

## **Apparel companies urge govt to expedite clearance of consignments from China**

Apparel industry has urged the government to expedite clearance of import consignments from China, saying the delay is impacting their operations and could result in further financial loss.

In a letter to the finance ministry, the Apparel Export Promotion Council said “the situation at all airports and seaports at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Tuticorin and others is precarious as there is inordinate delay caused on all import consignments which are held up due to 100% open examination by customs, who are not processing the documents for the shipments originated from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan”.

“Lately, customs authorities at several ports are doing 100% examination of goods originating from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

This has created undue delay in clearance of imported shipments of inputs which are meant for manufacture of garments for exports,”

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