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## China And The United States Reportedly Nearing A Deal On Trade Agreement United States

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The United States and China are nearing the conclusion of negotiations for a limited trade agreement, which reportedly could be signed by both countries as early as mid-November 2019. Both the United States and China initially [planned](#) to sign the agreement at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (“APEC”) meetings which were held in Chile on November 16 and 17. Although President Trump and President Xi both planned to attend the meeting, the meeting was [cancelled](#) by Chilean President Sebastian Pinera because of concerns about the significant protests and political unrest Chile has experienced since mid-October. As a result, some [sources](#) speculate, the signing of the trade deal will now be pushed to December 2019, with discussions about the location of the signing ceremony still going on. [More »](#)

## United States Wins WTO Dispute Against India Involving \$7 Billion In Export Subsidies

*Chris Hyner*

On October 31, 2019, a World Trade Organization (“WTO”) dispute settlement panel [issued a decision](#) in favor of the United States in a dispute challenging a number of India’s subsidy programs. In the dispute, the United States argued that \$7 billion worth of export subsidies that India provided to its steel, pharmaceutical, chemical, information technology, and textile industries were inconsistent with India’s obligations under the WTO’s Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (the “SCM Agreement” or “the Agreement”). [More »](#)

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## Commerce IG Criticizes The Exclusion Process For National Security Tariffs On Steel And Aluminum

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On October 28, 2019, the Commerce Department's Office of the Inspector General (the "Office" or "OIG") [issued](#) a memorandum to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross to communicate the Office's concerns about the process for reviewing and granting requests for exclusions from national security tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. [According to the OIG](#), multiple issues arising out of the process "give the perception" that the "exclusion request review process is neither transparent nor objective." [More »](#)

## Brexit Update: U.K. Parliament Sets General Election For December; Brexit Takes Centre Stage

*Leo Amiel (with Tony Collins and Iain MacVay)*

On November 6, 2019, the dissolution of the United Kingdom's Parliament became effective and Prime Minister Boris Johnson officially announced, in accordance with a vote of the Parliament on October 29, 2019, the setting of a general election for the United Kingdom ("U.K.") on December 12, 2019. [More »](#)

### NEWS OF NOTE

- [WTO Rules that China Can Take Retaliatory Action Against the United States Due to U.S.'s Alleged Failure to Comply With WTO Dumping Calculation Rulings](#) – *Barbara Medrado* – On November 1, 2019, the WTO [issued a decision](#) authorizing China to impose retaliatory tariffs on up to \$3.6 billion worth of U.S. goods because of the United States' alleged failure to abide by the WTO's rules on dumping. [More »](#)
- [President Trump Warns Prime Minister Johnson that Brexit Deal Could Make U.S.-U.K. Trade More Difficult](#) – *Seth Atkisson* – Although they appear to have a cordial relationship, President Trump and Prime Minister Boris Johnson have occasionally disagreed over the impact of Brexit on a possible trade agreement between the two countries. [More »](#)

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