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Government of India  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
Department of Commerce  
(Trade Policy Division)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Sub: Non tariff measures (SPS and TBT) being faced by our exporters to be raised in the forthcoming WTO SPS/TBT committee meetings.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the upcoming WTO SPS/TBT Committee Meetings which are scheduled to be held in March 2015. These meetings give an opportunity to member countries to raise their concerns with regard to the non tariff measures relating to SPS/TBT taken by any other member country.

2. The international scenario today is that countries are looking for even small opportunities to raise non tariff measures. The response mechanism by us has to be strong to protect our exports and to gain market access. This forum of WTO SPS and TBT committees is very important in this regard as it gives an opportunity to raise long-pending issues which are affecting trade bilaterally. In addition, one of the outcomes of Standards Conclave organized by this Department in April 2014 is to raise aggressively SPS/TBT issues being faced by our exporters in these meetings.

3. It is requested to kindly identify SPS/TBT issues that could be raised as Specific Trade Concerns (STCs) during the forthcoming meetings of SPS and TBT Committee. It is also requested that a small background to the issue so identified along with details of its impact on our exports may please be provided. The updated concerns may be provided by 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. A soft copy of minutes of last meeting of SPS and TBT committee are being sent by mail.

4. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary, Trade Policy Division.

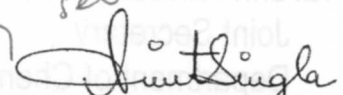
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As per list attached.

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