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The product, also known as Plaster of Paris, Gypsum Stucco and Stucco Powder, is calcium sulphate hemihydrate used for leveling plaster and decorative building elements. It is classified at the 8-digit level under 25202010, though goods are also imported under other heads of Chapter 25. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

The applicant alleges that Egyptian producers and exporters benefit from seven programs, including an industrial investment cash incentive, corporate tax incentives, customs duty exemptions, land and free zone benefits, regional incentives and an export rebate scheme. Pre-initiation consultations with the Government of Egypt were held on March 12, 2026.

The prima facie evidence shows rising subject imports, price undercutting, suppression and depression, and declining cash profits, PBIT and ROCE. Interested parties must file responses through the SETU portal within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application, and may comment on the product scope within 15 days.

Measure	Countervailing
Stage	Initiation
Case number	Case No. CVD (OI) – 02/2026
File number	F. No. 6/16/2026 -DGTR
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Product	Calcined Gypsum Powder or Gypsum plaster
What it covers	Calcined Gypsum Powder or Gypsum plaster, also known as Plaster of Paris, Gypsum Stucco and Stucco Powder: calcium sulphate hemihydrate obtained by heating gypsum rock (calcium sulphate

	dihydrate) so that it loses 1.5 water from its crystal structure. It is used mainly for leveling plaster in buildings and decorative building elements such as cornices and POP sheets. The customs classification is indicative only and the product description prevails in case of conflict; no PCNs were proposed.
Customs codes	25202010
Countries	Egypt
Applicant	M/s Saint Gobain India Pvt Ltd. (SGIPL)
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	April 2022 - March 2023, April 2023 - March 2024, April 2024 - March 2025 and the proposed period of investigation
Findings	• The applicant alleges that producers and exporters in Egypt benefit from actionable subsidies: industrial investment cash incentive, corporate tax incentives, customs duty exemptions on machinery, tools and raw materials, land and infrastructure incentives, free zone and investment zone benefits, regional or location-based incentives, and an export subsidy or export rebate scheme. • The schemes are alleged to involve a financial contribution from the Government of Egypt or public bodies, to confer a benefit and to be specific, and the Authority reserves the right to investigate other subsidies found during the investigation. • Pre-initiation consultations were held with representatives of the Government of Egypt on 12.03.2026, and their oral submissions have been taken on record. • The applicant states it is the major producer (55%) in a fragmented industry of many small producers, does not import the product and is not related to any importer; the Authority treats it as the domestic industry with standing. • The applicant's prima facie evidence shows subject imports rising in absolute and relative terms, price undercutting, price suppression and depression, declines in cash profits, PBIT and ROCE in the period of investigation, and rising inventories.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-subsidy investigation under Section 9B of the Act read with Rule 6 of the Rules to determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged subsidy and to recommend the amount of duty that, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury.
Time limits	• Interested parties to comment on the product under consideration and product control numbers: within 15 days from the date of

initiation of this investigation or date of the receipt of this notice, running concurrently with the main time limit

- Interested parties to intimate their interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions on the SETU portal (case ID CVD/OI/002/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the diplomatic representative of the exporting country
- Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline
- Comments on the confidentiality claimed by the domestic industry: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 995 KB)

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