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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
FT [Europe] Division

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 25th June, 2021

To,
Trade and Industry Associations / Businesses /
General Public / any other interested stakeholder

Subject: Suggestions from stakeholders and trade associations on India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership

Madam / Sir,

As you are aware, a new historic high in the bilateral trade and investment relationship between India and the UK was achieved on 4th May 2021 with the announcement of the India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership [ETP] by the Prime Ministers of both the countries. The ETP launch carries a bilateral commitment towards negotiation of a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement [FTA] to unlock the full potential of India-UK trade and commercial relationship.

2. It is understood that an FTA with the UK would allow us to explore futuristic opportunities in trade and investment by making exports easier and promoting investment flows. This would also enable greater access to Indian service providers looking to facilitate services exports and will enable domestic consumers to access a wider range of products and services at competitive rates.

3. Towards this aim, the Government of India is committed to an inclusive trade policy that takes account of the views of all the stakeholders. It has thus been decided to seek comments on future trade negotiations between India and the UK.

4. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce is seeking your views and suggestions on the proposed FTA between India and the UK. The views may kindly be shared in the format as provided under, duly supplemented and justified by relevant statistical information and any other information in support.

S. No.	Priority area	Specific sector, if any	Suggestion	Existing position	Concerns	Justification	Relevant data	Any other details
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5. The views / suggestions, so provided, may kindly be emailed, as word document in the form of separate attachment to us3euro-doc@gov.in, and the coordinates of the organization / individual [name, address, business interest/area, location, size of firm (by sales and output, number of employees), main products/services traded to the UK (approximate value), etc.] may be clearly mentioned in the forwarding mail. Considering the time-bound nature of the exercise, we would appreciate if your views and suggestions reach us at the latest by **25th July 2021**.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEXURE: Detailing the proposal format

<p>Priority area</p>	<p>The area which best describes your organisation's priorities. Indicative areas being,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Goods (tariffs), (ii) Goods (market access issues), (iii) Rules of Origin and Certification issues, (iv) Technical Regulations, Standards and their certification or mutual recognition, (v) Services, (vi) Intellectual Property / Geographical Indications, (vii) Government Procurement, (viii) Digital and e-Commerce issues, (ix) Trade and Environment Sustainability <p><i>[You can repeat the format in a separate word file for suggestions on multiple priority areas].</i></p>
<p>Specific sector, if any</p>	<p>Specific area of interest [with HSN]</p> <p><u>For e.g.</u> Apparels in Goods, Pharmaceuticals in Market access, Information Technology in Services, Data protection or data localisation in Digital, fixation rights/single equitable remuneration in IP, etc.</p>
<p>Suggestion</p>	<p>Your specific justifiable suggestion on what would you want the Indian government to achieve through an FTA with the UK.</p> <p><u>For goods, it may include –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Key asks in terms of tariffs liberalization; (ii) Key asks in terms of market access issues faced; (iii) Key lines where tariff levels must be retained; (iv) Sectors in which domestic industry is under expansion and inputs/intermediate goods are procured from the UK; (v) Procedures related to customs and/or certifications that are cumbersome. <p><u>For services, it may include –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Key asks in terms of sectors of services liberalisation; (ii) Other issues on market access or totalisation agreement, etc.
<p>Existing position</p>	<p>Existing position and challenges in the field [Challenges in goods may be sub-divided in to tariff related issues, and non-tariff barriers]. You can also mention where your organisation is placed as per the existing position [for e.g. current import/export/sourcing of materials, from/to the UK].</p>
<p>Concerns</p>	<p>Any concerns about a free trade agreement with the UK related to this area, and any protections for the domestic industry that you would want the Indian government to retain?</p>
<p>Justification</p>	<p>Why you want the Indian government to achieve a particular goal through this FTA?</p> <p><u>May include justifications, such as –</u></p>

	<p>(i) Increased imports/exports expected,</p> <p>(ii) Availability of raw materials/consumer goods,</p> <p>(iii) Increased market access vis-a-vis competitors/price reduction,</p> <p>(iv) Expansion of your organisations base,</p> <p>(v) Overall benefit to the country/consumers, etc.</p> <p>You can also mention where your organisation may be placed as per the existing position [for e.g. current import/export/sourcing of materials, from/to the UK].</p>
Relevant data	Existing or potential import/export figures, data on existing/future jobs, as well as any other statistical information in support of the proposal.
Any other details	Anything else that you would suggest about India's future trade relationship with the UK.