Plexconcil Circular dated 08.07.2020

Dear All Members,

<u>Subject : Regarding Extension of issue of Certificate of Origin (CoO) from 60</u> days to 180 days under India-Chile PTA in case of emergency

We are in receipt of communication from FT-LAC Division, Department of Commerce seeking comments on the subject matter.

As you might be aware, under the India Chile PTA, there is a broad provision of the issue of Certificate of Origin within 60 days. The relevant extract of the India-Chile PTA is as under:-

"As per para 15(5) of India-Chile PTA, the certificate of Origin shall not be issued before the date of the issue of the commercial invoice relating to the consignment, but may be issued on the same date or within the following sixty days".

We understand that few EPCs/Exporters have informed DoC that they could not file for issue of CoO even though commercial invoices have been issued within the present period of 60 days mentioned under India Chile PTA due to lock down arising out of COVID pandemic.

They have requested DoC to take up this concern with Chile i.e "extension of period for issue of CoO beyond the present period of 60 days and up to 180 days from the date of issue of Commercial Invoice for claiming preferential rates under India-Chile PTA due to COVID".

In this regard, we seek your specific views on the need with justification for extending the time lines from 60 days to 180 days for the issue of CoO from the date of issue of Commercial invoice in case of emergency situations like Global Pandemics or Natural Disasters so that DOC may frame up a concrete proposal.

Members are requested to inform their names who are facing difficulties in producing CoO due to lapse of 60 days timeline due to the present Covid - 19 situation.

Members (specially exporting to Chile) may take note and let us have their feedback with details by 9th July 2020 on email at bharti@plexconcil.org

Best regards

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