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UPDATING THE DOSSIER ON IMPLEMENTATION RELATED ISSUES OF INDO SRI LANKA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Chief Negotiator of International Trade Office (ITO) has informed this Department that the resumption of Economic and Technology Co-operation Agreement (ETCA) between Sri Lanka and India negotiations tentatively proposed from 12-14 December 2022.

As per the understanding between Sri Lanka and India at the commencement of ETCA negotiations all outstanding implementation related issues should be addressed and resolved in parallel to ETCA negotiations. Accordingly a Dossier was prepared identifying such issues and a negotiation session was devoted for this purpose. The issues raised by Sri Lanka included in the Dossier as at 11th round of negotiations (last round) held from 03-05 October 2018 are as follows.

1. Apparel Quota
2. Pepper Quota
3. Issues related to Tea
4. Consolidation of cargo of books
5. Indian Government tender procedure on ship building
6. Delayed clearance of Hair Oil

It is possible that some of the issues may have resolved during the last four years after the last round of ETCA negotiation and some pending or new issues encountered by the exporters to India under ISFTA.

It would be appreciated, if you could send an update on the existing specific issues in brief or any new issues encountered by the stakeholders/ members of your institution on or before 22nd November 2022.



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