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To: All Members of the Council

Dear Sirs / Madam,

Sub: Quality Control Orders (QCOs) implementation in the footwear sector – Import of footwear soles permitted for use in the production for exports purpose – Gazette Notification issued.

As members are aware, the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for Footwear Sector is currently under implementation for notified footwear products from 01.07.2023 and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) shall be the certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles mentioned in the QCO Orders. The notified footwear products cannot be sold / traded in domestic market or imported into India, without a BIS license.

In the Quality Control Order (QCO) No.4670001-2022- Leather dated: 03.06.2022, Footwear made from all Rubber and all Polymeric material and its components (Quality Control) Order, 2022, apart from the Footwear (finished products), the following 4 items - footwear soles (components) have been included under QCOs.

S.No.	Goods or Articles (Components)	Indian Standard	Title of Indian Standards
3	Moulded solid rubber soles and heels	IS 5676: 1995	Moulded solid rubber soles and heels - specification
4	Rubber microcellular sheets for soles and heels	IS 6664: 1992	Rubber microcellular sheets for soles and heels – specification
5	Solid PVC soles and heels	IS 6719: 1972	Specification for solid PVC soles and heels
10	Polyurethane sole, semi rigid	IS 13893: 1994	Polyurethane sole, semi rigid - specification

As the inclusion of footwear soles in the QCOs will have its adverse impact on the footwear exports industry while importing the items for export purposes, the CLE has taken up the matter with authorities concerned in the Government of India and requested them to allow the import clearance of footwear soles meant for production or assembly of footwear for export purpose.

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In this background, we wish to inform that the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India has issued the Order dated 1st September 2023 and the Order was published in the Gazette of India dated 4th September 2023. The said Gazette Notification and the Order are **attached** herewith for your reference.

In terms of the said Order, four items of the footwear soles given in the Table, are permitted for import clearance for the purpose of production or assembling of footwear for exports, based on the self-declaration by the Importer and certification by the Council for Leather Exports (CLE) as per the details mentioned in the order.

Accordingly, the following are internal procedures devised by CLE to provide certification to the importers:

- The applicant unit will prepare a 'self-declaration' in its Letter Head duly mentioning the particulars as per 'format' attached.
- The applicant unit will submit the above 'self-declaration' along with a covering Letter addressed to the nearest Regional Office / Extension Office of the CLE by E-mail, explaining the import particulars as per 'format' attached.
- In order to meet the administrative expenses involved in providing certification, the CLE has fixed 'service charges' @ 1% of the CIF value as per Invoice / Bill of Entry + 18% GST. However, minimum service charges would be Rs.5000 + 18% GST. This is payable via Bank Transfer or instant money transfer to the bank account of CLE as mentioned below (or through Debit card / Credit card / G Pay directly at the Regional / Extension Office concerned).

Customer ID	5219031810
Account Title	COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS
Account Number	60003456780
Bank Name	IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Branch Address	CHENNAI – NUNGAMBAKKAM BRANCH
Bank IFSC code	IDFB0080102

Members may kindly take note and approach nearest Regional / Extension Offices of CLE if you have any import consignment of footwear soles to be cleared from the Customs.

With warm regards,


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Executive Director