food and water security, shelter, clothing, healthcare, and advancements in information, communication, and entertainment. These industries significantly impact daily life and underpin several downstream sectors.

To maintain quality and safety, BIS certification is mandatory for few chemicals, ensuring compliance with Indian standards. Under a BIS license, all products must meet specified criteria and carry the standard mark. This certification ensures product quality, builds consumer trust, and facilitates market access.

Chemical manufacturers aiming to sell in the Indian

market must first evaluate whether their products fall under any applicable QCOs. Based on this assessment, they should consult subject matter experts to navigate the BIS licensing process effectively as this process involves comprehensive steps, including documentation, sample testing, and factory inspections, requiring careful preparation and expertise.

As new QCOs are being implemented, manufacturers must remain proactive in awareness and adapting to regulatory changes. Compliance not only guarantees market access but also enhances brand reputation and consumer confidence. The BIS and QCO frameworks position India to achieve new quality benchmarks, aligning with its goal of becoming a global economic leader.

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UA-REACH: A Strategic Step Towards EU Integration and Industrial Growth



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On July 23, 2024, Ukraine officially adopted the Technical Regulation on the Safety of Chemical Products, commonly referred to as UA-REACH. This landmark legislation aligns Ukraine's chemical safety framework with the European Union's REACH (Registration, Evaluation,

Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals) framework and marks a significant milestone in Ukraine's journey towards European Union membership. UA-REACH, which will come into force on January 26, 2025, aims to protect human health and the environment while promoting the safer handling, movement, and use of chemicals across all industries.

Key Features and Scope of UA-REACH

UA-REACH closely mirrors EU-REACH, but introduces specific provisions tailored to Ukraine's regulatory environment:

- **Pre-registration:** A mandatory phase from January 26, 2025, to January 26, 2026, requiring companies to list existing chemical substances. The Ministry of Environment will publish a comprehensive inventory of pre-registered substances by February 26, 2026.
- **Registration Requirements:** All substances manufactured or imported in quantities above 1 tonne per annum (TPA) must be registered. Deadlines are staggered depending on tonnage:
 - o $\geq 1,000$ TPA: October 1, 2026
 - o 100–1,000 TPA: June 1, 2028
 - o 1–100 TPA: March 1, 2030
- **Simplified Registration:** Substances already registered under EU-REACH may qualify for a simplified procedure, requiring submission of technical dossier, a copy of the safety report, and evidence of prior registration.

- **Late Pre-Registration:** Applies to substances placed on the market after the initial pre-registration phase, provided it is completed within six months of manufacture or import.
- **Authorized representative (Only Representatives (ORs):** Non-Ukrainian companies must appoint a Ukrainian legal entity as their Only Representative to manage registration and compliance.

UA-REACH also includes exemptions for polymers (although monomers must be registered) and R&D activities, similar to EU-REACH.

Implementation and Data Systems

UA-REACH uses modern digital tools for seamless implementation:

- **Diia Portal:** Registration submissions can be made through the Unified State Web Portal of Electronic Services.
- **EcoSystem Service:** A dedicated chemical safety information system will be launched to allow companies to submit registration dossiers, authorization applications, and notifications under the Ukrainian Classification, Labelling and Packaging (UA-CLP) Regulation.

This streamlined approach will ensure accessibility and transparency while reducing the administrative burden for stakeholders.

Comparison between EU-REACH and UA-REACH

While UA-REACH is similar to EU-REACH in many respects, it introduces some specific provisions to meet the regulatory needs of Ukraine:

Feature	EU-REACH	UA-REACH
Only Representative	Yes	Yes
Pre-registration	No longer possible	Available (1-year phase)
Registration	≥ 1 TPA (with exemptions)	≥ 1 TPA (with exemptions)
Polymer Registration	Exempted, not monomers	Exempted, not monomers

Registration Data	Volume-based requirements	Volume-based / Simplified
Language	English	Ukrainian

Opportunities for Ukrainian Industry and Economy

By adopting UA-REACH, Ukraine is aligning its regulatory standards with those of the EU, significantly improving its industrial and economic prospects. Key benefits include:

- **Improved Market Access:** Harmonized standards pave the way for smoother trade between Ukraine and the EU, enabling Ukrainian manufacturers to meet EU compliance requirements and expand their export potential.
- **Attracting Investment:** A sound regulatory framework reassures investors and creates a favorable environment for foreign direct investment and joint ventures.

- **Promoting Innovation:** UA-REACH promotes safer use of chemicals and encourages research and development of sustainable and innovative chemical products.
- **Protecting the Environment and Public Health:** The Regulation ensures thorough documentation of chemical hazards and safety protocols, contributing to environmental sustainability and public well-being.

Conclusion

As Ukraine moves closer to EU membership, UA-REACH represents an important step in aligning its regulatory framework with international standards. Not only does this regulation improve safety and sustainability, it also strengthens Ukraine's position in the global chemical industry. By utilizing modern digital tools and streamlined processes, UA-REACH sets a precedent for efficient and transparent regulation, promoting long-term economic growth and environmental protection.




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IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Sr. No.	Subject / Topics	Date	Name of Speaker	Partner Organisation	Remark
1	Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting for making BIS Standards of Pesticides as mandatory	16.12.2022	under the Chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Chemicals)	FICCI, DCPC	We were requested to submit data in respect of 09 Chemicals viz. 1. Pendimethalin, 2. Acephate, 3. Bifenthrin 4. Cartap Hydrochloride, 5. Metribuzin, 6. Tebuconazole, 7. Glufosinate Ammonium, 8. Pretilachlor, 9. Lambda Cyhalothrin.
2	Stakeholder Consultations for the review of India's FTAs with ASEAN, Japan and Korea in the Chemicals, Petro-chemicals & Plastics sectors	17.12.2023	CII	CII Trade Policy division	CHEMEXCIL attended a Stakeholder Consultations for the review of India's FTAs with ASEAN, Japan and Korea in the Chemicals, Petro-chemicals & Plastics sectors covering chapters from 28 to 39. The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement was signed and entered into force more than 13 years ago, on 1st January 2010. Given trade interests and ambitions of India and changing global trade environment, a strategic review of AITIGA has been initiated to ensure its continued relevance, address asymmetries in trade, and explore new opportunities. Similar reviews are also being undertaken for India's existing FTAs with Japan and Korea. These reviews aim to strengthen and diversify trade relationships with these pivotal trade partners, while addressing the existing asymmetries in bilateral trade. Given that these agreements were signed over a decade ago, the trade environment has evolved significantly, prompting the need for a comprehensive reassessment.
3	Meeting Notice: the decisions adopted by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its twentieth meeting (POPRC-20) as well as recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee for amending Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to be	19.12.2026	under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Chemicals)	FICCI, DCPC	CHEMEXCIL had attended the meeting held to discuss the decisions adopted by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its twentieth meeting (POPRC-20) as well as recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee for amending Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention. These will be considered at the twelfth meeting of the conference of the parties scheduled to take place from 28 April to 9 May 2025. POPRC-20/1: Chlorpyrifos POPRC-20/2: Chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C14-17 and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight POPRC-20/3: Long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and related compounds POPRC-20/4: Polybrominated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans and mixed polybrominated/chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans POPRC-20/5: Persistent organic pollutants in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in wastes.

Sr. No.	Subject / Topics	Date	Name of Speaker	Partner Organisation	Remark
4	Review/preparatory meeting for the "Retreat for Commercial Wings of Missions of 20 Countries of Significance"	27.12.2026	under the chairmanship of Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary, DoC	FT (WANA) Division, Department of Commerce C5C6:H1115C3:H11	CHEMEXCIL attended the Review/preparatory meeting for the "Retreat for Commercial Wings of Missions of 20 Countries of Significance" focussed on WANA Countries - UAE and SAUDI ARABIA. Chemexcil deliberated on the export targets, achievements, issues faced by the exporters and export potential of the chemical sector specific to WANA region and the countries of focus.
5	"Retreat for Commercial Wings of Missions of 20 Countries of Significance"	6.01.2025	under the chairmanship of Ms. Aishvarya Singh, Joint Secretary, DoC	EPCAP, DOC	CHEMEXCIL had the opportunity to interact with the various missions of the NEA and EU region. These interactive sessions focussed on identifying opportunities, addressing challenges and formulating actionable strategies for boosting exports in these regions. The meeting delved into sector specific as well as country specific issues and collaborative opportunities were explored.

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EXPORT STATISTICS

A. TARGET ORGANIC & INORGANIC CHEMICALS (SOURCE: NIRYAT)

Organic & Inorganic Chemicals Target for the period April-December 2024

(Value in USD Billion)									
Commodity View	Yearly Target	Achieved in April-Dec 2023	Achieved in April-Dec 2024	% Growth	% Achieved	% Share of Total Export	Target Rate (p.m)	Short-fall	Required Run Rate (p.m)*
Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	31.53	20.24	21.20	4.77	67%	100.00%	2.63	2.45	3.44

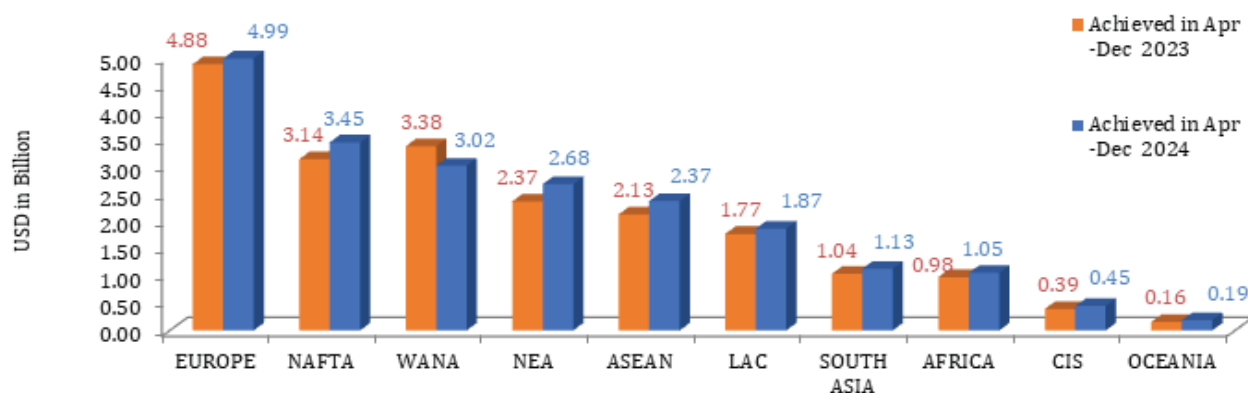
Source: Niryat Portal

Region-wise Organic & Inorganic Chemicals Target for the period April-December 2024

(Value in USD Billion)									
Regions	Yearly Target	Achieved in April-Dec 2023	Achieved in April-Dec 2024	% Growth	% Achieved	% Share of Total Export	Target Rate (p.m)	Shortfall	Required Run Rate(p.m)*
EUROPE	7.19	4.88	4.99	2.15	69%	23.52%	0.60	0.41	0.74
NAFTA	4.86	3.14	3.45	9.85	71%	16.27%	0.41	0.20	0.47
WANA	5.77	3.38	3.02	-10.59	52%	14.25%	0.48	1.31	0.92
NEA	3.41	2.37	2.68	13.32	79%	12.65%	0.28	-0.13	0.24
ASEAN	4.16	2.13	2.37	11.44	57%	11.20%	0.35	0.74	0.60
LAC	2.42	1.77	1.87	5.38	77%	8.81%	0.20	-0.05	0.19
SOUTH ASIA	1.49	1.04	1.13	9.00	76%	5.33%	0.12	-0.02	0.12
AFRICA	1.44	0.98	1.05	7.67	73%	4.97%	0.12	0.02	0.13
CIS	0.58	0.39	0.45	13.64	77%	2.12%	0.05	-0.01	0.04
OCEANIA	0.21	0.16	0.19	20.46	88%	0.89%	0.02	-0.03	0.01
Total	31.53	20.24	21.20	4.77	67%	100%	2.63	2.45	3.44

Source: Niryat Portal

Region-wise Organic & Inorganic Chemicals Target for the period April- December 2024 over P.Y.



