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Press Release

ELCINA justifies Dumping Duty on CPTs

The Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA) has hailed Government's decision to impose a special duty on Colour Picture Tubes (CPTs) imported from Indonesia. CPTs constitute a major part of the value of a Television. This move follows imposition of dumping duty on CPTs, from China and South Korea. *According to a release from ELCINA in August 2008, the dumping in the case of picture tubes had already shifted to Indonesia to a significant extent, in anticipation of this measure. Thus a similar duty on CPTs from Indonesia is a logical and necessary step to make this duty effective.*

The decision comes in the wake of authenticated data provided by local manufacturers. CPT is a highly capital-intensive product and Indian companies have invested huge amounts to establish large capacities. It is ironical that out of the well established four manufacturers in the country, two – BPL and Hotline – were forced to close shop few years ago, because of unfettered imports from China, South Korea and Indonesia at prices below the raw material cost of CPT.

The two other CPT units, which have continued production against heavy odds – Samtel and JCT – together have a capacity of 15-16 million units. The ELCINA Secretary-General, Mr. Rajoo Goel, while welcoming the special duty, says the existing capacity is enough to meet domestic demand for CTVs. While ELCINA is in favour of liberalization, it is imperative to provide a level playing field to existing units which are facing extinction due to an unfair business environment.

ELCINA highlights that India is the only country in which demand for cathode ray CPTs is growing. Survival of CPT industry is vital for expansion of electronics hardware in India as this would encourage investments in new display technologies such as LCD and Plasma. If CPT is allowed to perish, it may close the doors for opportunities in this industry for all times to come. We must prevent the decimation of our industry as a result of uncontrolled imports at unfair prices.



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