ANTI-DUMPING / SUNSET REVIEW FINAL FINDINGS

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The duty was imposed by Notification No. 60/2021-Customs (ADD) dated October 14, 2021. The product covers five arylides, AAA, AAMX, AAOA, AAOT and AAOCA, used mainly as intermediates for pigments; all other forms are excluded. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, and the injury period covers 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation. Two Chinese producers, Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co Ltd and Qingdao Haiwan Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd., filed responses.

DGTR found dumping margins of 10-20% for Nantong, 50-60% for Qingdao Haiwan and 80-90% for all others, and injury margins of 0-10%, 30-40% and 80-90% respectively. Subject imports rose 18% over the injury period despite the duty. The domestic industry recorded losses from 2023-24 onwards and cash losses and a negative return on investment in the period of investigation. DGTR found a likelihood of continued dumping and injury if the duty lapsed, citing, among other factors, idle capacity of the two participating producers equal to 130-140% of Indian demand.

DGTR recommends continuing the existing duty rates for five years: 24.79% of CIF value for Qingdao Haiwan, 26.64% for Nantong and 44.90% for all other producers and for exports from China of goods originating elsewhere. The applicant had sought enhancement of the duty, and Nantong's request that its duty be reduced to its injury margin was not accepted. The Central Government is to issue the notification imposing the duty.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review final findings
Case number	Case No. AD(SSR) 01/2026
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Product	Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of Aromatic or Heterocyclic Compounds also known as 'Arylides'
What it covers	Covers Acetoacetanilide (AAA), Acetoacet-meta-xylidide (AAMX), Acetoacet-o-anisidide (AAOA), Acetoacet-o-toluidide (AAOT) and Acetoacet-o-chloroanilide (AAOCA); all other forms of arylides are excluded. The scope is the same as in the original investigation. The product is used mainly as an intermediate for yellow pigments, and also for orange and red pigments and in the agrochemical sector; the customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2924 29, 2924 29 20, 2924 29 30, 2924 29 90
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s Laxmi Organic Industries Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• Normal value was determined under para 7 of Annexure I on the basis of the price payable in India, from the domestic industry's cost of production adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses and a reasonable profit; none of the producers filed the market economy treatment questionnaire. • The dumping margins are 10-20% for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co Ltd, 50-60% for Qingdao Haiwan Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd. and 80-90% for all other producers/exporters, all positive, above de minimis and significant. • The injury margins are 0-10% for Nantong, 30-40% for Qingdao Haiwan and 80-90% for all other producers/exporters. • Subject imports increased by 18% in absolute terms over the injury period despite the duty; the landed value of subject imports is below the net sales realization of the domestic industry for all product types, with price depression and suppression. • The domestic industry's volume parameters improved with the duty in force, but it suffered losses from 2023-24 onwards, and cash losses and a negative return on investment in the period of investigation, with rising inventories; the non-attribution analysis found no other known factor causing injury. • The Authority finds a likelihood of continuation of dumping and injury if the duty ceases, citing continued dumping, idle capacity of the participating producers equal to 130-140% of Indian demand,

India as their principal export market, and third-country exports priced predominantly below the non-injurious price.
- The impact of the duties on users and the downstream industry is found to be negligible.

Recommendation

The Authority recommends continued imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty at the existing rates imposed vide Notification No. 60/2021-Customs (ADD) dated October 14, 2021, on all imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from China, for a period of five years. Nantong's request that its duty be reduced to the level of its injury margin was not accepted; the applicant had sought extension and enhancement of the duty.

Duty expressed as

Percentage of CIF value of imports (assessable value including insurance and freight), payable in Indian currency

For how long

Five years from the date of the notification to be issued in this regard by the Central Government

What happens next

The duty is recommended for five years from the date of the notification to be issued by the Central Government. The individual rates apply only on presentation of a commercial invoice carrying the prescribed manufacturer declaration; otherwise the duty for all other producers applies. An appeal against the Central Government's order lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Qingdao Haiwan Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd.	24.79% of CIF value
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd.	26.64% of CIF value
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Any producer other than those at SN 1 and 2	44.90% of CIF value
Any country other than China PR (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any	44.90% of CIF value

The notification (PDF, 1.7 MB)

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