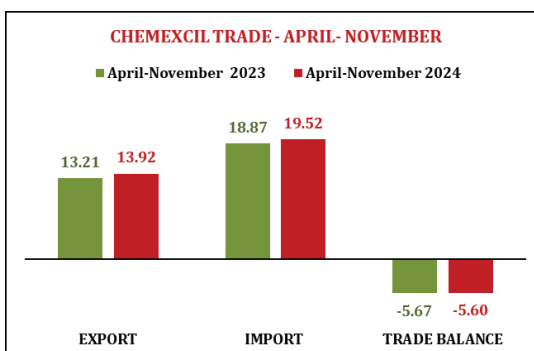
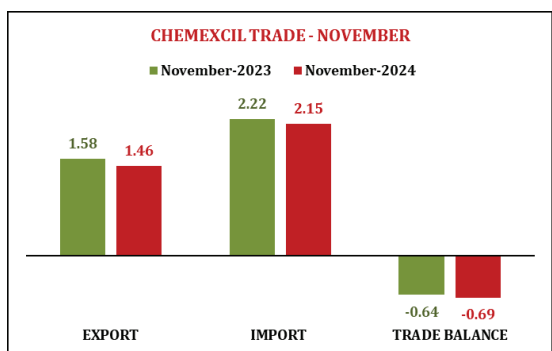
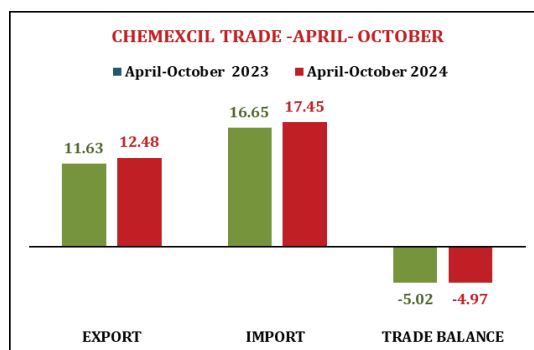
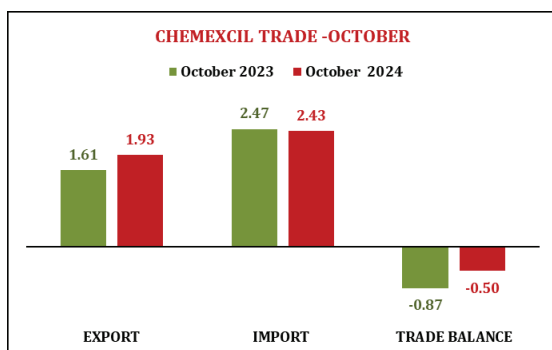
B. CHEMEXCUL'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 & APRIL-OCTOBER 2024 & APRIL-NOVEMBER 2024

Value in USD Billion							
Chapter No./Panel	2023-24	April-October 2023	April-October 2024	% Growth	April-November 2023	April-November 2024	% Growth
(32) Dyes & (29) Dye Intermediates	2.32	1.32	1.50	14.25	1.49	1.68	13.24
(32) Dyes	2.15	1.22	1.41	15.94	1.38	1.58	14.98
(29) Dye Intermediates	0.17	0.10	0.09	-6.92	0.11	0.10	-8.18
(28) Inorganic, (29) Organic & (38) Agro Chemical	13.76	7.79	8.44	8.29	8.85	9.43	6.55
(28) Inorganic Chemical	2.02	1.14	1.29	13.38	1.31	1.46	11.07
(29) Organic Chemical	7.54	4.19	4.67	11.30	4.78	5.20	8.69
(38) Agro Chemical	4.19	2.46	2.48	0.82	2.76	2.78	0.68
(33) Cosmetics, (34) Toiletries & (33) Essential oils	3.23	1.89	1.83	-3.44	2.18	2.04	-6.61
(33) Cosmetics, (34) Toiletries	2.91	1.72	1.64	-4.50	1.98	1.82	-7.98
(33) Essential oils	0.32	0.18	0.19	6.83	0.20	0.21	6.92
(15) Castor oil	1.07	0.62	0.71	13.30	0.69	0.77	11.65
Total	20.38	11.63	12.48	7.33	13.21	13.92	5.39

Source: DGCI&S

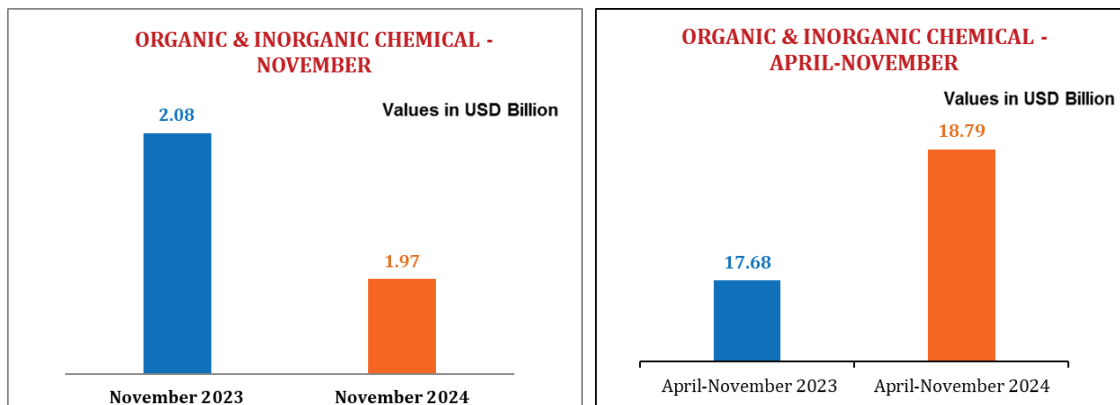
CHEMEXCIL TRADE TRENDS

Source: DGCI&S (Value in USD Billion)



ORGANIC & INORGANIC CHEMICALS TRADE TRENDS

Source: NIRYAT (Value in USD Billion)

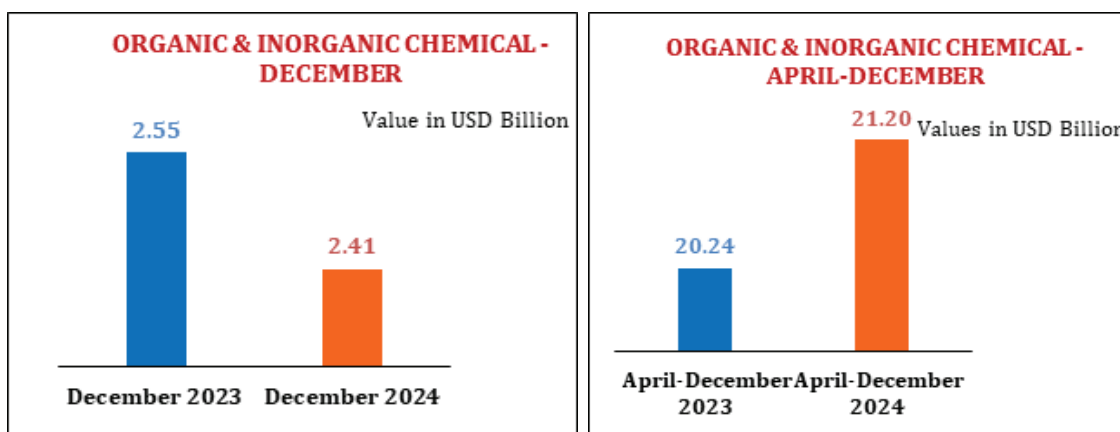


Region-wise Organic & Inorganic Chemicals Export Growth/Decline In November 2024 (YoY %)

1. EUROPE
2. NAFTA
3. LAC
4. AFRICA
5. CIS



1. WANA
2. NEA
3. ASEAN
4. SOUTH ASIA
5. OCEANIA



REGIONWISE ORGANIC & INORGANIC CHEMICALS EXPORT GROWTH/DECLINE IN APRIL-DECEMBER 2024(YoY %)

1. Europe
2. Nafta
3. NEA
4. ASEAN
5. LAC
6. South Asia
7. Africa
8. CIS
9. OCEANIA



1. WANA



CHEMEXCIL TOP ITEMS EXPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL-DECEMBER 2024 OVER P.Y.

Value in USD Million						
Sr. No.	HS Code	Products	2023-24	Apr-Dec 2023	Apr-Dec 2024	% Growth
1	29022000	BENZENE	1318.7	978.79	1121.36	14.57
2	38089390	OTHER HERBICIDES ANTI-S-SPROUTING PRODUCTS AND PLANT GROWTH REGULATORS	1449.15	1113.37	1076.60	-3.30
3	15153090	CASTOR OIL AND ITS FRCTNS OTHR THN EDBLE GRADE	988.95	714.93	783.19	9.55
4	38089199	OTHER INSECTICIDE N.E.S.	1111.94	810.96	762.71	-5.95
5	38089290	OTHER FUNGICIDES	898.76	664.38	691.68	4.11
6	28030010	CARBON BLACK	404.76	292.47	365.06	24.82
7	33049990	OTHER BEAUTY MAKE-UP PREPARATION	683.1	569.03	267.57	-52.98
8	38231900	OTHER INDUSTRIAL MONOCARBOXYLIC FATTY ACID	234.03	168.03	228.63	36.06
9	32041751	PIGMENT BLUE 15 (PATHALOCYANINE BLUE)	241.43	170.72	211.58	23.93
10	29024300	P-XYLENE	260.07	228.82	200.14	-12.53
11	32041680	REACTIVE BLACKS	213.44	150.99	172.78	14.43
12	29012400	BUTA-1 3-DIENE AND ISOPRENE	122.93	86.25	164.33	90.53
13	29332990	OTHER COMPNDs CNTNG AN UNFUSED IMIDAZOLE RING (W/N HYDRGNTD	230.34	170.16	143.93	-15.41
14	33029011	SYNTHETIC PERFUMERY COMPOUNDS	144.49	104.13	128.53	23.43
15	38086900	OTHER	137.88	103.28	115.49	11.82
16	28151110	FLAKES OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE (CAUSTIC SODA)	141.11	105.80	112.63	6.46
17	32041650	REACTIVE BLUES	138.05	100.83	108.33	7.44
18	32041761	PIGMENT GREEN 7(PATHALOCYANINE GREEN)	114.74	83.86	102.77	22.55
19	33030090	OTHER PERFUMES AND TOILET WATERS	135.73	102.05	99.96	-2.05
20	29322090	OTHER LACTONES	100.47	75.09	99.53	32.55
21	29319090	OTHER ORGANIC/INORGANIC COMPOUNDS	121.19	87.55	94.21	7.61
22	29252990	OTHER IMINES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES SALTS THEREOF	137.13	100.51	89.56	-10.89
23	38089135	CYPERMETHRIN TECHNICAL GRADE	91.02	69.45	83.61	20.39
24	29142990	OTHER CYCLANIC CYCLENIC/ CYCLOTERPENIC KETONES WITHOUT OTHER OXYGEN FUNCTION	100.74	73.22	83.08	13.47
25	29145000	KETONE-PHENOLS AND KETONES WITH OTHER OXYGEN FUNCTION	138.72	84.14	71.10	-15.50

Source: MOC&I

CHEMEXCIL EXPORTS TO TOP 25 COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL- NOVEMBER 2024 OVER P.Y.

(Value in USD Million)						
Country	November		% Growth	April-November		% Growth
	2023	2024		2023	2024	
U S A	183.82	248.19	35.02	1699.98	1915.10	12.65
BRAZIL	103.70	110.61	6.66	1027.06	1088.39	5.97
CHINA P RP	108.88	118.26	8.62	871.72	985.64	13.07
SAUDI ARAB	101.04	73.04	-27.72	770.74	731.60	-5.08
JAPAN	51.96	32.83	-36.83	398.63	595.23	49.32
NETHERLAND	53.96	52.68	-2.37	548.72	564.26	2.83
U ARAB EMTS	125.22	64.75	-48.29	807.37	562.41	-30.34
SINGAPORE	25.97	36.20	39.39	381.02	409.78	7.55
BANGLADESH PR	40.94	47.79	16.74	355.16	404.69	13.95
BELGIUM	37.11	36.90	-0.54	386.97	379.12	-2.03
KOREA RP	31.67	36.02	13.72	273.24	315.17	15.34
INDONESIA	39.46	28.41	-28.00	289.43	306.02	5.73
TURKEY	40.13	28.37	-29.30	281.36	275.42	-2.11
GERMANY	35.66	31.28	-12.29	287.70	270.10	-6.12
TAIWAN	26.03	22.84	-12.23	95.87	256.00	167.02
FRANCE	26.43	25.75	-2.58	248.59	249.24	0.26
MEXICO	23.28	23.72	1.89	183.58	237.35	29.29
SPAIN	34.69	21.38	-38.37	209.57	233.90	11.61
ITALY	18.83	26.43	40.32	195.97	229.00	16.86
VIETNAM SOC REP	25.98	25.55	-1.64	221.65	220.10	-0.70
MALAYSIA	24.19	16.70	-30.98	320.80	217.70	-32.14
THAILAND	21.19	22.17	4.61	202.90	216.83	6.87
RUSSIA	23.75	20.94	-11.84	160.95	192.30	19.47
U K	14.66	23.30	58.90	179.11	188.20	5.08
SOUTH AFRICA	16.45	13.99	-14.95	154.76	162.41	4.94
Source: DGCIS&S						

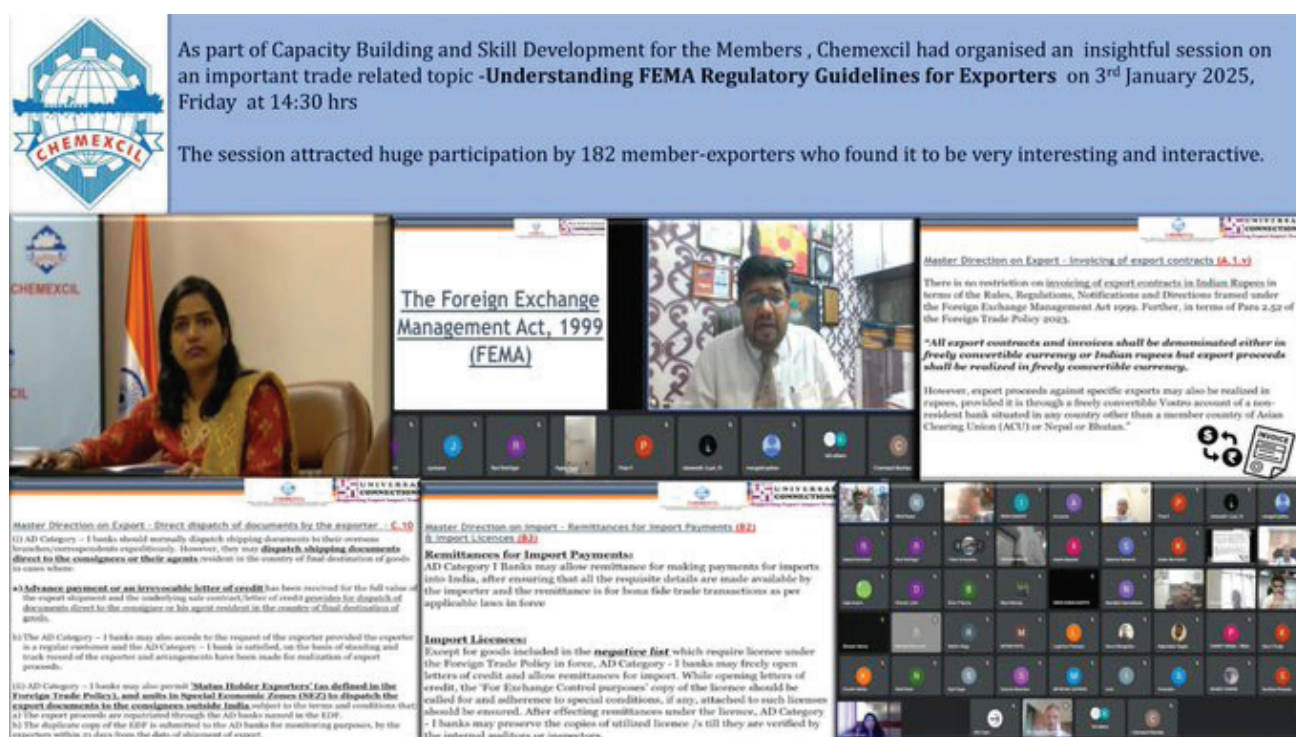
TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES & CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

1) Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters

Chemexcil, in association with Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah, M/s. Universal Connections LLP had successfully organised an insightful session on an important trade related topic “ Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters” on 3rd Jan 2025.

