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**"Union Budget Leaves The Corrugated Box Industry High & Dry"**

The association in its pre budget memorandum submitted to the Government had requested for rationalization of Excise Duty on Corrugated Boxes. The Excise Duty remains unchanged at 8% on Corrugated Boxes vis-à-vis 0 to 4% Excise Duty on its primary raw material Kraft Paper, thereby defying the Cenvat Chain & making it cost prohibitive for supplies to users industries outside the Cenvat supply chain.

Moreover, most of the Corrugated Box user industries i.e. Tea, Biscuits, Edible Oil, Liquor, Cigarettes, Defence, Dairy Products, Agriculture Produce, etc. are outside the ambit of Excise Duty.

With introduction of Corrugated Box packaging in the Horticultural and Retail segment, apart from the conventional user, will also be adversely affected.

Corrugated packaging being eco-friendly, recyclable and the only material to replace wood needed more rational treatment from the Hon'ble Finance Minister.

We strongly suggest that the Excise Duty on Corrugated Box should not exceed the Excise Duty on the Kraft Paper which is 4%. We urge the Hon'ble Finance Minister to evaluate the subject in a micro perspective and announce necessary amendment to reduce the rate of Excise Duty on Corrugated Boxes to 4%.