Dear Member,

As you are aware that the benefits of free trade are underpinned on the adoption of fair-trade practices by all concerned, including in undertaking exports to overseas destinations, so as to enable a level playing field for all stakeholders. Trade remedial measures provided under WTO agreements, as operationalized under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and rules made thereunder, can be used to curb such unfair trade practices like dumping and subsidization, and address injury causing import surges.

The global economy is slowing down due to COVID-19 pandemic, and other countries may resort to unfair trade practices like dumping to capture the market or offload their extra capacities. In such circumstances, the trade remedy measures and assistance is made available by Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) for addressing injury to domestic industry from imports or defending against investigations being conducted by any other country, however, there is a need for creating widespread awareness among all stakeholders, particularly the MSMEs, regarding the availability of these measures for addressing injury to domestic industry from imports or defending against investigations being conducted by any other country.

In this regard, DGTR has publicized these measures through newspaper advertisements (click here to view) to sensitize domestic industry and exporters. Further, DGTR through its trade defence wing extends legal support to exporters facing trade remedy investigations in other countries for imposition of countervailing duty or anti-dumping duty.

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Best Regards,
Team IESA