



Given below are key news updates from the past week pertaining to international trade and customs both from India and around the world.

WTO

- [Some WTO Members nominate their candidate for the position of Director General: Mexico: Mr Jesús Seade Kuri; Nigeria: Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; Egypt: Mr Abdel-Hamid Mamdouh](#)
- [Appellate Body Report issued in Australia – Plain Packaging \(DS435 and DS441\).](#)

The dispute involves a challenge by Honduras and the Dominican Republic to Australia's plain packaging regulations applicable to tobacco products and packaging. The Appellate Body report upheld the Panel's findings under Article 2.2 of the TBT Agreement and Articles 16.1 and 20 of the TRIPS Agreement.

EU & other jurisdictions

- [EC imposes definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate \(PET\) originating in India.](#)
- [EC issues report on 7th round of negotiations for EU-Chile Association Agreement.](#)
- [Turkey launches safeguard investigation on staple fibres of polyesters.](#)

On June 8, 2020, Turkey notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on May 30, 2020 a safeguard investigation on staple fibres of polyesters. Interested parties such as companies, institutions and establishments outside of Turkey can send their answers to the [questionnaires](#) and their official views to the Directorate General's E-mail address: korunma@ticaret.gov.tr.

India

- [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\) has made revisions to the Public Procurement \(Preference to Make in India\) Order, 2017.](#)
- [Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers notified under the Public Procurement \(Preference to Make in India\) Order, 2017 specifying minimum local content for certain chemicals and petrochemicals.](#)
- [Directorate General of Foreign Trade \(DGFT\) has updated the Export of Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies \(SCOMET\) list.](#)
- [DGFT amended export policy of Diagnostic Kits/Laboratory Reagents/Diagnostic Apparatus to be classified as restricted.](#)
- [DGFT amended import policy of certain pneumatic tyres from free to restricted.](#)
- [Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs \(CBIC\) withdrew the concessional rate of 10% available to the import of Bamboo for manufacture of Agarbattis and levied a uniform rate of 25% on all bamboo imports.](#)
- [CBIC extended the levy of anti-dumping duty on nylon tyre cord fabric originating in or exported from China for a further period of six \(6\) months till December 11, 2020.](#)
- [CBIC imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on import of 1-phenyl-3-methyl-5-Pyrazolone originating in or exported from China PR for a period of six \(6\) months from June 9, 2020.](#)
- [Anti-dumping duty on import of Flexible Slabstock Polyol originating in or exported from Singapore extended for a period of 5 years, in pursuance of sunset review final findings issued on March 17, 2020.](#)

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