This webinar was designed to equip exporters with a clear understanding of **FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Regulations)**, steps for compliance and strategies to overcome the common challenges in the export process. The session provided key insights to help you navigate FEMA regulations and apply them effectively in your export operations.

The session attracted participation of 182 exporters who found it to be very interesting and interactive.

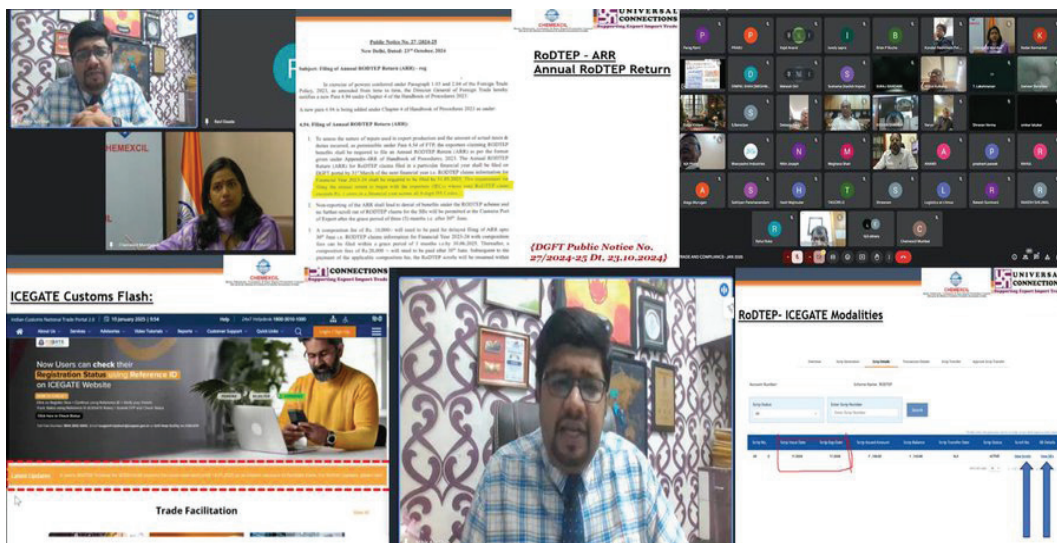


2) RODTEP claim procedures and online process

Chemexcil, in association with Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah, M/s. Universal Connections LLP had successfully organised an insightful session on an important trade related topic: “RODTEP claim procedures and online process” on 10th January 2025.

The session intended to empower the exporters to provide guidance on the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme and its application process, eligibility criteria, procedural requirements, and practical challenges involved. Basic of RoDTEP Scheme, What is eligible and FTP on RoDTEP, Requirements for RoDTEP claim, Procedure of RoDTEP Claim and ICEGATE Formalities, Ineligible categories, Import issues with RoDTEP were the topics covered during the session.

There was overwhelming response from 282 exporters who found it very interesting and fruitful session.



3) Maharashtra Export Convention 2024-25

CHEMEXCIL participated in Maharashtra Export Convention 2024-25 which was organised by District Industries Centre, Thane on 7th Jan 2025 at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector's office, Thane. The event was organised by District Industries Centre (DIC), Thane.

The event was graced by Shri Ashok Shingare (IAS), Hon'ble District Collector, Thane, who served as the Chief Guest.

The convention brought together key stakeholders from various industries and organizations to discuss export development strategies.

Mr. Raghuveer Kini, Director General of CHEMEXCIL, was invited as a special guest and honored the occasion by sharing the dais with other dignitaries. During the event, he presented a proposal to organize Exhibitions and Buyer-Seller Meets in various countries under the export promotion schemes of DIC. This proposal was handed over to Smt. Viju Shirsath, Joint Director of Industries, Konkan Region, highlighting CHEMEXCIL's commitment to fostering global trade opportunities.

The event also saw participation from prominent representatives of Customs, DGFT, DIC, Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), and associations such as FIEO, EEPC, the Federation of Industries of India, Thane Management Forum, banks, and India Post. These dignitaries shared insights into their roles in driving export growth and supporting businesses.

Ms. Amrita Sharma, Assistant Director of CHEMEXCIL, delivered an informative presentation on the pivotal role of CHEMEXCIL in promoting exports within the chemical sector. She highlighted the Council's initiatives and the various benefits available to exporters, providing valuable guidance to the attendees.

The convention also featured an industry experience-sharing session, where entrepreneurs narrated their success stories and shared expertise, inspiring others to explore global markets.

With over 150 participants in attendance, the program was highly interactive, fostering meaningful discussions and networking opportunities. The event underscored the collective efforts of industry leaders and government bodies in driving Maharashtra's export growth.



4) Free Trade Agreement and Product-Specific Rules with CAROTAR 2020

Chemexcil, in association with Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah, M/s. Universal Connections LLP had successfully organised an insightful session on an important trade related topic: **Free Trade Agreement and Product Specific Rules with CAROTAR 2020 Rules** on 17th January 2025, Friday from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

This session aimed to enhance exporters' understanding of FTAs, the **Rules of Origin**, and the regulatory framework under **CAROTAR 2020**, enabling them to optimize trade benefits while ensuring compliance.

With 147 exporters participating, the session provided an in-depth analysis of key trade agreements, emphasizing **duty benefits, procedural requirements, and regulatory compliance**. The discussion on **CAROTAR 2020 rules** elucidated the essential obligations for exporters to claim preferential tariffs effectively.

The session was well-received, with participants appreciating the practical case studies and interactive discussions.

List of Some of the FTA's / FTA/CEPA/CECA

- Agreement on Economic Cooperation between India and Finland
- Agreement on South Asia Free Trade Area SAFTA
- Asia Pacific Trade Agreement APTA
- CECA between The Republic of India and the Republic of Singapore
- CECA between India and Malaysia
- Global System of Trade Preferences GSTP
- India Africa Trade Agreement
- India Chile FTA
- India Afghanistan FTA
- India ASEAN Agreements
- India Bhutan Trade Agreement
- India Japan CEPA
- India Korea CEPA
- India MERCOSUR FTA
- India Nepal Trade Treaty
- India Sri Lanka FTA
- SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services SATIS
- India Mauritius CEPA
- India UAE CEPA
- India Australia ECTA

Examples of FTA Benefit for Exporter:

Calcium Chloride (HSN 28272000)
Export to UAE

	Customs Duty
Normal Import Duty	5%
Import Duty under FTA*	0%

*India - UAE CEPA

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- Export and Import Licenses
- Export and Import Documents
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- Export and Import Regulations
- Export and Import Policies
- Export and Import Laws
- Export and Import Rules
- Export and Import Orders
- Export and Import Contracts
- Export and Import Agreements
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- Export and Import Facilities
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- Export and Import Accessories
- Export and Import Supplies

FOR EXPORTERS

How to Export

Exporting to Foreign Markets with the help of the Indian Trade Portal

5) District Export Promotion Committee Meeting on 20th January 2025 at Collector Office Thane

The District Industries Centre (DIC), Thane, convened a meeting of the District Export Promotion Committee (DEPC) on 20th January 2025 under the chairmanship of the Honourable Collector of Thane District. The meeting was held at the Collector's Office, Thane, and witnessed participation from key stakeholders.

The DEPC comprised senior officials from DIC, DGFT, MIDC, MSEDCL, and representatives from prominent industry bodies such as the Additional Ambarnath Manufacturer's Association (AAMA), Chamber of Small Industry Associations (COSIA), TISSA Industrial Association, various Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), and other industry representatives.

The Council was represented by Ms Amrita Sharma, Assistant Director, CHEMEXCIL.

The meeting focused on the Export Action Plan 2024, which included a detailed discussion on Thane District's export scenarios and necessary interventions to enhance export performance.

Mrs. Viju Shirsat, Joint Director (Konkan Division), DIC, highlighted that chemicals remain the leading export sector for Thane District. The region's industrial clusters are particularly renowned for their production of specialty chemicals, dyes, and pharmaceuticals.

DIC advised CHEMEXCIL to collaborate with AAMA and COSIA to organize capacity development programs. These initiatives should focus on:

- Enhancing export capabilities of industries.
- Promoting the REACH reimbursement scheme under the MAI Scheme across various industry clusters.

The committee also deliberated on various issues raised by other departments and associations, aiming to address challenges and identify actionable solutions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Deore, General Manager, DIC, expressing gratitude to all participants for their valuable contributions.



6) **Filing of Annual RoDTEP Return**

CHEMEXCIL organized an engaging and informative webinar on 'Filing of Annual RoDTEP Return' on 23rd January 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in collaboration with Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director of M/s. Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd.

The webinar was held in response to the demand from exporters following the mandate issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) through Public Notice No. 27/2024-25, dated 23rd October 2024.

As per this directive, exporters claiming RoDTEP benefits exceeding Rs 1 crore in a financial year across all 8 digit HS Codes are required to file an Annual Return (ARR) for their RoDTEP claims by 31st March of the following financial year. For instance, RoDTEP claim details for FY 2023-24 must be submitted by 31st March 2025 via the DGFT portal.

The session shed light on crucial aspects of the ARR filing process, including tax calculations and compliance

requirements, equipping participants with practical knowledge to ensure seamless adherence to the new regulations.

With an impressive participation from 265 participants, the session was both highly informative and interactive.

HOW TO FILL UP THE DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURN OF RODTEP ON THE DGFT PORTAL ANNUALLY
By Sudhakar Kasture, Exim Institute

RODTEP SCHEME - At a glance
Scheme implemented with effect 1st Jan 2021
Notification No.19/2020-21 dated 17th Aug 2021
HS Code and specified rate is sufficient for claiming benefits
With effect from 5th March 2024, RoDTEP was made applicable for SEZ/EOU/AA Exports - Rates under RoDTEP - Rates under Appendix 995 (44/100/954)

Tips for filling the form
Exact details of fuel taxes may not be available to you, hence calculate the tax element based on distance.
[For e.g. – You require 50 litres of diesel for running 200 km and the actual diesel bill is ₹4500, applicable tax, say 50% (central excise and VAT) is ₹2250].
If the truck passes through a toll naka and pays ₹500 as toll tax, and the truck carries 10 metric tons of input A, then the actual tax element would be ₹275 per metric ton of input.
In this manner, you will have to calculate actual cost of taxes for inbound and outbound transportation (the calculations are complex but there is no alternative).

7) Webinar on “Terms of Delivery (Incoterms Rule 2020)”

As part of its Capacity Building initiative, Chemexcil organized an insightful webinar on “**Terms of Delivery (Incoterms Rules 2020)**” in association with Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah, M/s. Universal Connections LLP on January 24, 2025, Friday from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. drawing enthusiastic participation from 186 exporters who found it highly engaging and informative.

The session, led by ICC Incoterms® 2020 registered Trainer Mihir Ajit Shah, covered key aspects of Incoterms 2020, including responsibilities, risk allocation, and best practices for global trade.

Participants gained clarity on different Incoterms, their practical applications, and the importance of clear contractual terms. The session included real-world case studies and interactive discussions. Attendees found it highly beneficial for enhancing their export operations. Chemexcil continues to support exporters with valuable training initiatives.

CHEMEXCIL successfully organized a webinar on “Terms of Delivery (Incoterms Rules 2020)” on 24 th January 2025, from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The session, attended by 186 participants, offered valuable insights into the latest Incoterms rules and was widely appreciated for its practical relevance and comprehensive coverage.”

Incoterms® 2020
by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

EX WORKS
EXW (insert named place of delivery) Incoterms® 2020
(A) THE SELLER'S OBLIGATIONS
A1 General Obligations
The seller must provide the goods and the commercial invoice in conformity with the contract of sale, and any other evidence of conformity that may be required by the contract.
Any document to be provided by the seller may be in paper or electronic form as agreed or, where there is no agreement, as is customary.

