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Hon'ble Board Chairman Shri Jaheer Bukhari

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## **BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Dear Industry Colleagues,

As we welcome the dawn of a new year 2024, it brings me immense pleasure to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. May the year ahead be filled with prosperity, growth, and countless opportunities for success.

Reflecting on the past year, I am proud to share with you the remarkable achievements of the Asian Exporters Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AECCI). Through our unwavering dedication and collaborative efforts, we have forged strategic partnerships with more than 15 prominent law firms across various countries.

This milestone not only strengthens our global presence but also signifies our commitment to providing unparalleled support to our esteemed members. With these collaborations in place, AECCI now stands as a beacon of assistance and guidance for exporters worldwide. No matter the country or the query, our members can rest assured knowing that AECCI is readily accessible to offer expert advice and support.

Looking ahead, our vision remains steadfast: to witness Indian exporters soar to new heights of success on the global stage. It is our fervent belief that through our collective efforts, we can empower exporters to thrive in diverse markets around the world. AECCI is committed to leaving no stone unturned in our pursuit of this vision, as we continue to spearhead initiatives aimed at facilitating the success of our members. In closing, I would like to leave you with a quote that encapsulates our unwavering commitment to the success of our members:

"Success in international trade is not merely a destination; it is a journey of resilience, collaboration, and unwavering determination."

As we embark on this journey together, let us remain steadfast in our resolve to overcome challenges and seize opportunities, knowing that AECCI stands firmly by our side.

## EDITOR'S NOTE



## Zear Esteemed Members,

As we embark on a new year filled with promise and possibility, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead to each of you. Reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year, I am delighted to share the strides we have made at the

Asian Exporters Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AECCI). Throughout the year, we have conducted numerous e-learning sessions and webinars in collaboration with esteemed advocates with records in the Supreme Court.

These sessions, available for viewing on our YouTube channel, have served as invaluable resources for our members, offering insights into legal intricacies and best practices in international trade. Furthermore, I am proud to announce the establishment and enforcement of our Arbitration Center in the past year. Committed to providing a platform for fair and efficient resolution of commercial disputes, our Arbitration Center stands as a testament to AECCIs dedication to facilitating smooth business operations for our members.

In this newsletter, you will find detailed updates on all our initiatives, including e-learning sessions, webinars, seminars, and more. We are thrilled to bring you Volume 29 of our newsletter, showcasing the efforts and achievements of our organization. Looking ahead, I am excited to announce our upcoming Annual Magazine, which will focus on the revolution of artificial intelligence in the export industry.

We invite you to contribute articles and insights to this publication, as we strive to provide valuable knowledge and perspectives to our readers. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with AECCI. Together, let us continue to pave the way for success in international trade.

-Tehrim Mulla

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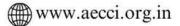
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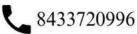




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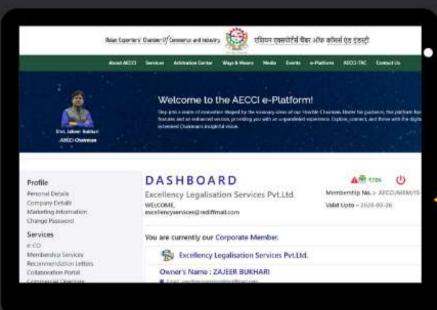
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## INDUSTRY NEWS

## AUSTRALIA OFFERS CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMING TECH TO INDIA IN EXCHANGE FOR IMPORT DUTY CUTS

Australia has proposed aiding India in developing climate-resilient crops and grain storage technology in exchange for India's reduction of import duties on Australian agricultural imports, according to sources familiar with the matter.

Australian High Commissioner to India,
Philip Green, emphasized the significance
of reducing barriers to agricultural
products. Green from Australia sees
mutual benefits in collaborating with India
to improve agriculture, with the potential
for Australian food exports to support
Indian industries





However, India is cautious about opening up the agricultural sector due to its reliance on farming for livelihoods. Talks for a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Australia began in 2011, with an interim Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) in effect since December 2022.

India rejected market access demands for cheese and dairy products from the European Free Trade Association during trade discussions.

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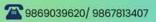
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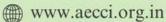
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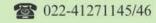
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## **INDUSTRY NEWS**



## Progress In India-UK FTA Talks, Both Sides Aim For Equitable Deal

Commerce Ministry announced on Friday that the majority of challenging issues in India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations are on track towards resolution, with both parties actively working towards a fair and equitable deal.

The talks for an FTA between India and the UK were initiated in January 2022 to strengthen economic ties between the two nations.

