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)**

- Members approach text-based discussions for an urgent IP response to COVID-19 and associated waivers under the TRIPS.
- At a meeting of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) on 2-4 and 9 June, WTO members discussed 20 proposals submitted under the Triennial Review of the TBT Agreement. The review will now move to a second phase, with the preparation of a draft report based on the 31 proposals received.

**United States, Europe & Asia**

- Ukraine launches safeguard investigation on ceramic tiles.
- China has passed a new law to counter foreign sanctions against its officials and entities.
- USITC Makes Determinations in Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews Concerning Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from China, Russia, and Ukraine.
- The EU is set to hold civil society dialogue and stakeholder consultations on digital trade on 15 June 2021.
- The US, Japan and Australia revive the 'Blue Dot' initiative to provide certification for infrastructural development projects in emerging economies.

**India**

- DGTR initiates Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Resin Bonded Thin Wheels from China PR.
- DGTR initiates Sunset Review Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Textured Tempered Coated and Uncoated Glass from China PR.
- DGTR initiates Sunset Review Anti-dumping Investigation concerning imports of “Plain Medium Density Fibreboard having thickness 6mm and above” from Vietnam.
- DGTR issues final findings in Anti-dumping Investigation concerning imports of “Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade” originating in or exported from China PR.
- DGTR conducts Stakeholder Consultations on the proposed rules regarding “Anti-Absorption” in antidumping investigations.
- Ministry of Commerce notifies mandatory BIS certification for Plugs and socket-outlets as per IS 1293:2005 and Alternating Current Direct Connected Static Prepayment Meters for Active Energy as per IS 15884:2010 with effect from 1 June 2022.

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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