



AEPC Circular No: 237

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Sub: Request to submit suggestions related to FTA utilization

Dear Member Exporters,

Department of Commerce (DoC) is soon going to launch a nationwide campaign towards utilization of various FTAs. As you are aware that India has recently signed FTAs with various countries like EU, UK, New Zealand, Oman, EFTA countries. Earlier also India has signed FTAs with many major garment importing countries such as Australia, UAE, Japan, South Korea etc. It has been experienced that apparel exporters by and large have not taken the fullest advantage of these FTAs resulting in stagnation of apparel exports despite FTAs. In this context, we earnestly solicit you to highlight the difficulties if any, experienced in utilizing the FTAs.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/TJn41gdDQPydkvzUA>

It will enable us to undertake the appropriate remedial measures either directly or through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

With regards,

Mithileshwar Thakur
Secretary General