ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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KEY FACTS

MEASURE
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STAGE
Initiation

COUNTRIES
China, European Union

DATED
September 30, 2026

REFERENCES

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The application was filed by Kinvan Private Limited, which began commercial production on March 30, 2024 at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh, and is treated as the sole domestic producer of the like article. The product is an Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient used with penicillin-class antibiotics; sterile grades, and Amine Salts meant for producing them, are excluded. It is classified under tariff items 2941 90 90 and 2931 99 90, and quantities are to be reported in kilograms.

The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and the injury period covers 2022-23 to the period of investigation. For initiation, normal value for both subject countries was constructed from the domestic industry's cost of production, and export price was taken from DG Systems data. The Authority finds a prima facie dumping margin above de minimis, and the information on record prima facie indicates injury in the form of material retardation to the establishment of the domestic industry.

Interested parties must register on the SETU Portal and file responses within 37 days from circulation of the non-confidential version of the application. Comments on the product scope and PCN methodology are due within 15 days of initiation, running concurrently. The Authority will determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and recommend any duty adequate to remove the injury in the form of material retardation.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU Case ID: AD/OI/054/2026
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Product	Clavulanic Acid (also known as Potassium Clavulanate) and its Amine Salt
What it covers	Clavulanic Acid, also known as Potassium Clavulanate, an Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient used as an adjuvant in penicillin-class antibiotic formulations, and its Intermediate Amine Salt (N-1 stage). Sterile Grade of Clavulanic Acid and Amine Salts meant for production of Sterile Grade of Clavulanic Acid are excluded. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope; the product is also imported under other HS codes.
Customs codes	2941 90 90, 2931 99 90
Countries	China, European Union
Applicant	Kinvan Private Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the POI
Findings	• The applicant commenced commercial production on 30th March 2024 at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh, and is considered the sole domestic producer of the like article, accounting for 100% of domestic production; Vardhman Chemtech Limited produces only the excluded sterile grade and was not considered a producer of the like article. • For both China and the European Union, normal value was constructed for initiation on the cost of production of the domestic industry, adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses and reasonable profit. • Export price was determined from the CIF price reported in DG Systems data, adjusted to the ex-factory level. • The comparison of normal value and export price prima facie indicates a dumping margin above the de minimis level and significant for the subject countries. • The information on record prima facie indicates injury in the form of material retardation to the establishment of the domestic industry, with the applicant claiming sub-optimal capacity utilization, inability to achieve a reasonable market share, sales below cost, financial losses and negative return on capital employed.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Rules to determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and to recommend the anti-dumping duty adequate to remove the injury in

the form of material retardation to the establishment of the domestic industry.

Time limits

- Comments on the scope of the product under consideration and the proposed PCN methodology: within fifteen (15) days from the date of initiation, running concurrently with the time limit for submissions
- Confidential and non-confidential versions of questionnaire responses and submissions on the SETU Portal: within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority in SETU Portal or transmitted to the diplomatic representatives of the exporting countries
- Requests for extension of time, through the SETU Portal: at least 3 days before the original deadline
- Comments on confidentiality claims made by other parties: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 686 KB)

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