The comprehensive agreement consists of 26 chapters covering various sectors including goods, services, investments, and intellectual property rights.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal emphasised the commitment of both sides to achieving a fair deal, stating that they are deeply engaged in negotiations.

The 14th round of negotiations took place in January, with significant progress reported in chapter-wise textual discussions.

## **SWITZERLAND & INDIA TO SIGN**

## **FTA After 16 Years of Negotiations**

Switzerland and India have achieved a breakthrough in their free-trade negotiations, with Swiss Economy Minister Guy Parmelin confirming the consensus after 16 years of talks. Following the World Economic Forum in Davos, Parmelin promptly travelled to India to meet with his counterpart, Piyush Goyal, as revealed in a post on X on Saturday.

While the broad outlines of the agreement have been settled, officials are currently working on finalizing the finer details.

Parmelin highlighted that the agreement is expected to generate employment opportunities for the youth in India and ensure job security in Switzerland, as reported by Swiss newspaper Sonntagszeitung.



#### Germany Toy Fair Opens Bonanza For Indian Toy Makers

Indian toy makers achieved success at the Nuremberg International Toy Fair with high demand for their products. The shift away from Chinese toys benefited Indian manufacturers, attracting interest even from Chinese firms for collaborations.

Government support, quality regulations, and reduced customs duties have fueled the industry's growth.



## India Excludes Carbon Tax From UK And EU Trade Talks

India's free trade talks with the UK and EU may skip discussions on the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM), impacting Indian steel exports.

CBAM aims to tax imports like steel to ensure fair pricing. Excluding CBAM from negotiations could be a strategic move by India due to concerns over emission calculation transparency.



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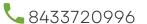
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## BILATERAL

## **NEWS**





India has solidified its position as the third-largest exporter of smartphones to the US, with exports soaring to USD 3.53 billion from April to December this fiscal year, as per data released by the Commerce Ministry.

The surge in outbound shipments has propelled India's smartphone market share to 7.76 percent during the same period, a significant leap from 2 percent last year. This spike in exports has elevated India to the third spot among smartphone exporters to the US market.

India's smartphone exports surged due to increased production, while China and Vietnam saw declines in exports to the US. The US' top five suppliers had reduced imports.

South Korea and Hong Kong are notable in the US market. India's smartphone exports grew with the PLI scheme and Apple's involvement in manufacturing. India's smartphone exports surged due to increased production, while China and Vietnam saw declines in exports to the US. The US' top five suppliers had reduced imports.

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Mr. Aaron Solomon ( Managing Partner )

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Mr. Aaron Solomon is an Advocate, registered with the Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa. He is also a Solicitor ranked first in the 'All India Solicitor's examination' in 1996 and has been member of the Bombay Incorporated Law Society ever since.

Mr. Solomon is the Managing Partner of Solomon & Co. and has been in active practice for over 25 years.

He specializes in transactional work including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, exchange control regulations, competition laws, banking, investment funds, private equity, capital markets, and securities laws. He has experience of cross-border transactions and assisting clients across a complex Indian business and legal environment.

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Solomon & Co. is a full-service law firm founded in 1909 and is amongst India's oldest law-firms. The firm has 3 offices, 2 across Mumbai and I in Pune, and provides legal services across India. It has a team of 50+ lawyers who are trained to provide high-value legal services and emphasize on client requirements in a time bound manner. The firm's clients includes both Indian and international companies, banks, business houses, investment funds, government organizations, not-for-profit organizations as well as individuals.

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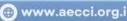
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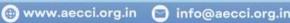
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## INDIA TARGETS \$3-5 BILLION GREEN **HYDROGEN EXPORTS BY 2030: REPORT**

India is making strides in the green hydrogen sector, aiming to lead exports by 2030 as part of a broader strategy to reduce reliance imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) and boost domestic GDP growth.

report by Alvarez Marsal underscores India's ambitious plans, projecting USD 3-5 billion in exports and USD 7-15 billion in import substitution within the next decade. Green hydrogen, generated through water electrolysis using renewable energy, emits no carbon dioxide. aligning with global efforts for a lowcarbon economy.



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# IMPORTANCE OF IPR IN TODAY'S BUSINESS WORLD

A well-crafted intellectual property strategy can help maximize the potential of your business. Over the years, the value of Intellectual property has grown tremendously, and it is now a vital element to business. The IPR safeguards or acts as a binder to the creator of ideas in a particular sector or field wherein these rights bind the maker with the creation lawfully, wherein infringement can be considered unlawful and the preparator may be punished.

