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The duty under review, 2998 $/MT on imports from any producer, was recommended in the final finding dated February 10, 2025 and imposed by Notification No. 09/2025-Customs (ADD) dated May 8, 2025; the Ministry of Finance has extended it to additional HS codes in view of a change in tariff classifications. Glufosinate is a herbicide of the organophosphorus chemical family, and the product covers glufosinate and its salt in both technical and formulation form. It has no dedicated classification; tariff codes 38089193, 38089199, 38089391, 38089399, 38089912, 38089991 and 38089999 are considered, as indicative only.

The applicants claim that the export price fell significantly in the absorption period of January to September 2025 compared with the original period of investigation, January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and that owing to the minimum import price in force, the import price into India does not reflect the price at which the product is exported from China. Their information shows a significant decline in the export price, and the Authority notes that the decline is much higher than the decline in raw material prices; the information prima facie shows a decline in the export price without a commensurate decline in the cost of production, showing absorption of the duty and an increase in the dumping and injury margins. The review is limited to examining whether the export price has declined and whether the decline is due to the corresponding decline in the raw material.

The Authority recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product until the review is completed. The applicants have asked that the form of the duty be modified retrospectively from the date of initiation, and interested parties may comment on this. Responses are due on the SETU portal (case ID AD/ABS/001/2026) within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Other
Case number	Case No. AD (AA) – 01/2026

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Product	Glufosinate and its salts
What it covers	The scope is that concluded by the Authority in the original investigation (Final Finding F.No. 6/19/2024-DGTR dated February 10, 2025) and attracting the anti-dumping duties: Glufosinate and its salt, both in technical and formulation form. Glufosinate is a herbicide for controlling a broad spectrum of weeds and a phosphinic acid belonging to the organophosphorus chemical family; its active ingredient disrupts the plant's ability to produce certain essential amino acids. The product has no dedicated classification, and the customs codes considered are indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	38089193, 38089199, 38089391, 38089399, 38089912, 38089991, 38089999
Countries	China
Applicant	Superform Chemistries Limited, UPL Limited, Astral Life India Limited, Swal Corporation Limited, United Phosphorus (India) LLP and UPL Sustainable Agri Solution Limited
Period of investigation	January 2025 to September 2025 (a period of 9 months), the absorption period; the applicants asked that its prices be compared with the export price in the original period of investigation, 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
Findings	• Anti-dumping duty on Glufosinate and its salt from China was recommended by final finding no. 6/19/2024-DGTR dated February 10, 2025 and imposed by the Ministry of Finance by Notification No. 09/2025-Customs (ADD) dated May 8, 2025, at 2998 $/MT for any producer on HS codes 38089193, 38089199, 38089391, 38089399, 38089912, 38089991 and 38089999; in view of a change in tariff classifications, the Ministry of Finance has extended the measures to additional HS codes. • The applicants submit that only they produce glufosinate technical in India; the other companies in India import technical and convert it into formulation, and were not treated as domestic industry in the

original investigation. On the information on record, the applicants constitute the domestic industry and the application has been filed in accordance with Rule 29. The list of applicants in paragraph 10 names Arysta Life Sciences India Limited where paragraph 1 names Astral Life India Limited.

- The review covers all imports of the product from China. In the original investigation, no individual duty was calculated for the participating producer, as the Authority had found it to be deficient. The scope of the review is restricted to examining whether the form or the quantum of the duty, or both, needs modification.
- The applicants claim that the export price declined significantly in the absorption period compared with the original period of investigation; that owing to the minimum import price in force, the import price into India does not reflect the price at which the product is exported from China, some imports being cleared at much higher prices owing to the MIP and some at lower prices; and that producers in China export at such low prices to other countries too, for which they have provided information on exports from China to other countries.
- The applicants' information shows that the export price from China has declined significantly, and the Authority notes that while raw material prices have declined, the decline in the export price is much higher. The applicants have also given prima facie information showing an increase in the dumping margin and injury margin; their information prima facie shows a decline in the export price without a commensurate decline in the cost of production, showing absorption of the anti-dumping duty and a consequent increase in the dumping margin and injury margin.
- The applicants proposed January 2025 to September 2025 (9 months) as the absorption period, and requested that its prices be compared with the export price in the original period of investigation, January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The Authority considers the 9-month period appropriate, noting there is no mandatory requirement of a 12-month period for an anti-absorption review, as the period may be based on the facts and circumstances of the case.
- The applicants have requested revised duty with retrospective effect under Rule 31(1) and provisional assessment of imports pending the outcome of the review under Rule 30(5); they have also asked the Authority to recommend that the form of the duty be modified retrospectively from the date of initiation, under Rule 31(3).

Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-absorption investigation under Section 9A(1B) of the Act and Rule 30 of the Rules to determine the existence and effect of absorption of the anti-dumping duty on imports of the product by the producer/exporter from China, and to recommend modification of the quantum or form of the duty, or both. It recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product under consideration until the review is completed, under Rule 30(5) of the Rules.
Time limits	• Interested parties to intimate their interest (including the nature of interest) and file questionnaire responses and submissions, in confidential and non-confidential versions, on the SETU portal (case ID AD/ABS/001/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country under Rule 6(4) of the AD Rules, 1995 • Comments on the applicants' request that the form of the duty be modified retrospectively from the date of initiation: within the time limit given in this notification • Requests for extension of time, through the SETU portal: at least one day before the original deadline • Comments on issues of confidentiality: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

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