



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

World Trade Organization (WTO)

- [Hong Kong, China initiates dispute complaint against US origin marking requirements](#)
- [Upcoming General Council meeting to consider whether the appointment of the next WTO Director-General has been postponed.](#)
- [New WTO paper explores linkages between trade and the spread of diseases of animal origin.](#)

United States and Europe

- [United States Department of Commerce \(USDOC\) found that Hyson Exports Private Limited \(Hyson Exports\) is the successor-in-interest to Hyson Logistics and Marine Exports Private Limited \(Hyson Logistics\) in the Anti-dumping investigation changed circumstances review concerning Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India.](#)
- [The European Commission \(EC\) introduces surveillance of imports of bioethanol and remains open to examining requests from other sectors.](#)
- [United Kingdom \(UK\) and Kenya secure a trade agreement.](#)

India

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) notified the [Press Tool- Punches \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#) imposing compulsory use of standard mark for these products by obtaining a license from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- [DPIIT notified the Patents \(2nd Amendment\) Rules, 2020.](#)
- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MoCF) have notified the [Vinyl Acetate Monomer \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#), [Styrene \(Vinyl Benzene\) \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#), [Methyl Acrylate, Ethyl Acrylate, n-Butyl Acrylate \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#), [Maleic Anhydride \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#), [Acrylonitrile \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#).

The aforementioned orders require the specified goods to conform with the corresponding Indian Standard and obtain a license from the BIS. These orders come into force after the expiry of 180 days from the official gazette notification.

- [MoCF amended the date on which the Phthalic Anhydride \(Quality Control\) Amendment Order, 2020 to January 17, 2021.](#)
- [Food Safety and Standards Authority of India \(FSSAI\) has notified the Draft Food Safety and Standards \(Health Supplements, Nutraceuticals, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Functional Foods and Novel Foods\) Amendment Regulations, 2020.](#)
- [India notified the Refrigerating Appliances \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020 to the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.](#)

WTO Members have 30 days from the date of the circulation of the notification to comment on the same.

We trust you find this useful. In the meantime, should you require any information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at insights@elp-in.com

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