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)**
- Investment facilitation talks explore future Agreement integration into WTO legal structure
- Participants in the negotiations on services domestic regulation concluded text-based discussions at their 27 September meeting. This paves the way for conclusion of the negotiations by the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) at the end of November.
- Members of the Informal Working Group on Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) announced on 24 September that the Group has finalized a draft ministerial declaration for the WTO’s 12th Ministerial Conference
- Panels established to review steel duties in China, food import measures in Panama

**United States, Europe & Asia**
- The European Commission is holding a stakeholder meeting on the multilateral reform of investment dispute resolution, including the establishment of a multilateral investment court
- EU extends COVID-19 vaccines export transparency and authorization mechanism until December
- USITC Makes Determination in Five-Year (Sunset) Review Concerning Petroleum Wax Candles from China
- India’s trade pacts with the UK, EU to have separate chapter on sustainable development
- USITC Makes Determinations in Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews Concerning Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam

**India**
- Ministry of Chemicals extends the date of enforcement of Quality Control Orders for Polyethylene Material for molding and Extrusion, Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Copolymers, Linear Alkyl Benzene, Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn, Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn, Polyester Staple Fibers, Polyester Industrial Yarn, Synthetic Microfibers for Use in Cement Based Matrix 100 Percent Polyester Spun Grey and white yarn to 6 April 2022 from 12 October 2021
- DGTR initiates anti-dumping investigation on certain Hot Rolled and Cold Rolled Stainless Steel Flat Products from China PR
- DGTR issues final findings in anti-dumping investigation on Colour Coated Pre painted flat products from China
- DGTR issues final findings in anti-dumping investigation on R 134a from China PR
- Ministry of Commerce issues Flat Transparent Sheet Glass Quality Control Order, 2021
- DGTR issues Final Findings in Safeguard investigation on imports of isopropyl alcohol into India
- DGTR initiates anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Glycine from China PR
- DGTR initiates anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Semi-Finished Ophthalmic Lenses originating in or exported from China PR
- DGTR issues Final Findings in anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Decor Paper from China PR
- DGTR issues Final Findings in anti-dumping investigation on Calcined Gypsum Powder from Iran Oman Saudi Arabia and UAE
- DGTR issues Final Findings in anti-dumping investigation on Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Blends from China PR
- DGTR issues Final Findings in anti-dumping investigation on Caprolactam from EU Korea RP Russia and Thailand

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