IPR have added an intrinsic value to all kinds of products, as unique creation and ideas are becoming a more and more important aspect of any business. illegal use Nowadays, of ideas generated by other person has become one of the most common crimes these However, there are businesses which still fail to realize the IP value and risks associated with it. Thus, not using and understanding IPR could be detrimental to the overall growth of the business.

The different forms of IPR are Copyright, Patents, Trademarks.

- Patent A patent is used to prohibit the use or selling by another party, for a defined period of time, of original production.
- Copyright It is the right that protects a tangible form of expression like book, painting etc. It protects the mannerism in which the idea is expressed.
- Trademark It refers to the protection of logo or design that an individual or company uses.

Apart from these there is one more form known as Trade Secret. A trade secret is any hidden information which allows you to make money because it is generally not known. A trade secret could be a formula, process, method or other non-public information. Example – Recipe of Coca-Cola, Recipe of KFC Spice etc.



Mr. Vijay Pal Dalmia (Advocate On Record) Supreme Court Of India

One of the most important benefits of using IPR is that it increases people's trust. A company's profits may be affected by the acquisition of a new IPR. There are many instances in which a company's value heavily increased overnight due to the acquisition of an IPR. Furthermore, a trademark with a good reputation may also expand market value and increase the future revenue of a company. Investing in new IP is now seen as a strong way to enhance a company's financial situation. Research, product development and marketing for IP is an investment that every company should consider making.

Key advantages of securing the Intellectual Property Rights are as follows:

- 1. Innovative idea into profits Ideas on their own have little value or no value. IP has great untapped potential to turn your ideas into commercially successful goods and services. Registering your patents and copyright can result in a steady stream of royalty and extra revenue, which can improve the overall business bottom line.
- 2. Marketing of business goods and services Intellectual Property is crucial for creating a unique identity for the business. It helps to differentiate the goods and services of one company from the other in the market and to easily promote them to the target customers.
- 3. Raise finance for the business A person can monetize the IP assets through sale, licensing or can use them as collateral for debt financing. Furthermore, IP registration is also very useful to apply for government or public funding, loans and subsidies.
- 4. Improve export opportunities Intellectual Property also increases the competitiveness of a business in the export market. An IP right holder can use these brands or designs for marketing the goods and services in foreign countries and can seek franchising agreement with the overseas firm or export the patented goods.
- 6. Accelerates business growth It is very crucial for small size business to shield their unique products or services, which can be used by the competitors for taking away the market share, resulting in steady growth and sales. Losing a market share in the initial stage in a business can be hazardous to its business health in the long-term.

It can be said that legal protection of IP is more important than ever before because it turns the company's intangible assets into exclusive rights, so competitors are unable to benefit from their innovations. IPR encourage and rewards innovations. It gives the owner of the property the opportunity to share their creations with limited competition and protects the company's competitive point of differentiation. IPR can sometimes be an extremely valuable bargaining tool rights, and it can be sold for financial gain. By protecting IP, a company can expand the value of their assets and increase future productivity.

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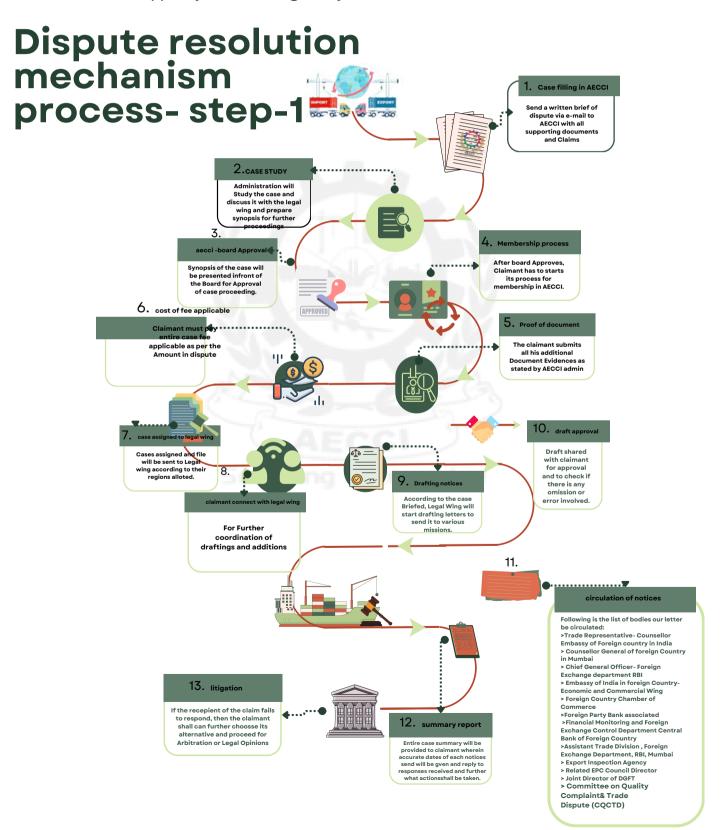
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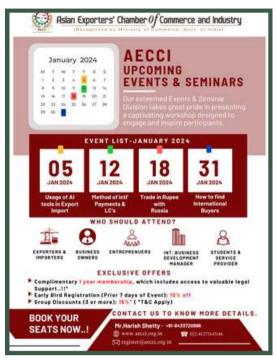
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## **Events & seminar**

