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My dear fellow exporters,

This is to inform you that World Bank Group has made some modifications in the methodology for 'Trading Across Borders' rankings for 'Doing Business' 2016. Key modifications include changes in the assumptions on the traded product, trading partner, mode and route of transportation, method of payment, as well as the methodology for inclusion of documents and calculation of time.

As per the new methodology, HS 85 would be used to see India's ranking in the 'Trading Across Borders' indicator for exports.

The questionnaire for 'Trading Across Borders' has also incorporated those changes this year. The changes in methodology, old methodology and new questionnaire are available in the Doing Business website on the following links.

Methodology for Trading Across Borders :

<http://www.doingbusiness.org/methodology/trading-across-borders>

Changes in methodology for Trading Across Borders :

<http://www.doingbusiness.org/~media/GIAWB/Doing%20Business/Documents/Methodology/DB16-TradingAcrossBorders-MethdologyChange.pdf>

New Questionnaire for Trading Across Borders :

<http://www.doingbusiness.org/~media/GIAWB/Doing%20Business/Documents/Methodology/Survey-Instruments/DB16/DB16-TAB-questionnaire.pdf>

Members are requested to fill up the questionnaire and send the same to dbtab@worldbank.org with a copy to sgupta@eepcindia.net; eepcho@eepcindia.net.

Yours sincerely,



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