Dear Reader

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)**

- The WTO Secretariat has circulated a meeting notice and list of items proposed for the next meeting, on June 28, 2021, of the Dispute Settlement Body.
- Chair Castillo selects David Walker to facilitate WTO response to COVID-19.
- China is set to take Australia to the WTO regarding anti-dumping measures imposed on a variety of products including railway wheels, wind towers and stainless-steel products.
- Australia is initiating a WTO dispute against China regarding tariffs imposed on wine.

**United States, Europe & Asia**

- UK Trade Remedies Authority opens its first case in response to an application from the UK industry regarding alleged dumping of aluminium extrusions from China.
- EU and Republic of Angola launch negotiations for a first-ever Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement.
- US and Taiwan to hold long-stalled trade talks next week.
- USITC Institutes Section 337 Investigation of Certain Capacitive Touch Sensing Systems, Capacitive Touch Sensing Controllers, Microcontrollers with Capacitive Touch Sensing Functionality, and Components Thereof.
- USITC Institutes Section 337 Investigation of Certain Power Inverters and Converters, Vehicles Containing the Same, and Components Thereof.
- USITC Makes Determinations in Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews Concerning Melamine from China.

**India**

- DGTR issues final findings in Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Aluminium foil 80 microns and below originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.
- India signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Malawi assigning import quotas for import of toor pulses.
- India signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Myanmar assigning import quotas for import of toor and urad pulses.
- Bureau of Indian Standards notifies new and revised standards for a variety of products.
- Ministry of Chemicals extends date of enforcement of Quality Control Orders for Toluene, Terephthalic Acid, Phthalic Anhydride, N-Butyl Acrylate, Ethylene Glycol and Ether by 180 days.

We trust you will find this an interesting read. For any queries or comments on this update, please feel free to contact us at insights@elp-in.com.

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