



# Trade Watch Weekly Bulletin (International Trade and Customs)

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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)

- [Costa Rica has requested consultations regarding measures imposed by Panama that restrict or prohibit the import of products such as strawberries, dairy products, meat products, pineapples and bananas from Costa Rica and initiated \*Panama – Measures concerning importation of certain products from Costa Rica\* \(DS599\).](#)
- [USA and China have modified the previously notified reasonable period of time for China to implement the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body \(DSB\) pursuant to Article 21.3\(b\) of the Dispute Settlement Understanding \(DSU\) in \*China – Tariff Rate Quotas for Certain Agricultural Products\* \(DS517\) to expire on March 31, 2021.](#)
- [India, Mozambique, Pakistan and South Africa raise certain questions to WTO Members regarding the proposal for the waiver of certain provisions of the Trade Related to Intellectual Property Rights \(TRIPS\) Agreement and the treatment of Covid-19.](#)
- [WTO and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\) jointly launched a new dataset covering bilateral services trade of over 200 economies from 2005 to 2019.](#)

## United States and Europe

- [United States Trade Representative \(USTR\) issued findings in Section 301 investigations of Digital Service Taxes \(DSTs\) adopted by Austria, Spain, and the United Kingdom, concluding that each of the DSTs discriminates against U.S. companies, is inconsistent with prevailing principles of international taxation, and burden or restricts U.S. commerce.](#)
- [USTR releases Annual Reports on WTO Compliance of China and Russia.](#)  
Access the Report for [China](#) and [Russia](#).
- [USTR releases 2020 Review of Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy.](#)  
The report identifies online and physical markets that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy. It identifies markets in India like Heera Panna, Mumbai, Kidderpore, Kolkata and Palika Bazaar, New Delhi.
- [EU files WTO panel request against illegal export restrictions by Indonesia on raw materials for stainless steel in DS592.](#)  
The notification is yet to be issued on the WTO website and has been announced by the European Commission.

## India

- [Directorate General of Trade Remedies \(DGTR\) issued Final Findings in Anti-subsidy investigation concerning imports of “Flat Products of Stainless Steel” from Indonesia.](#)
- [DGTR issued Final Findings in the Anti-Dumping Original Investigation concerning imports of “Dimethyl Formamide” \(DMF\) originating in or exported from China PR and Saudi Arabia.](#)
- [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\) notified the Centrifugally Cast \(Spun\) Iron Pipes \(Quality Control\) Order, 2021 specifying a mandatory licensing requirement for Centrifugally cast \(Spun\) iron pipes.](#)
- [Food Safety and Standards Authority of India \(FSSAI\) notified amendment to Food Safety and Standards \(Prohibition and Restriction on Sales\) Regulations, 2011, which now allows that the maximum limit for any incidentally occurring Khesari dal in grams /pulses shall not be more than 2% including other edible grains.](#)
- India notified the following notifications to the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade:
  - [100 Percent Polyester Spun Grey and White Yarn \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Copolymers \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Linear Alkyl Benzene \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Polyester Industrial Yarn \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
  - [Polyethylene Material for moulding and extrusion \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)

- [Polyester Staple Fibres \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
- [Styrene-Butadiene Rubber Latex \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020.](#)
- [Synthetic Micro-Fibres for use in Cement-Based Matrix \(Quality Control\) Order, 2020](#)
- [Sewing Machines \(Quality Control\) Order, 2021.](#)

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