18th April, 2024
CLE/HO/IMD/IFLPS-Madrid/2024-25

To.
The Members of CLE

Dear Members,

Sub:- **India Footwear & Leather Products Show, Madrid, Spain (October 7-8, 2024) - WITH MAI FUNDING SUPPORT**

We are glad to announce that, CLE is organizing the next edition of India Footwear & Leather Products Show (IFLPS) in Madrid, Spain, as under:-

Dates : 7th& 8th October, 2024
Venue : Hotel Eurobuilding, Madrid, Spain

**About Spanish Market**

Spain is the 6th largest importer of footwear, leather and leather products from India. During the year 2022-23 (April-March), Spain has imported footwear and leather products worth USD 228.54 million from India as against USD 212.68 million imported during 2021-22 (April-March). Spain accounts for 4.35% of India’s total export of the above said products during financial year 2022-23.

**Marketing Agency**

CLE is availing the service of Ms. Noemi Moreno Permingo, Secretary General of Spanish Fur Association as the event management/marketing agency for conducting the show, including the task of mobilizing targeted number of buyers and business visitors. **Past performance of the Marketing Agency**:- CLE has availed the service of Ms. Noemi Moreno Permingo for conducting our show in Madrid during May, 2022 and October, 2023. More than 150 buyers (including many major brands/buying groups) visited these shows.

**Product Display**

* 1. Leather Footwear (Shoes, Sandals, Chappals) Ladies, Gents, Children
	2. Leather Garments (Jackets, pants, motorbike jackets etc)
	3. Leather Goods & Accessories (Handbags, purses, belts, pouches, small leather goods etc)
	4. Leather Gloves (fashion, fancy, industrial)
	5. Non-Leather Footwear (Shoes, Sandals, Chappals) Ladies, Gents, Children)
	6. Footwear Components (shoe uppers, soles, insoles and other components)
	7. Saddlery & Harness and Pet Products
	8. Safety & Defence Products i.e.Safety Shoes/Military Boots, Industrial Leather Gloves, industrial aprons, industrial tool kits etc.
	9. Finished Leather

**Participation Charges**

**Keeping in view the overall expenses i.e. space cost, stand construction with all required display accessories, registration charges, marketing and promotion expenses etc., we are notifying the participation charges as under:-**

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| Category  | Participation charges for 9 sq. mtrs. fully built up stand | GST @ 18% | Total amount to be paid (including GST) |
| MAI subsidized fee | Rs. 1,57,857/- | Rs. 28,414/- | Rs. 1,86,280/- |
| Un-subsidized fee | Rs. 3,82,857/- | Rs. 68,914/- | Rs. 4,51,780/- |

**Besides, there will be an additional charge @ Rs. 15,000/- + GST for ‘Corner booths’. It may please be noted that, we have very limited number of Corner booths hence the booth allocation will be made, strictly on first-come-first-served basis.**

**MAI funding Support:**

CLE's proposal seeking MAI funding support was approved by the Steering Committee on MAI Scheme, however, Empowered Committee approval is awaited.  The above notified subsidized rates will be applied subject to the Empowered Committee approval.

Members are also eligible to claim Airfare reimbursement **(economy class airfare)** with an upper ceiling of Rs. 90,000/- for this event,  as per the MAI Guidelines.

**Important guidelines for availing MAI funding support**-  **(i)** In order to ensure that the benefits of the Scheme reach a larger number of exporters, a maximum of three participations in a particular trade fair/exhibition would only be eligible for MAI assistance, i.e., members who have availed assistance three times (including past cases) for a particular fair or exhibition, thereafter have to participate in that fair on their own. In the case of exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and the exporters having f.o.b. value of exports of or less than Rs.50 crore in a year, 5 participations in a particular event is allowed. **(ii)**  MAI funding support will be provided to a member/participant company for a maximum of three MAI events in an year. In the case of exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and the exporters having f.o.b. value of exports of or less than Rs.50 crore in the preceding year, 5 participations in a year is allowed, provided each one of these is in different market (e.9. Africa, LAC, WANA, ASEAN, etc).