FREE ON BOARD
FOB (insert named port of shipment) INCOTERMS® 2020
(A) THE SELLER'S OBLIGATIONS
A1 Delivery
The seller must deliver the goods either by placing them on board the vessel nominated by the buyer at the loading port, if any indicated by the buyer at the named port of shipment or by procuring the goods to be delivered.
The seller must deliver the goods:
1. on the agreed date or, 2. at the time within the agreed period notified by the buyer under B10 or, 3. if no such time is notified, then at the end of the agreed period and 4. in the manner customary at the port.
If no specific loading point has been indicated by the buyer, the seller may select the point within the named port of shipment that best suits its purpose.

(B) THE BUYER'S OBLIGATIONS
B1 Delivery
The buyer must take delivery of the goods when they have been delivered under A2.

Terms of Delivery

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Participants: Mihir Ajit Shah, Ashwini Rajaram, vjendra, ARUN S SHANMUGAM, Chemexcil Mumbai, Parul Shah, Prakash Raju, KIRAGO EXPORTS, Deepanshu Singhal, Vikas Khan Rajput, RANJAN, Sankar Jagtap, vikashkumar_123456789, Sanku Borade, T. Lakshmanan, SRINIVAS RAO, CHITTARANJAN PRASAD

Upcoming Overseas Events & Exhibitions 2024-25

Sr. No.	Event Name	Commodity Name	Region	City Name	Event Date	No. of Indian Exhibitors
1	BUYER SELLER MEET IN AFRICA REGION (Approved)	Beauty, Chemical	AFRICA	Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda	February 2025	20

List of Proposed Events for the year 2025-26 under MAI & MSME Scheme

Sr. No.	Event Name	Region	Country	Proposed Month	Proposed No. of Participants
1	CHINA AGROCHEMICAL & CROP PROTECTION 2025-26 (26 TH CHINA INTERNATIONAL AGROCHEMICAL AND CROP PROTECTION EXHIBITION (CAC))	NEA	China	Mar-26	25
2	47 TH DYE+CHEM BANGLADESH 2025	SOUTH ASIA	Bangladesh	Sep-25	30
3	CHINA INTERDYE 2025 (24 th China International Dye Industry, Pigments and Textile Chemicals Exhibition)	NEA	China	Apr-25	50
4	BUYER SELLER MEET IN NAFTA REGION - USA & CANADA	NAFTA	Canada, United States	Sep-25	25
5	BUYER SELLER MEET IN GCC (WANA) REGION -UAE & QATAR	WANA	Qatar, United Arab Emirates	Apr-25	25
6	COATING EXPO VIETNAM 2025 COINCIDING WITH AGRI VIETNAM 2025	ASEAN	Vietnam	Jun-25	30
7	BUYER SELLER MEET IN AFRICA REGION – NIGERIA & UGANDA	AFRICA	Nigeria, Uganda	Jan-26	25
8	CHEMSPEC EUROPE 2025	EUROPE	Germany	Jun-25	20
9	BUYER SELLER MEET IN ASEAN REGION – THAILAND & INDONESIA	ASEAN	Indonesia, Thailand	Jun-25	25
10	BUYER SELLER MEET IN OCEANIA REGION - AUSTRALIA & NEWZEALAND	OCEANIA	Australia, New Zealand	Jan-26	25
11	BUYER SELLER MEET IN NEA REGION - TAIWAN & KOREA	NEA	South Korea, Taiwan	Feb-26	25
12	BUYER SELLER MEET IN SAARC REGION - BANGLADESH & SRI LANKA	SOUTH ASIA	Bangladesh, Sri Lanka	Nov-25	25
13	BUSINESS DELEGATION TO BRAZIL & MEXICO	NAFTA, LAC	Brazil, Mexico	Jul-25	25
14	BUYER SELLER MEET IN CIS REGION – RUSSIA & UZBEKISTAN	CIS	Russia, Uzbekistan	Nov-25	25
15	AGRI BUSINESS GLOBAL (ABG TRADE) SUMMIT 2025	NAFTA	United States	Aug-25	15
16	45 th DYE+CHEM BRAZIL 2025	LAC	Brazil	Jul-25	30
17	ATEM FAIR 2025 /K-CAF Expo 2025	NEA	South Korea	Jul-25	25
18	KHIMIA 2025	CIS	Russia	Apr-25	20
19	BEAUTYWORLD MIDDLE EAST 2025	WANA	United Arab Emirates	Oct-25	15
20	BEAUTY ISTANBUL 2025	EUROPE	Turkey	Sep-25	15
21	BUYER SELLER MEET AT ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, GAUTEMALA & PERU	LAC	Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Peru	Jul-25	25
22	BUYER SELLER MEET TO KENYA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE & ETHIOPIA	AFRICA	Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania	Dec-25	25
23	EGY BEAUTY AFRICA 2025	WANA	Egypt	May-25	20
24	INDO INTERTEX	ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia	Apr-25	20
25	INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION FOR CHEMICALS & COSMETICS (IECC)	India	Mumbai	February / March 2025	250



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Facility Accreditations: 3 times USFDA, 2 times EUGMP/EDQM, Health Canada, Cofepris, Anvisa, KFDA, NMPA, PMDA, TGA

Our products and services are spread across generic Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) being supplied to more than 120 countries across the globe. Our core business is driven by ethical values and EHS Standards. We leverage our R&D expertise along with manufacturing strengths to meet our customers' requirements. Our focus is to develop APIs, FDFs, and Intermediates for both Innovators, Generic companies and we also partner exclusively as CMO.

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Analgesics/ Anti-pyretic, Anesthetic: Ketamine Hydrochloride, Esketamine Hydrochloride, Tramadol Hydrochloride, Sevoflurane, Midazolam, Midazolam Hydrochloride, Midazolam Maleate

Vitamins: Riboflavin-5-Phosphate Sodium, Methylcobalamine, Hydroxocobalamine Base, Hydroxocobalamine Acetate, Hydroxocobalamine Hydrochloride, Hydroxocobalamine Sulphate

Decongestant: Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide

Hemorreologic Agent: Pentoxifylline

Anti-Allergic: Cetirizine Dihydrochloride, Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride.

Anti- Gout: Allopurinol.

Products under pipeline: Lisdexamfetamine, Iohexol, Semaglutide, Liraglutide, Isoflurane, Desflurane

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IMPORTANT POLICY UPDATES

1) Revised rules for classification, labelling and packaging enter into force

ECHA/NR/2024/36

The updated Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) regulation starts to apply today. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) encourages companies to review their substance portfolios and update classifications as needed. Helsinki, 10 December 2024 – The updated CLP regulation aims to better identify and classify hazardous chemicals, as well as improve the communication on chemical hazards. Among the changes, it:

- Clarifies rules for classification of mixtures and also for substances with more than one constituent;
- Emphasises the role of grouping in harmonised classification;
- Provides rules for clearer labelling of hazardous chemicals (including digital labels); Foresees certain changes to the information submitted to and published on the Classification and labelling inventory;
- Gives the European Commission the right to ask ECHA or the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to prepare proposals for harmonised classification and labelling;
- Introduces rules for sale of chemicals at refill stations; and
- Clarifies the role of distributors as potential duty holders for poison centre notifications.

New hazard classes for substances were already adopted last year. The regulation now considers these as hazards of highest concern, normally subject to harmonised classification. Companies should assess and review their portfolio of substances and mixtures and inform ECHA about any new classifications. Companies can do this, for example, by updating their REACH registration dossier or CLP notification.

<https://echa.europa.eu/-/revised-rules-for-classification-labelling-and-packaging-enter-into-force>

2) 40 hazardous chemicals added to PIC-exporters can start notifying authorities now

ECHA/NR/25/01

From 1 March 2025, EU exporters are required to notify their intention to export 40 additional

hazardous chemicals. This requirement follows the recent decision of the European Commission to add new chemicals to the EU's Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Regulation.

Helsinki, 7 January 2025 – The latest 40 chemicals added to the Annex I of PIC include 35 pesticides and five used as industrial chemicals.

These include, for example, abamectin, difenacoum, fenpropimorph, dimethomorph, triadimenol and penflufen.

A chemical's inclusion in Annex I means that companies need to make an export notification to ECHA before starting their exports (chemicals in part 1 of Annex I). Most of the newly added substances (38) also need an explicit consent from importing countries before the export can take place, as they are included both in part 1 and 2 of Annex I.

The status of two substances, cyanamide and warfarin, already listed in Annex I, is updated. Once the amendment enters into force, their exports will need an explicit consent in addition to export notification.

A subgroup of PFAS, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, is added to Annex V of PIC which contains chemicals with an export ban. This update follows the listing of the group as persistent organic pollutant in the Stockholm convention.

ECHA's IT tool ePIC has been updated to reflect these changes and companies can now notify their exports of these chemicals.

Background

The PIC Regulation governs the trade of certain hazardous chemicals that are banned or severely restricted in the EU. It places obligations on companies that wish to export these chemicals to non-EU countries or import them into the EU.

The European Commission annually updates PIC Annex I, which lists the chemicals subject to export notification and explicit consent from the importing country. It now includes 321 entries.

<https://echa.europa.eu/-/40-hazardous-chemicals-added-to-pic-exporters-can-start-notifying-authorities-now>

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION & CIRCULAR

Circular 1

EPC: LIC: IND-THAI: JTC:2024-25:1014

2nd December 2024

Sub: 14th India-Thailand Joint Trade Committee (JTC) Meeting regarding. Greetings from Chemexcil!

CHEMEXCIL is in receipt of communication from Department of Commerce on the 14th India-Thailand Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting at Additional Secretary level proposed to be held shortly. In view of above we seek your input on chemical trade-related issues faced by the exporters while dealing with Thailand. This will help us to represent the Indian chemical Industries interest during this JTC meeting.

Members are requested to provide the issues with regards to following pointers :- Tariffs Barriers

1. Regulatory Issues
2. SPS measures
3. Any other issue.

Please share the same on ad.del@chemexcil.in with copy to pw@chemexcil.in **on or before 8th December 2024.**

Thanks and Regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 2

EPC:LIC:FT-EU:TRI:2024-25:1088:KR: 1089

3rd December 2024

Sub: Request for information on issues faced by Indian Chemical Exporters in Germany

Dear Sir/Madam

CHEMEXCIL is in receipt of communication from Indian Mission in Germany on above subject.

Indian Mission in Germany would like to assist in resolving / addressing the issues and challenges being faced by Indian Chemical Exporters in Germany. In view of above members are requested provide the inputs regarding the following:

1. Common challenges or barriers faced by Indian Chemical exporters in Germany. (Except REACH regulation)
2. Feedback or concerns regarding your experiences in the German market;
3. Additional insights or recommendations you believe could be valuable in the above context.

Kindly share the above information on pw@chemexcil.in with copy to dg@chemexcil.in on or before 7th December 2024.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 3

EPC/PROJ/BSM/AFRICA/2024-25/ST/KR:1122

6th December 2024

Sub: BSM Postponed to Feb. 2025 due to logistic reasons (new dates will be confirmed in consultation with Embassy shortly). CHEMEXCIL'S "Buyer Seller Meet" In Johannesburg, South Africa, Dar Es Sallam, Tanzania under MAI Scheme of Department of Commerce & Industry and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in order to include an additional destination towards maximizing the trade potential in Africa Region, in January-2025

Dear Members,

Greetings from CHEMEXCIL!

We are glad to inform you that Chemexcil is organizing a **Buyer Seller Meet (BSMs)** in **Johannesburg, South Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** under the MAI scheme of the Dept. of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India and **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in order to include an additional destination towards maximizing the trade potential in Africa Region, in January-2025 (11th to 22nd January 2025).**

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has already approved this event under Market Access Initiative for 20-Indian Companies.

These buyer-seller meets will be supported by respective Indian Embassies, Missions in these Countries.

During this event, Indian Chemical exporters can interact and strengthen their relationships with the buyers in South Africa & Tanzania.

THE PROPOSED BUYER SELLER MEETING SCHEDULE AND CHARGES ARE AS UNDER:

Sr. No.	Date of BSM	Name of Country	Participation Charges for Three BSM
1	New dates will be confirmed in consultation with Embassy shortly	Johannesburg, South Africa	Rs. 2,25,000/- for Three BSM
2		Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	
3		Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	

Sr. No.	Date of BSM	Name of Country	Participation Charges for Two BSM
1	New dates will be confirmed in consultation with Embassy shortly	Johannesburg, South Africa	Rs. 1,80,000/- for Two BSM
2		Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	
Venue: The venue for BSM will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.			

Note:

- It is mandatory to participate in Two Buyer Seller Meets at (BSM Johannesburg, South Africa and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania) in order to avail MAI benefit.**
- Dates of the event are currently under discussion with the Indian Missions.
- Participation charges mentioned are subsidized rates & are non-refundable.
- Translator Services (if required): This service will be provided on a chargeable basis.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

MAI Grant

- The Event is approved under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India for the year 2024-2025.

- MAI grant in terms of Airfare will be available only to eligible 20 no. of exhibitors on a first come (Payment) first served (Allocation) basis.
- The BSM charges mentioned are subsidized hence no reimbursement will be done to participants.
- Members have to pay the membership fee up to the current year (i.e. 2024-25); otherwise, they are not eligible for participation under the MAI scheme.

