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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 05.04.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: India–Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)-
request for comments.

The undersigned directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that so far 10 rounds of negotiations have been held between India and Canada. The next round of negotiations is going to be held shortly.

2. In this regard, we have to firm up our position on tariff concessions that could be offered to Canada on imports. Please find enclosed the list of 284 tariff lines. The list has data related to Canada's export to India in the Chemicals & Petrochemicals along with India's present MFN standard Tariff rate. Tariff lines are to be categorized as per below definitions.

- i) Category 'A' - Zero tariff on entry into force of the CEPA
- ii) Category 'B' - To bring to zero tariff within 3 years
- iii) Category 'C' - To bring to zero tariff within 5 years
- iv) Category 'D' - To bring to zero tariff within 7 years
- v) Category 'F' - To bring to zero tariff within 10 years
- vi) Category 'R' - Only reduction in existing tariff rate to be allowed.
- vii) Category 'NL' - To be kept under negative list for which no tariff concessions could be given.

3. All stakeholders Industry associations are requested to depict appropriate category symbol (in the enclosed list) at Category column 'O' i.e. 'A' or 'B' or 'C' or 'D' or 'F' or 'R' or 'NL' alongwith justification for the category selection at last column – P (Remarks).

4. Inputs may be furnished to this Department latest by 12th April 2021. In case inputs are not received within the stipulated time, it will be assumed you have no comments on the subject matter.

Encl.: as above

Yours faithfully

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To,
Industry Associations from Chemical and Petrochemical Sector

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