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The review was initiated on June 26, 2025 on an application by M/s Laxmi Organics Industries Limited, supported by Jubilant Ingrevia Limited, which entered the market in February 2022. The period of investigation is January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd. was the only Chinese producer to respond.

The Authority found dumping margins of 30-40% for Nantong and 40-50% for others, and injury margins of 10-20% and 20-30% respectively. It found that imports undercut domestic prices, that their landed value fell by 44% over the injury period, and that the domestic industry incurred losses in 2023-24 and earned negligible profits in the POI. It held that dumping and injury are likely to continue if the duty ceases, given surplus capacity in China and higher margins on exports to India than to third countries.

The Authority recommends continuing the duty for five years at USD 0.277 per kg for Nantong and USD 0.404 per kg for all others, including goods of other origin exported from China. An appeal against the Central Government's order lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review final findings
Case number	Case No AD (SSR – 06/2025)
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Product	Methyl Acetoacetate (MAA)

What it covers	The product under consideration is Methyl Acetoacetate, also known as MAA/MAAE/AAME, a diketene-based ester or aceto-acetate which at 99% purity is a clear, colorless liquid. The scope is the same as defined in the original investigation.
Customs codes	29183040, 29183090, 29189990
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s Laxmi Organics Industries Limited, supported by Jubilant Ingrevia Limited
Period of investigation	1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 (a period of 12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 and the POI
Findings	• Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd. was the only producer from China to respond; its claim for market economy treatment was rejected, and normal value was constructed from the cost of production of the domestic industry. • The dumping margin is in the range of 30-40% for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd. and 40-50% for others, higher than the margin determined previously. • The landed value of imports was below the net sales realization of the domestic industry throughout the injury period, with price undercutting in the range of 10-20% in 2023-24 and the POI. • The landed value of subject imports declined by 44% over the injury period, against a 32% decline in the domestic industry's costs and a 40% decline in its selling prices, and the domestic industry incurred losses in 2023-24 and earned negligible profits in the POI. • No other factor was found to have caused injury; imports from Switzerland, 37% of total imports, are being examined in a parallel investigation. • The injury margin is in the range of 10-20% for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd. and 20-30% for others. • The Authority found likelihood of continued dumping and injury if the duties cease, citing significant import volumes despite the duties, surplus capacity in China, positive price undercutting and higher dumping margins on exports to India than to third countries. • The impact of the duty on end consumers was found to be insignificant.
Recommendation	The Authority recommends continuation of the anti-dumping duty on imports of Methyl Acetoacetate originating in or exported from China

	for a period of five years, at USD 0.277 per kg for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co Ltd and USD 0.404 per kg for all others.
Duty expressed as	Fixed amount in USD per kg
For how long	A period of five years
What happens next	The individual duty rate applies only on presentation of a commercial invoice carrying the prescribed declaration of the producer. An appeal against the order of the Central Government arising out of these findings 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	Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co Ltd	USD 0.277 per Kg
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Any, other than SN 1	USD 0.404 per Kg
Any country other than China PR (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any	USD 0.404 per Kg

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