AIR FARE

- Reimbursement of airfare (is only eligible for economy class & book the tickets at the lowest available rates) to exporting companies (participating Companies) with an f.o.b. value of exports below Rs. 50 crore in the preceding financial year.
- Companies having NIL export turnover will also be eligible for **50 % airfare reimbursement** subject to minimum turnover **(domestic sales) of INR 50 Lakh** in the preceding financial year (Allowed only to **10% of total number of participants i.e. 2 companies** for this event).
- Companies that have participated **THRICE** in this event will not be eligible for subsidized rates for BSM/ reimbursement of airfare.
- Companies who participated in **three events through CHEMEXCIL** in the same financial year (2024-2025) under the MAI scheme will not be eligible for MAI grant.
- Members should have completed 12 months of Membership of the council
- Regularly filing Export returns with the council
- Airfare will be permissible only to the Regular Director / Partner/Proprietor or a regular officer of the company in a senior managerial position.
- Air fare Claim forms duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to the council within 45 days, If not submitted, airfare will not be reimbursed to those Member companies. (attached - List of required documents for airfare reimbursement)
- The Airfare Reimbursement will be done after the finalization of Accounts in the Ministry & Subject to receipt of funds from the Department.

GENERAL

- A company having DEL STATUS (as per DGFT) is not eligible for participation under the MAI scheme.
- Once the event is over participants must submit the outcome report on site or within 5 days. Format will be provided by Chemexcil on-site or by email.
- Chemexcil will issue a visa recommendation letter as soon as you complete and submit the payment details.
- Company should send the scan copy of the passport photograph of the person along with his designation who is attending this event. It is mandatory to submit a scanned copy of the passport photo.
- In case of a shortage of participation no. of participants, the council will not organize the BSM. Hence, before booking air tickets and hotel accommodation consult the council.

CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION

No refund in case of following conditions:

- Any cancellation from Participating Indian company
- If payment is processed to respective vendors by council
- Full Refund will be initiated if the council withdraws to organize BSM due to any unforeseen circumstances.

Member companies interested to participate in the event are requested to send their full payment confirmation along with the mandatory forms and company profiles in the requested format (enclosed) on jenny@chemexcil.in & shobha@chemexcil.in.

MODE OF PAYMENT: - members are requested to make the payment by clicking below link : -

Members who are interested to participate in Two Buyer Seller Meets at (BSM Johannesburg, South Africa and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania), are requested to follow below link:

<https://chemexcil.in/eventsPortal/payonline/Mw> and, Members who are interested to participate in Three countries at (BSM Johannesburg, South Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) are requested to follow below link: <https://chemexcil.in/eventsPortal/payonline/OA>

Please note that confirmation of your participation is based on receipt of your payment only. In case of any further clarifications/assistance required, you may write back to jenny@chemexcil.in / shobha@chemexcil.in or contact Ms. Jennifer Lawrence, Sr. Executive Officer at +91- 7738364255 & 9969016108/ Ms. Sanjukta Taral (Shobha), Sr. Assistant at 9969010118 & 7977955409

Looking forward to your earliest confirmation on the subject.

Thanks, and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 4

EPC:LIC:ANT-DUM:CHINA:OC:2024-25:1125:KR:1128

6th December 2024

Sub: Anti-Dumping investigation case for ODCB in respect of Ortho-Dichlorobenzene imported from India - Inputs reg.

Dear Members

CHEMEXCIL is in receipt of communication from Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals informing about an anti-dumping investigation on Ortho-Dichlorobenzene (ODCB) imported from India to China (An important intermediate).

The Trade Remedy Investigation Bureau of MOFCOM, China, has issued a letter on the final review ruling of the anti-dumping case.

The Bureau has requested electronic and paper versions of comments or opinions to be submitted within 10 days. Confidential information should be accompanied by a non-confidential summary or reasons if a summary cannot be provided.

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) of India is coordinating the response and has requested input from relevant members. Enclosed herewith are the desired attachments for your perusal.

Please note if the investigation concludes that Indian ODCB is being dumped in China at unfairly low prices, it could lead to the imposition of anti-dumping duties on Indian exports.

In view of above concerned members are requested to provide their inputs on pw@chemexcil.in with copy to dg@chemexcil.in on or before 10th December 2024 for onward submission.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl :

1. E-letter on the Disclosure of Basic fact based on the final Review
2. reference 1 - Chinese language
3. reference 2 - Chinese language

Circular 5

EPC:LIC:DGFT:PCOO:TN-REV:2024-25:1145:KR:1147

9th December 2024

Sub: DGFT Launch of Revamped Preferential Certificate of Origin (eCoO) 2.0 System –reg.

Dear Members

The office of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued a Trade Notice No. 23/2024-25 dated 6th December 2024 on the launch of the revamped Preferential Certificate of Origin (eCoO) 2.0 system.

This upgraded system will help exporters to streamline the preferential certification process with user-friendly features and enhanced functionalities. The key features of eCoO 2.0 are as under

1. **Multi-User Access:** Exporters can now assign multiple users/applicants under a single IEC.
2. **E-Signature Options:** Aadhaar-based e-signature in addition to digital signature tokens.
3. **Integrated Dashboard:** A unified platform for eCoO, Free Trade Agreement (FTA) information, trade events, and more.
4. **Cost Sheet Digitization:** Simplified preparation and submission of cost sheets.

Exporters can start filing Preferential Certificates of Origin **via the new system from 21st December 2024.**

All data, including non-preferential CoO and e-wallet balances, will be migrated from the legacy platform following the stabilization of the system.

The detailed notice can be viewed on following link <https://shorturl.at/087E6>

Exporters are advised to familiarize themselves with the new system and leverage its advanced features for efficient operations.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Launch of Revamped Preferential Certificate of Origin (eCoO)

Circular 6

EPC/Proj/China Interdye 2025/2 /994/CP-995

10th December, 2024.

Sub: Advance Payment towards reservation of stall at China Interdye 2025 Exhibition to be held from April 16-18, 2025 at Shanghai, China.

Dear Members,

In continuation to our Email No. EPC/Proj/China Interdye 2025 dated 21st October, 2024 seeking expression of interest from its member-exporters towards participation at 24th China International Dye Industry, Pigments and Textile Chemicals Exhibition (China Interdye 2025) scheduled to be held from 16-18 April, 2025 at Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Centre, Shanghai, China.

In response to our Circular dated 21st Oct. 2024, the Council has received tremendous response from around 80 members as against the available 86 stalls under India Pavilion at the said event.

Council has proposed this event for 50-members participation under MAI. However, the approval for the same is awaited. Council shall be liable for reimbursement under MAI only after approval of the event from Ministry. If not approved, the participation will be private and no reimbursement will be made for the said event.

To facilitate participation, stall prices are being kept as per the rates from last year, ensuring affordability for members.

Council has received overwhelming expression of interest from member-exporters towards this event. In the view of the same, Council has decided to proceed a step further and request its members to reserve their participation in China Interdye 2025 for securing their exhibition space by making **advance payment of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only), which will be adjusted towards the final payment.**

Complete your advance payment via the integrated payment gateway through CHEMEXCIL Event Portal by provided payment link below :-

Members are requested to make the payment by clicking below link: <https://chemexcil.in/eventsPortal/payonline/NA>

Terms & Conditions:

- Advance payment of stalls will be made strictly vide Online Mode only (use above given link). Payment by Cheques / DD is not acceptable.
- If payment is done in any other account of CHEMEXCIL other than the online link Account then it won't be considered as Advance payment towards exhibition participation.
- Please note that sending deposit to Council's account doesn't guarantee that confirmed stall will be allotted to that member-exporter.
- The stall allotment will be done strictly by online via Chemexcil Event Portal Only.
- There is high demand for this event but the stalls availability is less as compared to the demand.
- Actual online booking and payment day, date and time will be informed to members via circular well in advance with detailed procedure and Guidelines of online booking & payment.
- Members who paid advance payment will be given priority (portal link will be share to first those members who paid advance payment)
- Membership Fee must be paid for the FY 2024-25.

MAI Subsidy (Airfare/ Stall Charges):-

MAI Grant

- The event is proposed to be covered under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India for the year 2025-2026.
- MAI grant in terms of stall charges and Airfare will be available only to eligible 50 no. of exhibitors on a first come (Payment) first served (Allocation) basis
- The subsidized stall/space charges **will be reimbursed only after approval of the event under the MAI scheme** by the Dept of Commerce, Govt. of India.
- Currently the approval for this event under the MAI scheme of DOC is under process
- The amount of subsidy will be informed to members/reimbursed **only after approval and receipt of funds** from Dept. of Commerce
- Eligible members will get the subsidized stall/space charges for a maximum area of 9 sq. mt. (Even though they book a bigger stall size)
- Companies that have participated THRICE in this fair will not be eligible for subsidized stall rates/reimbursement of airfare

Air fare

- Companies who participated in three events through CHEMEXCIL in the same financial year (2025-2026) under the MAI scheme will not be eligible for MAI grant.
- Reimbursement of airfare (only economy class) and lowest fare will be given to participants company (Exhibiting Company) with an f.o.b. value of exports below Rs.50 crore in the preceding financial year (2024-25).
- Members should have completed 12 months of Membership of the council and regularly filing Export returns with the council.

- Airfare will be permissible only to the regular Director / Partner/Proprietor or a regular officer of the company in a senior managerial position (as per MAI guidelines).
- Air fare Claim forms duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to the council within 45 days from end of the event i.e on or before 3rd June 2025. If not submitted, airfare will not be reimbursed to those Member companies.
- The Airfare Reimbursement will be done after the finalization of Accounts by the Ministry & Subject to receipt of funds from the Department.
- Required list of documents is attached for Air fare reimbursement.

GENERAL

- A company having DEL STATUS (as per DGFT) is not eligible for participation under the MAI scheme.
- Once the event is over exhibitors must submit the outcome report within 5 days Format will be provided by Chemexcil on-site or by email.
- Chemexcil will issue a visa recommendation letter as soon as you complete and submit the payment details.
- One Standard Stall (9 sq.mt.) only on a subsidized rate for one member exporter, for any additional stall requirement the charges applicable will be non-subsidized
- Stall Cancellation will be as per Council's Policy: -

However, due to unavoidable reasons, the member intends to Council his participation, then the following rules will apply:

- a) Once payment to the Organizer is released and thereafter any member wants to cancel their participation and requests for refund of the stall charges, no refund will be given. However, if Chemexcil gets any other confirmed member-participant for such cancelled stall, after deducting 10% administrative cost, Council may consider refunding 90% of the stall charges paid by the member.

b) No Cancellation will be permitted after stall allotment.

Please do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Jennifer Lawrence** on +917738364255 and email to jenny@chemexcil.in and Ms. Shobha Taral on +917977955409 and email to shobha@chemexcil.in in case you need any clarification on the same.

We are sure that this Exhibition would provide ample opportunities to the exporting community like you for meaningful interaction and concluding business deals, we look forward to your active participation in the same.

Thanks and Regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 7

EPC:TPA:WEB:SER:TC:2024-25:1135/CP/1163

12th December, 2024.

Sub: Invitation to Join CHEMEXCIL WEBINAR SERIES -Trade & Compliance from FEMA to Incoterms

Dear Members,

Greetings from CHEMEXCIL!

We are glad to inform you that Chemexcil has scheduled a Webinar series on various important trade related topics. The aim of this webinar series is to enhance the skills of member exporters (Capacity building) by creating awareness on important topics of trade.

The theme of this webinar series is Trade & Compliance from FEMA to Incoterms. This series will be organized in association with Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah, M/s. Universal Connections LLP from 3rd January to 24th January 2025.

Entry to this webinar is free but prior registration is mandatory.

Following topics will be covered under this webinar series:

- 1. Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters**
- 2. RODTEP claim procedures and online process**
- 3. Free Trade Agreement and Product Specific Rules with CAROTAR 2020 Rules.**
- 4. Terms of Delivery (Incoterms Rules 2020)**

We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity, actively participate in these sessions and benefit from the same. Also encourage your colleagues to join the session by disseminating this information.

The calendar of this webinar series is as under:

Sr. No.	Date and Day	Time	Topics to be covered
1	3 rd January 2025 (Friday)	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters • Overview of FEMA Regulations for Exporters • Key Points for Exporters and its Impact • Challenges and process under FEMA • Q&A
2	10 th January 2025 (Friday)	2.30pm to 4.30pm	RODTEP claim procedures and online process • Basic of RoDTEP Scheme • What is eligible and FTP on RoDTEP • Requirements for RoDTEP claim • Procedure of RoDTEP Claim and ICEGATE Formalities • Ineligible categories • Import issues with RoDTEP • Q&A
3	17 th January 2025 (Friday)	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Free Trade Agreement and Product Specific Rules with CAROTAR 2020 Rules. • Basic meaning of FTAs • FTAs, CEPA, CECA difference • India and FTAs for Chemical Products • Procedure and Understanding of Rules of Origin • Online Filing of COO • Q&A
4	24 th January 2025 (Friday)	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Terms of Delivery (Incoterms Rules 2020) • Understanding Basics of Terms of Delivery • Detailed analysis of Incoterms® Rules 2020 • Knowing the Costs, Obligations and Risks under each rule • Comparison of various rules • Q&A

Unique Joining link for above webinars is <https://meet.google.com/evj-zvxx-cwb>

For any other information or clarification, please contact Ms. Mona Shah (Jr. Assistant) E-mail: roahmedabad@chemexcil.in (M) +91 9909908018

Looking forward to your participation in these important sessions.

Thanks and Regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 8

EPC:TPA:WEB:SER:TC:2024-25:1135/CP/1163

12th December, 2024.

Sub: WEBINAR - Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters 3rd January 2025 | 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dear Members,

In continuation of the Council's circular EPC: TPA: WEB: SER:TC:2024-25:1135/CP/1163 dated 11th December 2024 about the Webinar Series on Various Topics scheduled from 3rd January to 24th January 2025, the **first webinar of this series** will be held on **3rd January 2025** and will focus on **Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters**.

