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India Looking to Trim Non-Essential Imports

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New Delhi : The government is re-viewing imports of non-essential items and goods where import dependence is low,.... to curtail the country's import bill and encourage domestic capacity creation..

Care Federation of India (CCFI), an apex trade body for crop protection industry, **fully supports this proposed move by Government of India** – as reported in the Economic Times.

In the FY 2025-26, India imported pesticides worth **Rs. 13,429 crores**. This is largely avoidable.

Import of ready-made pesticide formulations especially undercuts local manufacturing and leads to huge drain of foreign exchange.

Other suggestions from CCFI

1. **Patented pesticides must be manufactured within the country by western MNCs** in accordance with the requirement under **Section 83** of The Patents Act. Past data shows that in just two FYs one patented molecule - **CTPR** (Chlorantraniliprole) alone was imported ~ **Rs. 4000 crores**.
2. **Government of India shall resist pressure from the USA and EU under FTA negotiations to offer data exclusivity for pesticides**. Granting data exclusivity even for a short period, will open the floodgates of import – weakening Indian industry and economy.

CCFI is fully committed to “Make in India” and “Atmanirbhar Bharat”.