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Sub: India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

Dear Member Exporters,

I am happy to inform you that India and the European Union (EU) have announced the successful conclusion of FTA negotiations, marking a major economic milestone in India's engagement with the European region. India-EU FTA will ensure Zero duty access on 100% of India's apparel exports, benefiting this labour-intensive sector.

Regarding apparel exports, the EU is the world's largest apparel importer as a whole with total apparel import worth USD 202.8 billion in FY 2024-25. India captures a share of 2.9% in the EU's apparel market. With the elimination of tariffs on Indian apparel products, the Indian apparel industry stands to gain a lot and will compete easily with countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Turkey and Cambodia who enjoy duty free access/preferential duty access in EU's market.

AEPC is extremely thankful to the Government of India for conclusion of this long-awaited deal, which has come as a respite for the Indian apparel industry in such turbulent times of global uncertainty.

Please find enclosed a PPT on India-EU FTA for your kind ready reference. ([Click-Here](#))

With regards,

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