This webinar is designed to equip exporters with a clear understanding of **FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Regulations)**, steps for compliance and strategies to overcome the common challenges in the export process. The session will provide key insights to help you navigate FEMA regulations and apply them effectively in your export operations.

Webinar Details:

Date & Day	Topics to be Covered
3rd January 2025 (Friday) 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Understanding FEMA Regulatory Guidelines for Exporters - Overview of FEMA Regulations for Exporters - Key Points for Exporters and their Impact - Challenges and Process under FEMA - Q&A Session Speaker: Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah [B.Com., LL.B., DIEM., MBA(IB)] Advisor, Consultant & Trainer in International Business (Universal Connections LLP)
Participation Charges	NIL (Prior registration is mandatory)
Registration Link	https://forms.gle/Vui9RMivgq1QXLh29

We encourage all the members to register and actively participate and benefit from this insightful session to enhance understanding of FEMA and its practical application.

For further information or clarification, please contact Ms. Mona Shah (Jr. Assistant) at roahmedabad@chemexcil.in or on +91 9909908018.

We look forward to your participation in this informative session and the entire webinar series.

Thanks and Regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 9

EPC:LIC:CII:STC:IND-ASEAN:2024-25:1181:KR

17th December, 2024

Sub: Inputs for the review of India's FTAs with ASEAN, Japan and Korea in the Chemicals, Petro-chemicals & Plastics sectors regarding

Dear Sir/Madam,

CHEMEXCIL attended a Stakeholder Consultations for the review of India's FTAs with ASEAN, Japan and Korea in the

Chemicals, Petro-chemicals & Plastics sectors covering chapters from 28 to 39.

As you are aware that the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement was signed and entered into force more than 13 years ago, on 1st January 2010. Given trade interests and ambitions of India and changing global trade environment, a strategic review of AITIGA has been initiated to ensure its continued relevance, address asymmetries in trade, and explore new opportunities. Similar reviews are also being undertaken for India's existing FTAs with Japan and Korea.

These reviews aim is to strengthen and diversify trade relationships with these pivotal trade partners, while addressing the existing asymmetries in bilateral trade. Given that these agreements were signed over a decade ago, the trade environment has evolved significantly, prompting the need for a comprehensive reassessment.

In view of above we request members to share and give holistic idea about the rationale behind liberalization and protectionist measures keeping in mind global value chains creation within Asia-Pacific region in Chemicals, Petrochemicals and Plastics sector.

Enclosed herewith are the export and import offensive lines for your inputs and validation.

Please share your views on following parameters

PSRs of Export and import tariffs

- Non-Tariff Barriers in ASEAN region (w.r.t. country)
- Any complex clearance process in ASEAN region with desired solution
- Tariff Barriers
- Standard regulations/procedures
- Complex production process to get preferential access, etc.
- Any other issue in ASEAN region

We request members to share above inputs on ad.del@chemexcil.in with copy to pw@chemexcil.in; dg@chemexcil.in on or before 26th December 2024.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl :

1. CII Import off Chem Asean
2. CII Export off Chem Asean

Circular 10

EPC:LIC:FT-EU:JTIC:NETH:2024-25: 1182:KR 17th December, 2024

Sub: Inputs for 1st Session of the India-Netherlands Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC) -reg

Dear Members,

We are in receipt of communication from Department of Commerce informing about that the 1st **Session of the India-Netherlands Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC) is likely to be held in coming weeks in Netherlands.**

India-Netherlands JTIC is a platform that offers opportunities for intensifying and diversifying cooperation in mutually beneficial area(s) between the Countries.

In view of above we request you to provide inputs as per as Chemical trade is concerned on following points:

New areas/issues considered important for taking up bilaterally with Netherlands during the JTIC for enhancing bilateral trade and investment.

Updates on any Ongoing/Past Collaboration/ Joint Working Groups/ MoUs with Netherlands.

Any intervention required at the level of this Department under current areas of Cooperation/Partnership/Joint Working Group/MoUs for facilitating investment and sectoral cooperation and/or removing any trade barriers.

It is requested that inputs may kindly be shared on ad.del@chemexcil.in with copy to pw@chemexcil.in; dg@chemexcil.in on or before 26th December 2024

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 11

EPC/PROJ/CHEMSPEC EUROPE 2025 /ST/1188/KR

18th December 2024

Sub: Expression of Interest for Participation in the Chemspec Europe 2025 Exhibition to be held from 4-5th June, 2025 at Cologne, Germany

Dear Members,

Greetings from CHEMEXCIL !

As an export promotion activity for the year 2024-2025 Chemexcil successfully organized India Pavilion at Chemspec Europe 2024 exhibition during 19th - 20th June, 2024 at Dusseldorf, Germany.

The 2- days exhibition witnessed over 7,600 visitors from more than 26 countries and regions with around 7,640 sqm of exhibition area showcased by 400+ exhibitors from around the world.

Council is extremely thankful to the member-participants, without whose support it would have been impossible to make the event successful.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that, now Council is in receipt of communication from Organizers of Chemspec Europe announcing the dates of the **Chemspec Europe 2025 show from 4-5th June, 2025 at Cologne, Germany.**

As we are all aware of the fact that, Chemexcil has been consistently participating in various editions of “**CHEMSPEC EUROPE**” and Council has been receiving good response from member exporters with increased participation every year.

In order to understand our member’s interest to book space thereof in the above-mentioned show, members are requested to submit their expression of interest by E-mail to jenny@chemexcil.in & shobha@chemexcil.in and clearly mention for e.g. “**interested to booked ____ mtrs stall (9,12,18 & 21) at Chemspec Europe Exhibition 2025**”

Council has proposed this event for 20-members participation under MAI. However, the approval for the same is awaited. Council shall be liable for reimbursement under MAI only after approval of the event from Ministry. If not approved, the participation will be private and no reimbursement will be made for the said event.

Based on your confirmation Council will book the space early, this will entitle the Council for Prime location and early planning.

Please note submission of expression of interest doesn’t guarantee any stall / space in this exhibition.

High lights of the Events:

- Stall Booking Procedure: - only online stall booking and payment (Source: *Chemexcil event Portal*)
- Online stall allotment process only subject to receipt of payment

- Terms of Payment is Full payment
- Actual online booking and payment day, date and time will be informed to members via circular well in advance with detail procedure and Guidelines of online booking & payment

During online booking procedure, you will be able to reserve the stall of your choice and you will be directed to make the payment online immediately towards stall booking.

Interested members are requested to submit their replies latest by 27th December, 2024.

Council has decided to proceed a step further and request its members to reserve their participation in Chemspec Europe 2025 for securing their exhibition space by making advance payment of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only), which will be adjusted towards the final payment.

Complete your advance payment via the integrated payment gateway through CHEMEXCIL Event Portal by provided payment link below:

Members are requested to make the payment by clicking below link: <https://chemexcil.in/eventsPortal/payonline/OQ>

***Terms & Conditions:**

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- e. There is high demand for this event but the stalls availability is less as compared to the demand.
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- h. Membership Fee must be paid for the FY 2024-25.

MAI Subsidy (Airfare/ Stall Charges):-

***MAI Grant**

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***Air fare**

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- e. Air fare Claim forms duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to the council within 45 days from end of the event i.e on or before 3rd June 2025. If not submitted, airfare will not be reimbursed to those Member companies.
- f. The Airfare Reimbursement will be done after the finalization of Accounts by the Ministry & Subject to receipt of funds from the Department.
- g. Required list of documents is attached for Air fare reimbursement.

***GENERAL**

A company having DEL STATUS (as per DGFT) is not eligible for participation under the MAI scheme.

- a. Once the event is over exhibitors must submit the outcome report within 5 days Format will be provided by Chemexcil on-site or by email.
- b. Chemexcil will issue a visa recommendation letter as soon as you complete and submit the payment details.
- c. One Standard Stall (9 sq.mt.) only on a subsidized rate for one member exporter, for any additional stall requirement the charges applicable will be non-subsidized

Stall Cancellation will be as per Council's Policy: -

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Thanking and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : List of Documents for Airfare Reimbursement

Circular 12

EPC:LIC:AS:2024-25:1234/CP/1236

26th December, 2024.

Sub: Request to submit comments on the WTO Notification on Initiation of Safeguard Investigation on Toothpaste Imports in Zimbabwe

Dear Members,

This is regarding the Zimbabwe WTO Notification dated 19th December (attached herewith) concerning the initiation of Safeguard Investigation on Toothpaste Imports.

The main Countries Exporting toothpaste to Zimbabwe are India, China and South Africa.

Reasons for Initiation of Investigation: -

- Substantial increase in toothpaste imports from 2020 to 2023
- Production, capacity utilization, sales, market share, and profits & losses of domestic Industry have significantly deteriorated
- Rise in imports is result of Unforeseen development stemming from Covid-19 recovery policies in exporting countries increased production and cost-effective manufacturing thereby creating surpluses
- Zimbabwe's population growth and economic recovery policies boosted demand and increased imports.
- Reopening of trade post COVID Restrictions caused a surge in imports thereby harming the Zimbabwean local industry.
- Overall Imports rose 124% between 2021 and 2023, reaching 2.74 million kg in 2023, marking the highest level on record and posing a serious threat to the viability of the local industry.
- Over past 4 years, domestic industry could utilize only 5% of its installed capacity and hence, Imports outpaced domestic production.
- Imported toothpaste is priced lower than domestic products
- Other factors such as exchange rate fluctuations and power challenges, may have contributed to the difficulties faced by the domestic industry

In view of the above, interested members are requested to go through this notification and submit their comments by email to amrita@chemexcil.in by 10th January 2024 for onward submission.

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer
Kini Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl :- WTO Notification

Circular 13

EPC:LIC:CBIC:ICEGATE:E-PAY:MISC:KR:1241

26th December, 2024.

Sub: CBIC enables electronic payment on ICEGATE e-payment platforms regarding.

Dear Members,

CBIC has issued a circular no. 27/2024 dated 23rd December 2024 on enabling of electronic payment on ICEGATE e-payment platforms regarding.

The important features of this circular are as under:

- This new functionality is to replace the existing manual TR-6 Payment Challan process at various Customs stations. Starting from 1st January 2025, the manual TR-6 Challan will no longer be accepted unless specifically approved by the concerned Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs with valid reasons

- The new Voluntary Payment facility is accessible post-login on the ICEGATE website (www.icegate.gov.in).
- This feature enables payments for imports/exports cleared in the past and other issues, with a detailed purpose Annexure provided for clarity.
- Proof of payment can be submitted to the respective field formations for necessary actions.
- Nine Banks listed under the Internet Banking mode through the Authorized Bank, NEFT/RTGS, and Payment Aggregator Mode are accepted for this facility.
- Electronic Cash Ledger can also be used for voluntary payments.
- A detailed user manual on Voluntary/Self-Initiated Payment (SIP) is available on the ICEGATE website link. <https://www.icegate.gov.in/guidelines/voluntary-payment>

The detailed circular can be viewed on below link <https://taxinformation.cbic.gov.in/view-pdf/1003253/ENG/Circulars>

Members are requested to take the note of it. Thanks and Regards **Raghuveer Kini Director General CHEMEXCIL**
Encl :- **Circular-No-27-2024**

Circular 14

EPC:LIC:DGFT:COO:TR-CON:2024-25:MISC.KR:1242

26th December, 2024.

Sub: **IMPORTANT(DGFT): Rescheduling of launch date of preferential certificate of Origin.**

Dear Members,

This has reference to our following circulars on issuance of certificate of Origin EPC:LIC:COO:TRCON:COO: 2024-25:190 dated 22nd August 2024. (<https://chemexcil.in/circulars/imp---launch-revamp-of-trade-connect-e-platform-for-issuance-of-non-preferential--certificate-of-origin--ecoo--2.0-system:-regarding/6245/5ca9572-f24701f0c2601e5b7209c3fce.html>) EPC:LIC:DGFT:PCOO:TN-REV:2024-25:1145: KR:1147 dated 9th December 2024 (<https://chemexcil.in/circulars/dgft-launch-of-revamped-preferential-certificate-of-origin--ecoo--2.0-system-%E2%80%93reg./6314/93c2bbd92a30c7f7e0ecfec7eef65169.html>)

Now, the office of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued a Trade Notice No. 24/2024-25, dated 20th December 2024 on rescheduling of launch dates of preferential certificate of Origin.

Please note the following Extension for Preferential CoO Migration: The migration deadline for the issuance of Preferential Certificates of Origin (eCoO) to the trade.gov.in platform has been **extended to 17th January 2025.**

- **Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (CoO)** will be issued exclusively via the electronic platform www.trade.gov.in **from 1st January 2025.**

The detailed notice can be viewed on following link <https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/6078e80d-9233-4092-a92b-838e0870ef8e/Rescheduling%20of%20Launch%20Date%20for%20Preferential%20eCoO%202.0%20System-reg..pdf>

Members are suggested to take note of this important update and familiarize themselves with the eCoO platform (www.trade.gov.in) for seamless compliance.

Thanks and regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Rescheduling of Launch date for Preferential eCoO2.0 system

Circular 15

EPC:LIC:ANT-DUP:INIT:EU:BAR-CARB:2024-25:MISC.3:KR:1265

30th December, 2024

Sub: Inputs for pre initiation investigation for initiating an anti-dumping proceeding on imports of Barium Carbonate originating from India – regarding.

Dear Members,

CHEMECIL is in receipt of communication from Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of Bharat on pre initiation investigation for initiating an anti-dumping proceeding on imports of **Barium Carbonate originating from India in to EU**– regarding.

