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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)**

- The Lao People’s Democratic Republic is set to become the first least developed country to accede to both the WTO’s Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and ITA Expansion
- Members engage with Timor-Leste in its ongoing bid to join the WTO
- Costa Rica initiates WTO dispute case against Dominican Republic over steel bar duties
- WTO panel issues report regarding Moroccan duties on school books from Tunisia

**United States, Europe & Asia**

- USITC makes determination in sunset review investigation on ironing tables from China
- USITC determines that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of silicon metal from Malaysia
- USITC determined that a U.S. industry is materially injured by reason of imports of metal lockers from China
- EU initiates WTO dispute against Russia over discriminatory procurement from State owned enterprises
- U.K. Closing In on Post-Brexit Trade Deal with New Zealand

**India**

- DGTR issues final findings in Anti Dumping investigation on imports of Seamless Tubes etc. of Iron, Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR
- DGTR initiates antidumping investigation on Wire Rod of Alloy or Non Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR

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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