



# TRADE UPDATE – APRIL 29, 2024

KEY TRADE REMEDIAL UPDATES			
Subject countries	Product	Investigation(AD – Antidumping, CVD – Countervailing)	Particulars
United States of America (Department of Commerce)			
China, India, Korea RP, Taiwan and Thailand	Certain Epoxy Resins	AD	Initiation of less-than-fair-value investigations.
China	Truck and Bus Tires	AD	Final results of the expedited first sunset review of the anti-dumping duty order.
Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia and the Russian Federation	Ferrosilicon	AD	Initiation of less-than-fair-value investigations.
Germany	Common Alloy Aluminium Sheet	AD	Preliminary results and partial rescission of anti-dumping duty administrative review, 2022-2023
India (Directorate General of Trade Remedies)			
China	New Pneumatic Radial Tyres for buses and lorries	CVD	Final findings in sunset review of countervailing duty

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# WTO, FTAs

- India and Taiwan ask WTO to delay ruling on ICT import duties dispute till July 26.
- WTO members are resuming stalled dispute reform negotiations.
- Dr. Adamu Mohammed Abdulhamid of Nigeria has been elected as WTO's Trade Policy Review Chairperson.
- Thailand is keen on signing a trade agreement with Bangladesh.
- India-Canada FTA talks unlikely to resume soon.
- India-South Korea CEPA review talks likely in May or June.
- India set to sign trade deal with Oman to expand its Middle East ties.
- Bangladesh set to sign letter of intent for FTA talks with Thailand during Prime Minister Hasina's Bangkok visit.
- Pakistan and Iran to conclude free trade deal amid
   US sanctions warning.

#### TRADE POLICY

#### **Europe**

- Subsidy race with US and China would harm
   Europe's ailing economy, IMF warns.
- French President Emmanuel Macron calls for a revision of the European Union trade policy to defend EU interests.
- <u>European Parliament approves Corporate</u>
   <u>Sustainability Due Diligence Law.</u>
- EU Parliament approves ban of products made with forced labour.
- China's Nuctech raided in EU over foreign subsidies concerns.
- After Europe's carbon tax, Germany props up fresh hurdles for Indian companies.

#### UK

- Ireland reaps 700 million euros of Brexit bonanza from customs duties.
- Former UK Prime Minister Liz Truss said that United States won't do a trade deal with Britain.
- ASEAN and UK launch 25 million pounds worth 'Economic Integration Programme.'
- UK and Saudi Arabia to host major trade expo GREAT FUTURES – in Riyadh.
- Rishi Sunak eyes Saudi capital as UK sends trade delegation to Riyadh.
- Post-Brexit, UK economy is tilting towards services.

#### USA

- US Foreign Secretary Antony Blinken visited China to talk trade practices and defence support for Russia.
- US reduces licensing requirements for exports to UK and Australia.
- US has established a team to offer advice and support to nations facing "economic coercion" from China.
- US to investigate Chinese shipbuilding subsidies: Initiation of section 301 investigation.
- US Customs Department rejects 31% of Indian MDH exports since October over salmonella, reveals FDA data.

# India

- India, 7 other WTO members slam EU & UK over steel duty.
- Pakistan's top business leaders urge Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to initiate trade talks with India.
- USTR has placed India on the Priority Watch List on its 2024 Special 301 Report.
- Nepal aims to export 10,000 MW hydroelectricity to India: Nepal's President Paudel.
- India approves 99,500 tonnes of onion exports to 6 neighbouring nations.
- India, Japan discuss on disarmament, nonproliferation and export control.
- Vizhinjam Port receives Centre's nod to run as India's first transshipment hub.
- India has extended Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status to the gem and jewellery sector.
- India may not extend EV concessions to Chinese firms.
- India to scale up its semiconductor package to Rs.
   76000 Crore.
- India orders ethylene oxide testing for spice exports to Hong Kong, Singapore.

# INDIAN CUSTOMS & ALLIED AGENCIES

- Notification of an export quota of 2000 MT of White Onion under HS Code 07031019.
- Notification of a Quality Control Order (QCO) on Copper Products.
- Notification of a draft QCO on certain steel products at the WTO.

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# NATIONAL SECURITY, SANCTIONS & EXPORT CONTROLS

- US slaps sanctions on over dozen firms, including 3 from India, for illicit trade with Iran.
- 'Holds and blocks' in UNSC sanctions committee are 'disguised vetoes': India.
- Venezuela to accelerate cryptocurrency shift as oil sanctions return.
- US Senate sends aid package with Iran oil sanctions to Biden.
- China's major banks hit the brakes on Russian transactions amid U.S. sanctions concerns.
- <u>European Commission is expected to propose</u> <u>sanctions on ships delivering North Korean military</u> equipment to Russia.
- UK, US and Canada impose more sanctions on Iran after Israel attack.
- <u>EU weighs sanctions on Russian liquefied natural</u> gas.
- **EU** companies grapple with expiry of Russia sanctions carve-out.

- UK tightens controls on quantum computing exports and cryogenics firms could feel the chill.
- US has charged ten and arrested one in connection with sanctions evasion scheme.
- <u>European Parliament rebuffs EU Commission</u> proposal to remove UAE from anti-money laundering high-risk list.
- India receives oil cargo in Russian SCF tanker after brief halt: Reports.
- US Congress passes bill that could unlock billions in frozen Russian assets for Ukraine.
- US Supplemental Emergency Appropriation Bill's Section 3111 has extended the statute of limitation for violation of certain sanctions to 10 years.
- China expresses concerns over Japan's planned export controls on certain items related to semiconductors and other fields.
- US, Japan, and South Korea to collaborate on technology export controls.
- <u>US wants allies to cut chip-related China exports</u> amid Huawei alarm.