Enclosed herewith is the note verbal of EU. The Directorate-General for of the European Commission has formally notified the Mission of India to the European Union about a complaint received regarding anti-dumping proceedings for imports of Barium Carbonate from India. This notification is in accordance with Article 5(5) of the basic Regulation and Article 5.5 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

If the European Commission decides to initiate the anti-dumping proceeding, it will provide relevant information, including the notice of initiation and questionnaires, to the Mission of India immediately upon publication. The Commission may limit the number of exporting producers investigated to a reasonable sample due to the potentially large number involved, and it requests the Mission's cooperation in selecting this sample.

The Mission of India has been urged to verify the accuracy of a list of identified exporting producers and to submit any additional names and contact details by 18th December 2024. This is to ensure that all exporting producers have the opportunity to cooperate in the investigation.

The document also includes a detailed list of exporting producers, their contact information, and instructions for filling out the required template. Additionally, it outlines the roles of various stakeholders involved in the process, such as exporting producers and associations.

In view of above relevant exporters of Barium Carbonate are requested to share their inputs on pw@chemexcil.in with copy to dg@chemexcil.in on or before **31st December 2024**.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Note Verbale

Circular 16

EPC:LIC:AS:SEMINAR-60/4/2024-25/1299:KR:1300

6th January 2025

Sub: Invitation to attend Maharashtra Export Convention 2025 organised by DIC, Thane 7th January 2025 | 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dear Members,

The District Industries Centre (DIC) is working to boost Maharashtra's industrial exports by organizing initiatives to educate and empower stakeholders.

In this context, the Council has been informed that the District industries centre, Thane is organizing an export convention program as per details below:

Date : 7th Jan. 2025 (Tuesday)

Time : 9.00am - 2.30 pm

Venue : Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Thane

Participation Fee: Free Entry

This event will be presided over by Hon'ble District Collector, Thane and is being organised under the guidance of Development Commissioner (Industries, Chairman (MAITRI) & Export Commissioner, Govt of Maharashtra.

It will address the export related schemes and initiatives with hand holding support to MSMEs in Thane district by Export expertise.

Senior government officials from departments such as **DGFT, Customs, DIC**, officials from EPCs and industry experts will be present to share valuable knowledge and engage in discussions relevant to your industry.

It will provide you a platform to discuss your export related issues with the relevant Government Authorities and strengthen your exports thereby.

Given the significance of this event, we strongly encourage you to attend and benefit from the knowledge-sharing session.

For any queries or additional information, please feel free to contact **Ms. Amrita Sharma, Assistant Director, CHEMEXCIL Mumbai**, at **Ph: 7718878110** or via **Email: amrita@chemexcil.in**.

We look forward to your participation and a fruitful exchange of ideas.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 17

EPC:LIC-REG:AS:2024-25:1295:KR:1297

6th January 2025

Sub: Inputs on EU regulations on shipment of waste & National Hazardous and Noxious Substances(HNS) incidents at sea preparedness and response plan Dear Members,

CHEMEXCIL is in receipt of communication from Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India seeking comments on the new European Union (EU) regulation 2024/1157 of the EU parliament and the Council on Shipment of Waste amending regulations (EU) 1257/2013 and EU 2020/1056 and repealing regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 notified on 11.04.2024.

The regulation (article 41, 42 & 43) states that the non OECD countries (such as India) which intend to import green listed waste or certain wastes or mixtures of waste shall submit a request to the European Commission by **21st Feb 2025** indicating their willingness to receive those specific wastes or mixtures of waste and demonstrate their ability to treat the imported waste in environmentally sound manner.

The categories of waste that can be imported from the EU have been provided below;

Non-hazardous wastes listed in Annex III (refer page 93/145 of the regulation), or Annex IIIB and mixtures of non-hazardous wastes listed in Annex IIIA under REGULATION (EU) 2024/1157 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 April 2024

1. Non-hazardous wastes and mixtures of non-hazardous wastes included in the list of waste referred to in Article 7 of Directive 2008/98/EC, when not already listed in Annex III, Annex IIIA or Annex IIIB
2. Non-hazardous wastes and mixtures of non-hazardous wastes not classified under one single entry in Annex III, Annex III A or Annex III B or in the list of waste referred to in Article 7 of Directive 2008/98/EC
3. non-hazardous wastes classified under the entry AB130, AC250, AC260 or AC270
 - a. AB130 Used blasting grit

- b. AC250 Surface active agents (Surfactants)
- c. AC260 Liquid pig manure; faeces
- d. AC270 Sewage sludge

The copy of the regulation is attached for your ready reference.

In view of above relevant exporters are requested to share their inputs and the list of wastes or mixtures of waste from the Annexure to be imported from European Union so that the onward process of listing of wastes for import can be taken up with EU.

Members are also requested to go through the attached document on National Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) incidents at sea preparedness and response plan and submit their comments / inputs if any to the Council on amrita@chemexcil.in with copy to ad.del@chemexcil.in on or before **6th January 2025**.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl :

1. EU waste shipment regulation - 11.4.2024
2. National HNS incident at sea preparedness response plan – Part I
3. Response Guide to spill of HNS at sea-Part II

Circular 18

EPC/RO-AHD/MS/WEB:SER:TC/24-25/121/KR:1301

6th January 2025

To
 ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Sub: WEBINAR - RODTEP claim procedures and online process 10th January 2025 | 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Dear Members,

With reference to the Council's circular EPC: TPA: WEB: SER:TC:2024-25:1135/CP/1163, dated 11th December 2024, regarding the Webinar Series on Various Topics from 3rd January to 24th January 2025, we are pleased to announce the second session in the series, scheduled for 10th January 2025 (Friday). This session will cover RoDTEP Claim Procedures and the associated online processes.

The session intends to empower the exporters to provide guidance on the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme and its application process, eligibility criteria, procedural requirements, and practical challenges involved.

Webinar Details: -

Date & Day	Topics to be Covered
10 th January 2025 (Friday) 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	RODTEP claim procedures and online process
	÷ Basic of RoDTEP Scheme
	÷ What is eligible and FTP on RoDTEP
	÷ Requirements for RoDTEP claim
	÷ Procedure of RoDTEP Claim and ICEGATE Formalities

	÷ Ineligible categories
	÷ Import issues with RoDTEP
	÷ Q&A
	Speaker: Mr. Mihir Ajit Shah [B.Com., LL.B., DIEM., MBA(IB)] Advisor, Consultant & Trainer in International Business (Universal Connections LLP)
Participation Charges	NIL (Prior registration is mandatory)
Registration Link	https://forms.gle/Vui9RMivgq1QXLh29

We strongly recommend that all members register and participate in this session to gain valuable insights into the RoDTEP scheme

For further information or clarification, please contact Ms. Mona Shah (Jr. Assistant) at roahmedabad@chemexcil.in or on +91 9909908018.

We look forward to your presence in this enlightening session. Thanks, and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 19

EPC/RO-AHD/MS/SEMINARS_REGULATORY/2024-25/127:KR:1375

17th January 2025

Sub: SEMINAR – Western region City Series on “Global Regulatory Updates Deadlines and Opportunities for 2025-26” in association with Global Product Compliance (3rd-6th February-2025)

Dear Members,

As part of CHEMEXCIL's capacity-building initiative, we are organizing a series of seminars on the vital topic of **“Global Regulatory Updates: Deadlines and Opportunities for 2025-26”** in collaboration with Global Product Compliance (GPC). The seminars will take place from 3rd to 6th February 2025 across three cities in the western region of India: Mumbai, Vapi and Ahmedabad.

Understanding the Global Chemicals Regulatory Outlook is crucial for businesses in the chemical industry. It helps in compliance, risk management, and market access by helping companies avoid penalties and delays, while also staying ahead of regulatory trends.

This is free to join seminar and concerned Chemical companies' officials can join this seminar at any location after online registration.

The seminar series will cover strategies to effectively manage and prepare for the upcoming chemical regulatory deadlines and provide a global perspective on chemical regulations across Asia, Europe, Latin America and beyond.

Key Topics to be Covered:

- Global Regulatory Updates (including Brazil & Ukraine)
- Practical tools for compliance.
- Strategies to Enhance Make-in-India for Chemicals and Allied Sectors
- EU updates with focus on Nanoparticles
- EU Reach Evaluation and Strategy for Substances of Concern: PFAS, Eds and CMRs

Seminar Schedule:

Sr. No.	Date & Time	City & Venue
1	03.02.2025 (02:00pm-05:00pm)	Mumbai, Maharashtra Thane Belapur Industries Association (TBIA) (P-14, TC MIDC Indl. Area, Thane Belapur Road, Rabale, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400701)
2	05.02.2025 (10:00am-01:00pm)	Vapi, Gujarat Vapi Industries Association (VIA House, Plot No. 135, Phase-II, GIDC, Vapi – 396195)
3	06.02.2025 (02:00pm-05:00pm)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat Vatva Industries Association (Centre of Excellence Building, Plot No.-511, Phase-IV, Memdavad Highway Road, GIDC Estate, Vatva, Ahmedabad-382445)

How to Register:

To register, please visit the following link and select your preferred city: <https://rrma-global.org/global-regulatory-updates-deadlines-and-opportunities-for-2025-26/>

Alternatively, you may send a confirmation of your participation to roahmedabad@chemexcil.in

For More Information:

Download the event brochure:

Download the Event Report of 2024:

We encourage members to actively participate in this valuable seminar series and stay updated on the latest global regulatory developments and opportunities for the chemical industry.

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 20

EPC:LIC:IND-EU:FTA:PSRs:PW:2024-25:1407

21st Jan 2025

Sub: Inputs for India-EU FTA-Rules of origin-PSRs for chemicals and petrochemicals: Regarding

Dear Members,

India is currently negotiating a Free Trade Agreement with the EU. As a part of this agreement, both the countries negotiate on a range of products that would be offered tariff concessions to each other under this agreement.

To ensure that benefits of tariff concession accrue to products that are sufficiently produced in either country, there are certain rules in place that ensure sufficient transformation of the products in the territory of both countries. Enclosed herewith are the tentative positions of PSRs of Chemicals.

Below are the details of processes, which are there in the EU-UK TCA (For reference purpose).

For the purposes of product-specific rules of origin, the following definitions apply:

- a) “biotechnological processing” means:
- biological or biotechnological culturing (including cell culture), hybridisation or genetic modification of micro-organisms (bacteria, viruses (including phages) etc.) or human, animal or plant cells; and
 - production, isolation or purification of cellular or intercellular structures (such as isolated genes, gene fragments and plasmids), or fermentation;

“change in particle size” means the deliberate and controlled modification in particle size of a product, other than by merely crushing or pressing, resulting in a product with a defined particle size, defined particle size distribution or defined surface area, which is relevant to the purposes of the resulting product and with physical or chemical characteristics different from those of the input materials;

b) “chemical reaction” means a process (including a biochemical processing) which results in a molecule with a new structure by breaking intramolecular bonds and by forming new intramolecular bonds, or by altering the spatial arrangement of atoms in a molecule, with the exception of the following, which are not considered to be chemical reactions for the purpose of this definition:

- (i) dissolving in water or other solvents;
- (ii) the elimination of solvents including solvent water; or
- (iii) the addition or elimination of water of crystallisation;

“distillation” means:

- i. atmospheric distillation: a separation process in which petroleum oils are converted, in a distillation tower, into fractions according to boiling point and the vapour then condensed into different liquefied fractions; products produced from petroleum distillation may include liquefied petroleum gas, naphtha, gasoline, kerosene, diesel or heating oil, light gas oils and lubricating oil; and
- ii. vacuum distillation: distillation at a pressure below atmospheric but not so low that it would be classed as molecular distillation; vacuum distillation is used for distilling high-boiling and heat-sensitive materials such as heavy distillates in petroleum oils to produce light to heavy vacuum gas oils and residuum;

“isomer separation” means the isolation or separation of isomers from a mixture of isomers;

- c) “mixing and blending” means the deliberate and proportionally controlled mixing or blending (including dispersing) of materials, other than the addition of diluents, only to conform to predetermined specifications which results in the production of a product having physical or chemical characteristics that are relevant to the purposes or uses of the product and are different from the input materials;
- d) “production of standard materials” (including standard solutions) means a production of a preparation suitable for analytical, calibrating or referencing uses with precise degrees of purity or proportions certified by the producer; and
- e) “purification” means a process which results in the elimination of at least 80 % of the content of existing impurities or the reduction or elimination of impurities resulting in a good suitable for one or more of the following applications:
 - (i) pharmaceutical, medical, cosmetic, veterinary or food grade substances;
 - (ii) chemical products and reagents for analytical, diagnostic or laboratory uses;
 - (iii) elements and components for use in micro-electronics;
 - (iv) specialised optical uses;
 - (v) biotechnical use, for example, in cell culturing, in genetic technology or as a catalyst;
 - (vi) carriers used in a separation process; or
 - (vii) nuclear grade uses.

We request members to provide your inputs on above for the tariff lines pertaining to Chapter 28, 29, 32 and 3808 on ad.del@chemexcil.in; pw@chemexcil.in; with copy to dg@chemexcil.in latest by 27th January 2025.

Thanks and Regards

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Tentative Position for DCPC

Circular 21

EPC:LIC:IND-AUS:CECA:PW:2024-25:1415

22nd January, 2025

Sub: Inputs on Product Specific Rules (PSRs) for India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)

Dear Members

CHEMEXCIL is in receipt of communication from Department on Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

The negotiation for the India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) is in its final phase. Attached herewith are the few product lines for which both sides have provisionally agreed on the Product Specific Rules (PSRs) for your kind reference.

