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Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Electronics and Information technology

**Subject:** Request for Urgent intervention on Plastic waste management issues & consequent disruption in business.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from **MAIT**, India's apex industry body empowering IT, Telecom & Electronics Hardware!

Kindly refer to OM No: W-38/13/2022-IPHW dated 12.05.2022 and Letter F.No. B-17011/7/UPC-II-PWM(MLP)/2021 dated 01.12.2021.

I am writing to you to draw your attention to the challenges being faced by the Electronic Manufacturing Industry in getting EPR registration for Plastic Waste Management. CPCB had mandated last year that all Plastic waste management EPR registrations will only be accepted on the upcoming web portal online and no offline applications will be entertained. The online portal on which Producers Importers and Brand Owners (PIBOs) had to apply was launched this year but had a number of glitches due to which the companies could not register themselves. The matter was raised to CPCB and MoEF&CC on multiple occasions. In addition to this, CPCB had issued a letter to CBIC in December 2021 to ensure verification of registration obtained before clearing the consignments of importers of plastic carry bags/ multi-layered packaging/ plastic sheets or like. This has resulted in import consignments being stopped by Customs causing business disruption.

During our meeting with Ms. Divya Sinha, Director PWM, CPCB on Friday, 13 May 2022, the Industry had requested for a Grace period of 30 days so that such teething issues on the website are resolved and the Registration process is not impeded. We, however, did not get an affirmative reply for the same and CBIC continues to stop consignments in the absence of PWM EPR registrations.

As the **Chair of the consultative committee on Environmental issues**, we request for an urgent meeting with you for representatives of MAIT Environment Focus Group, chaired by Industry Leader, Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Group Director-Govt. Affairs & Public Policy, Dell India along with other industry leaders on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to discuss on the issue mentioned above.

We look forward to your positive consideration of our request.

With regards,

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CEO