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To,
All Members of the Council

Subject: India-New Zealand FTA & India-Oman CEPA - New Export Opportunities for Carpet & Rugs Sector

Dear Members,

The Council wishes to inform member exporters that India has recently concluded two major trade agreements—the **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** on 22 December 2025 and the **India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** on 18 December 2025—opening new export opportunities for the carpets and rugs sector.

Under the **India-New Zealand FTA**, New Zealand has granted **100% duty-free access on all tariff lines**, including **handmade carpets and rugs**, enhancing price competitiveness and market access. The Agreement also facilitates easier and more cost-effective import of **premium New Zealand wool**, supporting high-end carpet manufacturing in India and enabling diversification into the New Zealand market.

Under the **India-Oman CEPA**, Oman has offered **zero-duty access on 98.08% of tariff lines**, covering nearly **99% of India's exports by value**. The Agreement strengthens market access for Indian products in Oman and positions the country as a strategic gateway to the **Middle East and Africa region**.

Member exporters are encouraged to assess export potential under duty-free access, engage with buyers and distributors in New Zealand and Oman, and leverage **CEPC support** for trade promotion activities, buyer connect programmes, and market intelligence.

The Council will keep members informed of further developments, procedures, and sector-specific benefits as the Agreements are implemented.

Regards

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