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CIRCULAR TO THE MEMBERS / AFFILIATED TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

Attention: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / MANAGING DIRECTOR
THE CHAIRMAN OF TRADE ASSOCIATION / MANAGER EXPORT

**Updating the Dossier on Implementation Issues related to
Indo Lanka Free Trade Agreement**

The 12th round of trade negotiations between Sri Lanka and India under Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA) is tentatively scheduled from 12-14 December 2022.

In preparation for this, the Chief Negotiator of the International Trade Office (ITO) for Sri Lanka has requested private sector input for updating the '**Dossier on Implementation Issues related to Indo Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA)**'. This dossier is a compilation of issues related to the implementation issues of the ISFTA which are discussed parallel to ETCA negotiations.

The dossier which was taken up for discussion at the 11th round of ETCA negotiations held from 03 to 05 October 2022 consisted of following key issues;

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

The International Trade Office requests private sector input in updating this dossier with relevant issues to be taken up at the next round of negotiations.

Please share your input using the attached submission form latest by **Thursday, 24th of November 2022 to ei@chamber.lk**.

For any clarifications/queries, feel free to speak to Jayani (jayani@chamber.lk/0115588868) or Imesha (imesha@chamber.lk/0115588896).

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