ANTI-DUMPING / FINAL FINDINGS

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DGTR's final findings of June 18, 2026 accept Arxada AG's price undertaking on methyl acetoacetate from Switzerland and suspend the investigation.

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MAA is a diketene-based ester used mainly in the pharmaceutical, agrochemical and polymer industries. The period of investigation was January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Arxada AG, the sole producer in Switzerland, took part, but because it exported through an unrelated trader that did not participate and its response was incomplete, normal value and export price were determined on facts available.

The Authority found a dumping margin in the range of 15-25 and an injury margin in the range of 5-15. Imports from Switzerland rose from 174 MT in 2021-22 to 1,220 MT in the POI, undercut domestic prices and depressed and suppressed them. The domestic industry incurred losses in 2023-24 and earned negligible profits in the POI.

Arxada AG offered a price undertaking to export at a price matching the domestic industry's non-injurious price, and the domestic industry did not object. The Authority accepted the undertaking under Rule 15 and suspended the investigation, rather than terminating it, so that recourse remains if the undertaking is violated. The undertaking is valid for five years and does not cover sales to holders of Advance Authorisations/Licences or to Export Oriented Units. On a violation, the Authority may recommend anti-dumping duty, applied retrospectively from the date of the violation or withdrawal of the undertaking.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Final findings
Case number	Case No AD (OI – 19/2025)
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Product	Methyl Acetoacetate
What it covers	Methyl Acetoacetate, also referred to as MAA/MAAE/AAME, is a diketene-based ester or aceto-acetate with the chemical formula C5H8O3; at 99% purity it is a clear, colorless liquid. It is used primarily in the pharmaceutical, agrochemical and polymer industries, as a reactant in other industries, and as a flavoring agent and in colorants. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	29183040, 29183090, 29189990
Countries	Switzerland
Applicant	M/s Laxmi Organic Industries Ltd
Period of investigation	1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 (a period of 12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and the POI
Findings	• The applicant's production constitutes a major proportion of Indian production, so it constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) and the application satisfies Rule 5(3); Jubilant Ingrevia Limited, which entered the market in February 2022, supported the application. • Arxada AG, the sole producer in Switzerland, filed a questionnaire response, but it made no domestic sales during the POI, exported to India through an unrelated trader that did not participate, and its response was incomplete; normal value was therefore determined on facts available, based on the cost of production of the domestic industry with additions for selling, general and administrative expenses and profit. • The dumping margin table gives a range of 15-25 for all producers/exporters from Switzerland, and the dumping margin is positive, more than de minimis and significant. • Imports from Switzerland were 174 MT in 2021-22, nil in 2022-23, 600 MT in 2023-24 and 1,220 MT in the POI, and the subject country's market share rose from 1% in the base year to 11.4%. • The subject imports undercut domestic prices in the POI (range 0-10%), and their landed value of INR 1,14,339 per MT in the POI was below the selling price and cost of the domestic industry, depressing and suppressing its prices. • The domestic industry incurred losses in 2023-24 and earned negligible profits in the POI, and its inventories increased over the injury period.

- The injury margin table gives a range of 5-15; no other factor was found to have caused the injury, imports from China having been examined separately in a sunset review in which continuation of duty was recommended.
- Arxada AG offered a price undertaking matching the non-injurious price of the domestic industry, which the domestic industry supported; the Authority found that the undertaking adequately removes the injurious effect of dumping and that accepting it is in the public interest.
- The exporter's proposal, as summarized by the Authority, set out a price undertaking range of USD 1,450–1,550 per MT at landed price level in India; the price in the undertaking signed on June 8, 2026 is printed as confidential (USD ***/MT).

Recommendation

The Authority accepts the price undertaking of M/s Arxada AG under Rule 15 of the Anti-Dumping Rules, under which the company undertakes not to export Methyl Acetoacetate to India below a confidential CIF price inclusive of basic customs duty, and suspends the investigation. No duty is quantified for any other producer or exporter from Switzerland.

What happens next

The undertaking is valid for five years from the date of the notification, subject to review, and does not apply to sales to importers holding Advance Authorisations/Licences or to Export Oriented Units. The Authority will periodically review the company's exports; on a violation it may recommence the investigation and recommend anti-dumping duty, applied retrospectively from the date of the violation or withdrawal of the undertaking.

The notification (PDF, 1.3 MB)

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