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Dear Members,

Sub India-UAE CEPA - Implementation Issues

The landmark Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) has been signed recently between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

2. Subsequent to the implementation of CEPA from May 1, 2022, various queries/requests are being received for assistance related to the shipments to the UAE under the CEPA. One of the common issues that is being faced is the issue of differences in the HS Codes at 8-digit level leading to non-applicability of the preferential duty rates. This is largely on account of the difference in product classification in the Tariff Books of the respective countries at the HS-8 level.

3. To resolve this issue, the Department of Commerce has advised to inform the exporters to use appropriate matching HS-8 Code from the UAE schedule of tariff commitments for availing applicable tariff concessions under CEPA.

4. The members may access the Tariff Commitments of both India and UAE under CEPA in easily accessible excel spreadsheet format for reference and comparison purposes (The requisite link is provided below).

5. This is issued for the information of the trade.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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[Enclosure: As above.](#)