Members may note the above guidelines, while submitting their application for participation in this event, with MAI subsidized participation cost.

**MAI Air Fare Reimbursement:**

Members who are eligible to participate at the MAIS- Subsidized Participation Fee are eligible to claim Airfare Reimbursement also **(economy class airfare)** with an upper ceiling of Rs. 90,000/-, subject to the Airfare Funding Approval by the Government for 2024-25 and compliance of the following Conditions:-

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| *a.* | *14 Days Advance notice to CLE (in the prescribed format)- excluding date of travel & receipt of application date.* |
| *b.* | *FOB Value in the preceding year between Rs 50 lakhs to*  *Rs.50 Crores* |
| *c.* | Reimbursement of airfare to the companies having **nil exports/ start-ups/ new exporters** will be allowed up to 10% of the total number of participants (for example, if 20 companies are participating in an event, only 2 companies of the said category will be eligible for airfare reimbursement).  The policy of ‘first-come-first-served basis’ will be applied for selection of companies under this category.  This will be subject to the following conditions:      a. The amount of airfare reimbursable will be 50% of the economy fare, subject to market-wise ceilings prescribed in the Scheme guidelines     b. The exporter should be active in the domestic market and has at  least annual turnover of **₹50.00 lakh** in the preceding financial year.(Note: For other exporters also (apart from companies having nil exports/ start-ups/ new exporters), it will be necessary to have minimum annual **export turnover** of ₹50 lakh in the preceding financial year to avail reimbursement of airfare) |
| *d.* | Members to have completed 12 months of Membership  and is regularly filing returns with the concerned EPC. |
| *e.* | *Person attending the fair –*Regular Director / Partner / Proprietor  OR ‘regular officer of the company on senior managerial position’ |
| *f.* | *Restricted to Three times grant received under MDA/MAIS.*In the case of exporters belonging to SC/ ST/ Women and the exporters having f.o.b. value of exports of or less than Rs.50 crore in a year, 5 participations in a particular event is allowed |
| *g.* | Claim forms (with original boarding pass), duly filled in and complete in all respects must be submitted to CLE within 45 days of return to India. |
| *h.* | Airfare reimbursement will not admissible to a foreign national |

For complete details about the revised MAI eligibility criteria, please refer the circular dated 4th August, 2021 issued by CLE.

*The MAIS Intimation Application is enclosed herewith, which should be received by the Council by giving minimum 14 days Advance Notice excluding Date of Receipt of Application in the Council and Date of Departure from the country.  The same will be considered subject to*the Airfare Funding Approval by the Government for 2024-25 and compliance of the above Conditions.

**Visa :**

Members have to arrange Visa to Spain on their own.  Please note that non-issuance of Visa will not be considered as a valid reason for withdrawal subsequent to confirmation of participation. Hence, withdrawal from participation after confirmation will not be allowed.

**Payment of participation fee :**

Keeping in view all the above, members may participate in the IFLPS, Spain and remit the participation fee, as notified above,  **to CLE’s below given bank account and inform us the UTR details latest by 15th  May, 2024**:-

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| Customer ID | 5219031810 |
| Account Title | COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS |
| Account Number | **60003456780** |
| Account Activated date | 25/05/2023 |
| Account Type | SAVINGS ACCOUNT |
| Bank Name | IDFC FIRST Bank Limited |
| Branch Address | CHENNAI – NUNGAMBAKKAM BRANCH |
| Bank IFSC code | IDFB0080102 |

**It may also please be noted that, MAI funding support would be available for a maximum number of 35 companies and participation will be confirmed, on first-come-first-served basis, on the basis of receipt of full and final participation fee in CLE’s bank account.**

The attached application forms, duly filled in, may be sent back to CLE, on priority basis.

Best regards,

R. Selvam, IAS
Executive Director
Council for Leather Exports