## Recap of the Last Three Months' Unforgettable Events and Seminars

## January 2024



## February 2024



## March 2024



The Asian Exporters Chamber of Commerce Industry (AECCI) has commitment to advancing business acumen and fostering collaboration by hosting a series of informative and engaging events and seminars over the past three months. These thoughtfully curated gatherings were designed to serve as dynamic platforms for knowledge exchange, bringing together a community of business experts, exporters, and entrepreneurs. Attendees had the invaluable opportunity to delve into insightful discussions, gaining profound insights into the everevolving business landscape in Asia.

As AECCI continues to spearhead initiatives that promote excellence in business practices, these recent events have played a pivotal role in creating an

environment where ideas flourish, partnerships are forged, and participants stay well-informed about the latest developments impacting their industries. The chamber remains dedicated to nurturing a collaborative ecosystem that propels the growth and success of businesses across Asia, making each event and seminar a vital component of this overarching mission.

## **DGFT AND CUSTOM NOTIFICATIONS**



#### JANUARY - MARCH 2024

#### 36/2023-24

• Extension of Date for Mandatory electronic filing of Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin (CoO) through the Common Digital Platform to 31st December 2024 –reg.



#### 09/2023

 Clarification regarding Import Policy Provisions for Laptops, Tablets, All-in-one Personal Computers and Ultra Small Form Factor Computers, Servers under HSN 8471



#### 37/2023

• Extension of Validity of Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs)



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 Amendment in policy condition of silver covered under Chapter 71 of Schedule - 1 (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022



#### 39/2023

• Implementation of the Track and Trace system for export of Pharmaceuticals and drug consignments along with maintaining the Parent-Child relationship in the levels of packaging and their movement in supply chain- Extension of date of implementation regarding.



#### 59/2023

• Addition of Mundra Port and ICD Garhi Harsaru for Import of new Vehicles - reg.



#### 41/2023

 Import of Watermelon Seeds under ITC(HS) 12077090 of ITC(HS) 2022 for the period up to 31.08.2024-reg.



#### 42/2023

 mport of Muskmelon Seeds under ITC(HS) 12077090 of ITC (HS) 2022 for the period up to 31.08.2024-reg



#### 48/2023

 Import of Menthol covered under ITC(HS) codes: 29061100, 30039021, 33012590 and 33012400 under Advance Authorisation/DFIA



#### 70/2023

Extending RoDTEP support for exports made by Advance Authorisation (AA) holders, Export
Oriented Units (EOU), Special Economic Zones (SEZ) units- reg.



#### 81/2023

Amendment in export policy of Onions



# MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (GOVERNMENT OF INDIA) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE

( VANIJYA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI )

NOTIFICATION NO: 70/2023

8th March, 2024

Subject: Extending RoDTEP support for exports made by Advance Authorisation (AA) holders, Export Oriented Units (EOU), Special Economic Zones (SEZ) units-reg.

- Amendments have been made to the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, removing certain ineligible supplies/items/categories from the RoDTEP scheme with effect from II.03.2024.
- Changes have been made to Para 4.54, specifying that the RoDTEP rebate applies to
  eligible exporters at notified rates as a percentage of the Free on Board (FOB) value
  with a value cap per unit of the exported product. These rates will be notified in
  Appendices 4R and 4RE.
- A new Para 4.59A has been added, detailing the RoDTEP provisions for exports of products manufactured by Advance Authorization holders, Export Oriented Units, and Special Economic Zones units.
- The implementation period for RoDTEP for AA holders (except Deemed Exports) and EOUs is from 11.03.2024 to 30.09.2024. For SEZ units, it will begin upon IT integration with Customs Automated System (ICEGATE) from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024.
- Budgetary framework adherence is emphasized, allowing necessary changes in RoDTEP rates and appendices to stay within the approved budget.
- Revised RoDTEP rates for 25 HS codes in Appendix 4R have been notified.
- The RoDTEP scheme, previously extended till 30.06.2024, is now extended further till 30.09.2024.

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