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Duty-free import of Kraft paper sought

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CHENNAI: Sandwiched between kraft paper mills and large consumers, the corrugated packaging industry is at dismal state of affairs again. Industry's major raw material, kraft paper, has been recently subjected to multiple, prohibitive and unprecedented price increases, making the corrugated packaging dearer by almost 25 per cent and the paper mills are planning for further hikes in prices in the coming weeks, says a release.

To aggravate the situation further, prices of all other critical inputs of this industry have shot up substantially, the release adds.

The corrugated packaging industry appeals to the Centre to allow import of kraft paper at nil rate of customs duty to tide over the present crisis and also to give opportunity to this industry to upgrade the quality of their products to international standards at affordable prices.

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