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Imports from ASEAN countries originating from China

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(a) whether Government is aware that a lot of imports taking place from some ASEAN countries with whom India has signed Free Trade Agreements are actually originating from China; and
(b) if so, what steps are being taken to check this menace as they harm the domestic industry of India?

ANSWER

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(a) and (b) The imports from ASEAN Countries enjoy preferential tariff under ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement subject to meeting the requirements of Rules of Origin. The Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) monitors the imports at preferential arrangements made under Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) including the India – ASEAN FTA.

The CBEC issues various guidance circulars, instructions and alert Circulars on the implementation of FTAs including the checks to be done for detecting and investigating mis-declaration of origin. 16 cases have been booked during the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 regarding import from ASEAN countries claiming the benefit of India ASEAN FTA, but originating from China.

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