ANTI-DUMPING / PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

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The product is a synthetic polycyclic musk used as a base note fixative in fragrances and functional perfumery, sold under names including Tonalide, Fixolide and AHTN, and classified under tariff item 2914 3990. No producer or exporter from China, and no importer or user in India, participated in the investigation.

For the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, DGTR provisionally finds a dumping margin of 30-40% and an injury margin of 30-40%. Subject imports rose from 55 MT in 2022-23 to 320 MT in 2024-25 before moderating to 233 MT in the period of investigation, undercut the domestic industry's prices and depressed them, while the domestic industry incurred losses, cash losses and negative returns on capital employed.

DGTR recommends a provisional anti-dumping duty of USD 3,967 per MT on the product from China, for a period as may be notified by the Central Government. Interested parties may comment within 30 days of publication; an oral hearing, further verification and a disclosure of essential facts will follow before the final findings.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Preliminary findings
Case number	Case No. AD (OI)-13/2026
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Product	1-(3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-6,7-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl) ethenone
What it covers	The product is 1-(3,5,5,6,8,8-hexamethyl-6,7-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl) ethenone, CAS numbers 21145-77-7 and 1506-02-1, chemical formula

	C18H26O and molecular weight 258.40 g/mol, a synthetic polycyclic musk compound classified as a tetralin ketone. It is sold under brand names including, but not limited to, Tonalide, Tonalid, Muscofix, Ganolid, Fixolide, AHTN, Musk AHMT, Ultramusk, Lanolid, Musk Tetralin, Dernalide, Methyl Nonyl Acetophenone, Kevolid, Tentarome and Tetralide. No PCN methodology has been adopted.
Customs codes	2914 3990
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s Keva Fragrances Private Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 – 30th September 2025 (a period of 12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 and the period of investigation
Findings	• Keva Fragrances Private Limited is the sole producer of the subject goods in India, accounting for 100% of Indian production, and constitutes the domestic industry. • None of the producers or exporters from China responded; China is treated as a non-market economy, normal value is based on the price payable in India, and export price is based on facts available under Rule 6(8). • The provisional dumping margin is in the range of 30-40% for any producer from China. • Subject imports rose from 55 MT in 2022-23 to 320 MT in 2024-25 and were 233 MT in the period of investigation; indexed to the base year, imports reached 426 against demand at 231. • Subject imports undercut the domestic industry's prices, with price undercutting in the range of 0-10%, and had a depressing effect on those prices. • The domestic industry suffered financial losses, cash losses in every year of the injury period and negative returns on capital employed, with idle capacity and accumulating inventories. • The provisional injury margin is in the range of 30-40%, and no other known factor is found to have caused the injury.
Recommendation	The Authority recommends provisional anti-dumping duty under Rule 13 of the AD Rules read with Section 9A(2) of the Act, equal to the lesser of the dumping and injury margins, on imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from China.
Duty expressed as	USD per MT
For how long	For a period as may be notified by the Central Government

Time limits	Interested parties to comment on the provisional findings: within 30 days from the publication of these findings
What happens next	The Authority will hold an oral hearing under Rule 6(6), with the date published on www.dgtr.gov.in, verify information further as needed, and disclose the essential facts before issuing its final findings.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
China PR	Any	USD 3,967 per MT
Any country other than China PR, exported from China PR	Any	USD 3,967 per MT

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