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The original investigation, covering China and South Korea, was initiated on September 22, 2020. Duty was recommended by Final Finding Notification No. 6/40/2020-DGTR dated September 20, 2021 and imposed by Customs Notification 66/2021-Customs (ADD) dated November 11, 2021. An anti-absorption investigation against China was initiated on August 11, 2025, and the modified duty was imposed by Customs Notification No. 30/2025-Customs (ADD) dated October 27, 2025. The current duties expire on November 10, 2026.

The product is classified under subheading 28112200, which is indicative only. The review covers China alone; it is not initiated against South Korea because no duly substantiated application was made for that country. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

On the evidence in the application, the Authority found prima facie that the dumping margin is positive and that the information shows a likelihood of continuation of dumping and consequent injury if the duty ceases. Interested parties are to register on the SETU portal and file responses within 37 days, with comments on the PCN methodology within 15 days of initiation.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review initiation
Case number	Case No. AD (SSR)-05/2026
File number	F. No. 07/09/2026-DGTR
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Product	Untreated Fumed Silica
What it covers	Untreated fumed silica is synthetic silica made by the flame hydrolysis of chlorosilane feedstock in an oxygen hydrogen flame at

	temperatures of 1800 deg C, in a gas phase, unlike other synthetic silicas made from silicate solution in a liquid phase. The scope is the same as defined in the original investigation.
Customs codes	28112200
Countries	China
Applicant	Cabot Sanmar Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025
Injury period	2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicant is the sole producer of the subject product in India, constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) and satisfies the standing criteria of Rule 5(3). • For initiation, the normal value for China was determined on the basis of the import price from Japan adjusted to the net ex-factory level, a methodology also adopted in the previous investigation. • The comparison of normal value and export price at the ex-factory level prima facie shows a positive dumping margin. • The applicant provided prima facie evidence of an increase in imports from the subject country in absolute and relative terms, and information on likelihood of injury based on continued dumping, a likely suppressing/depressing effect in the event of expiry of the measures, capacity expansion in the subject country, low demand in the subject country compared with capacities, and export orientation. • The review is not initiated against South Korea, as there is no duly substantiated application on the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury from South Korea.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates a sunset review to examine the need for continued imposition of the anti-dumping duty on untreated fumed silica from China, and whether its expiry is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.
Time limits	• Comments on the PCN methodology and the scope of the product under consideration: within 15 days from the date of initiation, running concurrently with the main time limit • Interested parties to intimate interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions (confidential and non-confidential versions) on the SETU portal under case ID AD/SSR/005/2026: within 37 days from the date of receipt of the notice calling for any information as per Rule 6(4) of the AD Rules, 1995

- Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline
- Comments on issues of confidentiality: within 7 days from the date of submission of the non-confidential version of the documents by other parties

The notification (PDF, 876 KB)

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