ANTI-DUMPING / SUNSET REVIEW FINAL FINDINGS

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The duty was imposed by Customs Notification No. 66/2021-Customs (ADD) dated November 11, 2021 on imports from China and South Korea, modified after an anti-absorption investigation that found Shandong Dongyue Silicone Material Co., Ltd. had absorbed it (Customs Notification No. 30/2025-Customs (ADD) dated October 27, 2025), and extended till February 10, 2027. This review covers China only. The Authority rejected a request for separate PCNs for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical grades.

DGTR found dumping margins of 130-140% for Shandong Dongyue, 50-60% for Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd. and 150-160% for all others, and injury margins of 40-50%, negative and 50-60% respectively. Imports from China rose 79% over the injury period to 1,381 MT in the period of investigation, and without the duty undercut the domestic industry's price by 50-60%. With the duty in force, the domestic industry stayed profitable and is found not to have suffered continued injury.

Citing continued dumping at higher margins, rising imports, Shandong Dongyue's landed price below the domestic industry's cost of sales, large idle capacity in China and third-country exports below normal value, DGTR found a likelihood of continued dumping and recurrence of injury if the duty lapsed. It recommends continuing the existing duty for five years without re-quantifying it: USD 1,296 per MT for Shandong Dongyue and all other producers, and nil for Wacker. The Central Government is to issue the notification.

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Stage	Sunset review final findings
Case number	Case No. AD (SSR)-05/2026
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Product	Untreated Fumed Silica
What it covers	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. Grades are set by surface area, such as 150, 200, 300 or 380 m2/gm, the most popular being 200 m2/gm. It is used as a free flow and tableting agent in pharmaceuticals, an anti-caking agent in foods and agrochemicals, and a carrier for liquid flavors and fragrances. The scope is the same as in the original investigation; no party sought an exclusion, and the request for separate product control numbers (PCNs) for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical grades was not accepted. It is classified under subheading 2811 2200 and is also imported under 28112190, 2839100 and 34049090; the customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2811 22 00
Countries	China
Applicant	Cabot Sanmar Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and the period of investigation
Findings	• Cabot Sanmar Limited, the sole producer of the subject goods in India, constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b); DG Systems data show it did not import the product from China. The review covers China only, as no duly substantiated application was made for imports from South Korea, on which duties are also in force. • The request of the other interested parties for separate PCNs for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical grades was rejected: no party quantified or substantiated any difference in the cost of production of the two grades, the issue had been examined in the original investigation, and both grades come from the same manufacturing process, graded by testing impurity levels after production. Both participating producers export non-pharmaceutical grade product to India, and neither reported exporting both grades. • Shandong Dongyue Silicone Material Co., Ltd. and Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd., with its related

exporter Wacker Chemicals (China) Co., Ltd., filed questionnaire responses. None filed a market economy treatment questionnaire, so normal value was determined under para 7 of Annexure I on the average export price from Japan to India, which was entirely of non-pharmaceutical grade (762 MT at a CIF price of Rs 4,70,394 per MT in the period of investigation), adjusted to ex-factory level.

- The dumping margins are 130-140% for Shandong Dongyue Silicone Material Co Ltd, 50-60% for Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd. through Wacker Chemicals (China) Co., Ltd., and 150-160% for all other producers/exporters, all positive and above the de minimis level. The margins of both participating producers are higher than in the original investigation, which found 50-60% for Shandong and 10-20% for Wacker.
- The injury margins are 40-50% for Shandong Dongyue, negative for Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd. and 50-60% for all other producers/exporters.
- Imports from China were 770 MT in 2022-23, 960 MT in 2023-24, 1,300 MT in 2024-25 and 1,381 MT in the period of investigation, an increase of 79%, and rose in relation to Indian production and consumption. Without the duty, the landed price of ₹3,33,870 per MT undercuts the domestic industry's price by 50-60%; with the duty, the landed price is ₹4,22,195 per MT.
- With the duty in force, the domestic industry's capacity, production, capacity utilization and domestic sales rose over the injury period and it remained profitable throughout, although its profits fell in 2023-24 by 23% in absolute terms and 37% per unit before partly recovering, and its market share declined marginally. The Authority concludes that it has not suffered continued injury from dumped imports, and the non-attribution analysis found none of the other known factors examined to be a likely cause of injury.
- The Authority finds a likelihood of continuation of dumping and recurrence of injury if the duty ceases, citing continued dumping at increased margins; rising imports despite the duty; the earlier anti-absorption finding against Shandong Dongyue; a Shandong Dongyue landed price below the domestic industry's cost of sales and selling price; a landed price of imports other than Wacker's of ₹2,71,267 per MT, at which the domestic industry's non-pharma profit would turn into a loss; Chinese capacity of 211 KT per annum against production of 140 KT in 2022, with a further 137.8 KT per annum expected before 2027, against Indian demand of 6.44 KT; idle capacity of 15-25% for Shandong and 5-10% for Wacker; and

third-country exports, 95-100% of which by each producer are below normal value.

- The impact of the duty on downstream products, re-quantified using the duty in force of USD 1,296 per MT (Rs 112 per KG), is found to be 0% to 2%. Apart from Wacker Metroark Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., related to a participating producer, no user participated. Jay Chem Marketing's request for the duty in the form of a minimum import price was not accepted.

Recommendation

The Authority recommends continuation of the definitive anti-dumping duty recommended vide Final Findings No. 6/40/2020-DGTR dated September 20, 2021 and imposed vide Customs Notification No. 66/2021-Customs (ADD) dated November 11, 2021, as modified pursuant to Final Findings No. 7/05/2025-DGTR dated August 11, 2025 and Customs Notification No. 30/2025-Customs (ADD) dated October 27, 2025, on all imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from China, for a period of five years. The duty is not re-quantified: USD 1,296 per MT for Shandong Dongyue Silicone Material Co., Ltd. and for all other producers, and nil for Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd.

Duty expressed as

Fixed amount in USD per MT

For how long

Five (5) years from the date of the notification to be issued in this regard by the Central Government

What happens next

The continuation is for five years from the date of the notification to be issued by the Central Government; the existing duty was extended by Notification No. 19/2026-Customs (ADD) till February 10, 2027. The individual rates at SN 1 and 2 apply only on presentation of a commercial invoice carrying the prescribed declaration; otherwise the residual duty for any other producer applies. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal under Section 9C of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Shandong Dongyue Silicone Material Co., Ltd.	USD 1,296 per MT
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Wacker Chemicals Fumed Silica (Zhangjiagang) Co., Ltd.	NIL
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Any producer other than 1 and 2	USD 1,296 per MT

Any country other than China PR (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any	USD 1,296 per MT

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