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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)**

- Negotiations on services domestic regulation conclude successfully in Geneva
- Lao PDR joins information technology agreements
- Members review requests for panels on Russian procurement measures, Dominican duties
- More than two-thirds of WTO membership now part of investment facilitation negotiations

**United States, Europe & Asia**

- EU replaces COVID-19 vaccines export authorization mechanism with new monitoring tool
- Joint statement of the ministers of US, Japan and EU on trilateral cooperation
- The US Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that certain producers/exporters of steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from the Republic of Turkey (Turkey) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR) January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.
- US Department of Commerce issues the countervailing duty order on utility scale wind towers (wind towers) from India.
- USITC to Catalog Existing Information, Develop New Capabilities to Better Identify and Quantify Potential Distributional Effects of Trade and Trade Policy on U.S. Workers

**India**

- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers extends the enforcement of Quality Control Orders for Methylene Dichloride and Ortho Phosphoric Acid.
- DGTR issues Final Findings in AD investigation concerning imports of Glass Fiber from Bahrain and Egypt

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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