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United States Prevails In Enforcement Dispute With China Over Grain Oriented Electrical Steel

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On July 31, the World Trade Organization (WTO) issued a ruling in favor of the United States in a dispute over China's compliance with the prior recommendations and rulings of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) regarding China's conduct of investigations that resulted in imposition of antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders with respect to U.S. exports of grain-oriented electrical steel (GOES). This marks the first time since its accession to the WTO in 2001 that China has been found to have failed to comply with an adverse DSB ruling. As China already allowed the illegal trade remedy measures to "sunset" in April 2015 in anticipation of the release of the compliance panel's report, the issuance of the ruling serves more as a rebuke to systemic deficiencies in China's administration of its trade remedy laws than as a directive with any practical impact on U.S. exports of GOES.

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WTO General Council Approves Kazakhstan's Accession; Liberia Progresses Toward Accession

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In the run-up to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Ministerial Conference in December 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya, the Organization's Accessions Division has been particularly active. While twenty-two accession negotiations are in progress, Kazakhstan and Liberia have made major strides this year and [are on track](#) to be accepted as WTO Members at the 2015 Ministerial Conference. [More »](#)

Whither The Injury Standard?

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Given the long history of the material injury standard and the numerous determinations made over the years using the standard in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations, one might expect that the nature of

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the material injury standard and the threshold for establishing material injury had been definitively established long ago. Recent developments, however, make clear that the injury standard remains a matter of contention and that unresolved questions persist. [More »](#)

In the Wake of Trade Agenda Momentum, TPP Negotiations Continue

Elizabeth Owerbach

The United States made significant headway with the Administration's trade agenda in the summer of 2015. With the passage of [Trade Promotion Authority](#), Congress has agreed to ensure trade agreements negotiated by the Administration receive up-or-down votes in both houses of Congress, without an opportunity for Congressional amendments or filibusters. With this crucial authorization in place, all eyes are now on the long-negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). [More »](#)

News Of Note

- **United States Requests Comments on China's Compliance with WTO Commitments** – [Quinn Bailey & Clint Long](#) – The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is working in conjunction with the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to prepare USTR's annual congressional report on China's compliance with its World Trade Organization commitments. The interagency TPSC will convene a public hearing on October 7, 2015 and is seeking both written comments and oral testimony on the issue. [More »](#)
 - **Four Nominees To The U.S. Court Of International Trade Are Now Pending** – [Erienne Kilgore & Pat Togni](#) – Over the past year, President Obama has nominated a total of four individuals to fill judicial vacancies on the bench of the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT). [More »](#)
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