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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)
- DSB issues agenda for next meeting
- The United States announced it is joining the negotiations on services domestic regulation
- WTO members took note of trade facilitation commitments due to be implemented by year end at the July 20 meeting of the Committee on Trade Facilitation
- TRIPS Council agrees to continue discussions on IP response to COVID-19
- WTO publishes list of bottlenecks and facilitating measures on critical COVID-19 products

United States, Europe & Asia
- UK to scrap post-Brexit import certificates for wine
- U.S. trade agency drops tariff threat against Vietnam over currency practices
- US, Mexico Fail to Resolve Trade Dispute for Cars
- The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has voted to institute an investigation of certain integrated circuits and products containing same.
- USITC determines that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of standard steel welded wire mesh from Mexico
- USITC determines that a U.S. industry is materially injured by imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube from Vietnam

India
- India to discuss trade, healthcare, defence with US secretary of state Blinken
- Ministry of Finance decides not to impose duties in Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Plain Medium Density Fibre Board having thickness less than 6 mm originating in or exported from Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia
- DGTR issues termination order in Bilateral Safeguard Investigation on PVC resin from Japan
- Ministry of Finance decides not to impose duties in antidumping investigation on Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber from Japan, EU, China and Russia
- DGTR issues final findings in antidumping investigation on barium carbonate originating in or exported from China

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