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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Sub: Trade/Sale of Imported Coral in India

Dear All,

Greetings from the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council!

Based on the representation received from the industry, the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) has requested Ministry of Environment and Forests for clarification on the trade of Red Coral (*Corallium Rubrum*) in the Indian market to avoid misinterpretation of the provision of laws related to the wildlife.

As a result of our continuous and sincere efforts and follow ups, the matter has now been sorted out. The Ministry of Environment and Forests (Wildlife Division) has issued a clarification letter on Trade/Sale of Imported Coral in India which is enclosed herewith for your reference.

We are also uploading the clarification letter on our website (www.gjepc.org) under circular section.

Thanking you,

With best regards,



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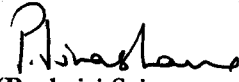
Sub: Trade/Sale of Imported Coral in India - reg.

Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), India sponsored by Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India has requested Ministry of Environment and Forests for clarification on the trade of Red Coral (*Corallium rubrum*) in the Indian market to avoid misinterpretation of the provision of laws related to the wildlife.

In this connection, it is to clarify that the species *Corallium rubrum* is neither listed in the Schedules of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 nor in the Appendices of CITES. Further, the species *Corallium rubrum* is not found in Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean or Arabian Seas and is endemic to Mediterranean Sea especially in the coastal waters of countries like Sardinia and Sicily, Eastern Atlantic, Portugal, Morocco, Canary and Cape Verde Island.

As such, the trade of the said species may be regulated accordingly subject to the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).

Yours faithfully


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