We request members to their inputs / comments regarding Chapters 28, 29, 32 and 3808 by 23rd Jan 2025 on pw@chemexcil.in with copy to dg@chemexcil.in for onward submission.

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : In-AUS CECA RoO PSR Ch 28-40

Circular 22

EPC:LIC:BRAZ:IMP:TLC:PW:2024-25:1426

23rd January, 2025

Sub: Import tariff changes implemented by Brazil customs during the last quarter of 2024. -An opportunity for Indian Exporters

Dear Members,

We are in receipt of communication from the Embassy of India in Brazil informing about the import tariff changes implemented by Brazil during the last quarter of 2024.

The details of Import Tariff changes in Brazil are enclosed for your kind perusal and information.

It may be noted that the import tariffs w.r.t Pharmaceutical compounds, Rutile pigments, Firefighting vehicles, Palm Oil, and Glyphosate has been reduced during the last quarter of 2024.

This can be a good opportunity for Indian Industry to benefit from tariff reduction by Brazil in the said sector.

We request respective members to take the note of it and benefit from the same.

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Details of Import Tariff changes in Brazil

Circular 23

EPC:LIC:MINM:IND-INDON:PW:2024-25:1455

27th Jan 2025

Sub: Inputs for Minister level meeting to be held between India and Indonesia in coming month

Dear Members

We are in receipt of communication from Department informing about a Minister level meeting proposed to be held between Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister and his Indonesian Counterpart in coming month to discuss the following

The bilateral trade opportunities,

- Cooperation areas,
- Challenges (tariff & non-tariff barriers)
- The way forward.

In view of above member are requested to provide their inputs on following pointer

Focus on important product areas of cooperation such as

- Joint ventures & investments,
- Technology transfer,
- Research & Development (R&D) collaboration,
- Skill development & training.
 - Any issues with
- Customs procedures
- Logistics infrastructure
- Tariff & Non-Tariff Barriers
 - The way forward

Members are requested to share the inputs on or before 5th February 2025 at pw@chemexcil.in with copy to dg@chemexcil.in

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Circular 24

EPC:LIC:CBIC:IMP-ADVI:BUD:PW:2024-25:1448

27th Jan 2025

Sub: CBIC-Update of changes vide Union Budget 2025-26 in System- reg

Dear Members

Directorate General of Systems and Data Management, CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES & CUSTOMS has issued an Advisory No: 07/2025, dated 24th January 2025 on Union Budget 2025-26 and ICES System.

This advisory indicates the procedures and precautions to be taken by customs authorities and stakeholders during the Union Budget presentation on 1st February 2025.

The important updates are as under

On 1st February 2025 from 11:00 hours, filing of Bills of Entry (BE) and Section 48 approvals will be unavailable until the completion of updates in ICES following the Budget presentation. Other services at ICEGATE will remain operational as usual, and ICES will still be available for other functions for officers.

Shipping Bill (SB) filing and assessment will continue as normal. However, if there are changes to export duties, cess, or other export levies in the upcoming Union Budget, it is advised that sites track the Let Export Order (LEO) for SBs filed on or after 1st Feb 2025, until the online directory is updated. Until then, export duties, cess, or other levies should be collected manually.

Further, while processing of BEs filed before 11:00 hours on 01.02.2025 will continue as usual, the field formations should keep a track for Prior Bills of Entry filed before on or before 01.02.2025 for any change of duty liability before giving OOC

The system for filing and processing Bills of Entry (BE) will be available only after ICES is updated according to the Budget changes, usually within 48 hours, unless important new levies are introduced. Importers, customs brokers, and trade members are advised to plan their BE clearance accordingly.

Detailed advisory is enclosed for your kind perusal

Please take note of it

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
CHEMEXCIL

Encl : Advisory 7_2025 Union Budget related changes

Circular 25

EPC:LIC:DGFT:COO:REV:2024-25:1479

28th January 2025

Sub: DGFT-Amendments to Para 2.91 & 2.93 of HBP, in line with the Implementation of the e Certificate of Origin System-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam

The office of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued a Public Notice No. 43/2024-25 dated 27th January 2025 on above subject.

Important changes introduced are as under

- Deletion of Para 2.91(d) The provision allowing the Export Inspection Council (EIC) to print blank certificates and issue them under a specific procedure has been deleted.
- Amendment to Para 2.93(c)
- Exporters required to obtain Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin must submit their application online via www.trade.gov.in platform
- For the issuance of Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin, only the Invoice and Packing List need to be uploaded online.
- The fee for each CoO is fixed at ₹200, which includes the attestation of any additional documents.
- Addition to Para 2.93(d) A provision has been added to allow the issuance of in-lieu Certificates of Origin (CoO) by the same issuing agency for corrections in previously issued eCoOs.
- New Para 2.93(f) A provision has been added to permit the issuance of Back-to-Back Certificates of Origin (Non-Preferential) for goods not of Indian origin that are being re-exported, transshipped, or used for merchanting trade purposes.

- These certificates will be issued based on documentary evidence confirming the original foreign country of origin.
- The details of the supporting documents must be explicitly mentioned on the back-to-back CoO issued.

The detailed notice can be viewed on below link

<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/dgftprod/b84e7f78-64fe-4884-8622-3009d8a73932/PN%2043-2024-25%20Eng-reg..pdf>

The notice is applicable with immediate effect.

Exporters are advised to go through this important notice and do the needful.

Thanks and Regards

Thanks and regards,

Raghuveer Kini
Director General
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Encl : PN 43-2024-25 ENG-Reg



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CHEMEXCIL Membership Subscription Fees from 1st April-2022:

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F.Y. 2022-2023 fee will be charged based on FOB Value of exports in Rs. F.Y. 2020-21.

Renewal Fee of Manufacturer and Merchant Exporters

Sr. No.	FOB Exports (Rs)	New Fees in Rs.	GST @ 18% in Rs.	Total Amount with GST in Rs.
1	0 to 10 Lacs	6500/-	1170/-	7670/-
2	Above 10-25 Lacs	8500/-	1530/-	10030/-
3	Above 25 Lacs -1 Crore	14000/-	2520/-	16520/-
4	Above 1 Crore -10 Crores	18000/-	3240/-	21240/-
5	Above 10 Crore -20 Crores	22000/-	3960/-	25960/-
6	Above 20 Crores -50 Crores	29000/-	5220/-	34220/-
7	Above 50 Crores -100 Crores	35000/-	6300/-	41300/-
8	Above 100 Crores -250 Crores	40000/-	7200/-	47200/-
9	Above 250 Crores -500 Crores	45000/-	8100/-	53100/-
10	Above 500 Crores -1000 Crores	50000/-	9000/-	59000/-
11	Above 1000 Crores	55000/-	9900/-	64900/-

Entry Fees for NEW (FRESH) MEMBERS

Sr. No.	Category	Entrance Fee in Rs.
1	Large Scale Manufacturer Exporter	10500/-
2	Small Scale Exporter (CA Certify Last Three F.Y. Export Turnover Present) As per MSME criteria up to 250Cr.)	2000/-
3	Small Scale Manufacturer Exporter (CA Certify Last Three F.Y. Export Turnover NIL)	500/-
4	Merchant Exporter	3500/-

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING :

1. Start-ups and New entrance MSME's having export turnover Zero shall be charge Rs.1000/- in addition to 'One Time' Entrance Fee of Rs. 500/- with applicable GST. However, for the sake of clarity, from next year onwards at the time of renewal of membership, the Membership will be charged as per their Export Turnover of the company (as per above table).
2. It is mandatory for every member to submit the CA certified export turnover of last 3-Financial Years of the company.
3. For any Amendment in RCMC certificate, an amount of Rs.1180/- (Rs.1000/- + Rs.180/- GST) will be charged as administrative fees from the entity.
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5. **Cancellation of membership:** In case of any reasons of cancellation of membership by member membership fees will not be refunded.

RENEWAL/ FRESH MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS LIST

Sr. No.	Name of the Documents	Manufacturer Exporter	Merchant Exporter
1	Last three Financial Year CA Certified Export Turnover on CA letterhead.	Yes	Yes
2	PAN copy	Yes	Yes
3	GST copy	Yes	Yes
4	SIA or IEM copy or Udyam/ Udyog Aadhar copy	Yes	Not Applicable
5	If your company having State Pollution Board copy (Not Compulsory)	Yes	Not Applicable
6	Import Export Code Copy	Yes	Yes
7	Product List with HSCODE on Company Letterhead with Production Capacity in Metric Ton.	Yes	Yes
8	Director List with their DIN number , EMAIL id, Direct Tel. No. on Member Company Letterhead.	Yes	Yes
9	Partnership Deed copy (if the company is Partnership firm / LLP).	Yes	Yes
10	If your company having Star Trade House Cert. Copy issued by DGFT.	Yes	Yes
11	Name , Designation, Mobile No. and Email Id of your company Export Head , Regulatory Head & Accounts Head on Member Company Letterhead.	Yes	Yes

Please note that as per trade notice no 35/2021-2022 dated 24th February 2022 of DGFT it is mandatory for exporters and EPC's to file and issue RCMC through DGFT common platform from 1st April 2022.

Hence, From 1st April 2022 onwards Chemexcil RCMC will be issued through DGFT website portal only.

Below is the You Tube video link Watch "How to Apply for renewal of RCMC/RC on DGFT e-platform" :- <https://youtu.be/f4ijdmD4X4I>

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CHEMEXCIL Membership benefits:

1. **Exhibitions Participation:** CHEMEXCIL actively participates in international exhibitions abroad, showcasing Indian exports and facilitating connections with global markets. Additionally, it invites overseas delegations to India, fostering long-term strategic alliances that enhance trade relationships and expand export opportunities. This initiative aims to elevate the visibility of Indian products and strengthen the country's presence in the global market.
2. **Policy Advocacy:** CHEMEXCIL is dedicated to addressing the policy concerns of its members by engaging with relevant ministries. It actively participates in Grievance Committee Meetings organized by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to tackle issues faced by member-exporters related to customs, central excise, and port authorities. Through this advocacy, the Council works to resolve challenges, ensuring that exporters can navigate regulatory landscapes effectively and promote a more conducive environment for trade.
3. **Dissemination of Trade Information:** The CHEMEXCIL ensures its members stay informed through regular updates via circulars and email newsletters. These communications provide vital information on market trends, regulatory changes, export opportunities, and industry insights, empowering members to make informed business decisions and stay competitive in the global market.
4. **Export Awards:** CHEMEXCIL recognizes and celebrates exceptional export performance through its Export Awards program. By organizing an annual Export Award Function, it honors outstanding exporters for their contributions and achievements. This initiative not only acknowledges excellence within the industry but also inspires others to strive for higher standards in export practices.
5. **Networking Opportunities:** To connect within the chemical industry. CHEMEXCIL Participates in international exhibitions being held abroad and invites overseas delegations to India to promote our exports and establish long term strategic alliances.
6. **Trade Facilitation and Trade & Policy Assistance:** CHEMEXCIL provides comprehensive support for regulatory compliance and grievance resolution, guiding members through trade and policy matters involving the DGFT, banks, customs, and MSME regulations. It offers expertise on various export incentives, including the Duty Exemption Scheme, EPCG scheme, RoDTEP, and benefits for status holders. As the nodal agency appointed by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for compliance with EU REACH legislation, it helps members navigate complex regulatory requirements.

Additionally, CHEMEXCIL assists in identifying suppliers and facilitating smooth trade deals between buyers and sellers. Members also gain access to a comprehensive industry database, enhancing their ability to source Indian chemical products effectively.
7. **Representation:** CHEMEXCIL plays a crucial role in advocating for trade issues with government authorities. It prepares and submits an Annual Action Plan to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, focused on promoting exports of items within its purview. This plan includes budget proposals for participation in various international exhibitions and buyer-seller meets, both abroad and in India. By effectively representing the interests of member-exporters, the organization seeks to enhance export opportunities and support the growth of the industry.
8. **Documentation Support:** CHEMEXCIL provides essential documentation support to its members, issuing various certificates, including Certificates of Origin, RCMC, and Export Turnover Certificates. It also prepares recommendation letters for consulates and embassies to facilitate visa applications for member-exporters attending exhibitions, delegations, and business promotion tours abroad. CHEMEXCIL issues Non-preferential Certificates of Origin for exports of qualifying items manufactured in India. This support streamlines the export process and helps members comply with international trade requirements.
9. **Government Schemes & Export Incentives:** CHEMEXCIL provides comprehensive handholding support for members to access government schemes and export incentives. This includes financial assistance through initiatives like the Market Access Initiative (MAI), which covers approved international trade fairs, exhibitions, and virtual buyer-seller meets. Additionally, it offers guidance on statutory compliance in buyers' countries, ensuring that members meet eligibility criteria for various support programs. By facilitating access to these resources, CHEMEXCIL helps enhance members' competitiveness in the global market.
10. **New Business Support:** CHEMEXCIL creates platforms for new businesses and MSMEs to connect and grow. Export Guidance on Step-by-step guides on how to start exporting, secure trade financing, and ensure compliance with international regulations.
11. **Overseas Buyer Services:** CHEMEXCIL helps overseas buyers in identification of reliable suppliers based on quality, quantity, pricing, and specifications.
12. **Council's activities and Knowledge sharing Platforms:** CHEMEXCIL, engages in various activities aimed at supporting exporters and promoting knowledge sharing across industries. These activities provide platforms for businesses to gain insights, network, and enhance their market access.

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