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DASDA, also known as DSD Acid, is a light-yellow powder/cream used mainly to make optical brightening agents, and apart from India, China is the only country where it is produced. It has a dedicated classification, 2921 59 40, and has also been imported under 2921 42 90. The period of investigation is April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (15 months), which the Authority held appropriate over objections, and the injury period runs from 2020-21. Only Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited and its related trader Tsaker Chemical (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. filed exporter questionnaire responses.

DGTR found dumping margins of 20-30% for Tsaker Huayu and 30-40% for others, and injury margins of 5-15% and 20-30% respectively. Imports, all from China, rose from 366 MT in 2022-23 to 1,093 MT (annualized) in the period of investigation, though they stayed below the 1,547 MT of 2020-21, and their landed price fell to Rs 2,72,922 per MT while raw material costs rose over the injury period. In the period of investigation the domestic industry's selling price fell faster than its cost of sales, and it recorded financial losses, cash losses and a negative return on capital employed. DGTR found the injury caused by the dumped imports and not by other factors.

DGTR recommends anti-dumping duty in the reference-price form the domestic industry requested: the duty is the difference between the landed value of the goods and a reference price of USD 3,453 per MT, levied only where the landed value is below it. The same reference price applies to Tsaker Huayu, to all other producers from China and to goods of other origin exported from China. DGTR found the impact on downstream industries insignificant, citing the domestic industry's estimate that a 10% duty would raise the price of optical brightening agents by about 2.5%. The findings do not state a period for the duty.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Final findings
Case number	Case No. AD (OI) - 41/2024
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Product	4,4-Diamino Stilbene 2,2-Disulphonic Acid (DASDA)
What it covers	4,4-Diamino Stilbene 2,2-Disulphonic Acid (DASDA), also known as 2,2'-(1,2-Ethylenediyl) bis (5-aminobenzenesulfonic acid), 4,4'-Diaminostilbene-2,2'-Disulfonic Acid and DSD Acid. It is a light-yellow powder/cream used in the synthesis of dye stuffs such as optical brightening agents and fluorescent brightening agents, and mainly to make optical brightening agents. No interested party commented on the scope, which is the same as at initiation, and no PCNs were required. The unit is metric tons (MT), and the customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2921, 2921 59 40, 2921 42 90
Countries	China
Applicant	Deepak Nitrite Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2023 to 30th June 2024 (15 months)
Injury period	2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and the period of investigation
Findings	• Deepak Nitrite Limited accounts for more than 75% of Indian production, has not imported the product and constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b), with standing under Rule 5(3). There are eight other Indian producers; the applicant filed support letters from Rama Polycon Limited, Rohan Dyechem and Industries Limited, Panchamrut Chemicals Private Limited and Pranav Chemicals India Private Limited, while Esskay Dyestuff & Industries Private Limited and Meghmani Organics Limited imported the product in substantial quantities during the period of investigation. • Interested parties objected that the 15-month period of investigation breached Rule 5(3A)(ii); the Authority held it appropriate, finding that import volume and price and the domestic industry's cost of sales were comparable with those of a 12-month period and that no interested party was prejudiced. • Normal value was determined under para 7 of Annexure I on the basis of the price paid or payable in India, from the cost of production in India with selling, general and administrative expenses and reasonable profits, because the responding

producers did not file the market economy questionnaire and no third-country price or constructed value was provided.

- Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited sold to India through its related trader Tsaker Chemical (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., and its information was desk verified; the export price for non-cooperative producers was determined on facts available under Rule 6(8). The dumping margins are 20-30% for Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited and 30-40% for any other producer.
- The injury margins are 5-15% for Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited and 20-30% for any other producer. The non-injurious price allows a 22% pre-tax return on average capital employed, kept as the Authority's consistent practice over objections from the domestic industry and other parties, and takes costs as recorded in the domestic industry's books of accounts, including for the main raw material Para Nitro Toluene (PNT), which the domestic industry had asked not to be valued at market prices it said were depressed by dumping.
- Imports, all from China, were 1,547 MT in 2020-21, 2,676 MT in 2021-22, 366 MT in 2022-23 and 1,093 MT (annualized) in the period of investigation: below the base year, but up on the previous year in absolute terms and relative to production and consumption. Demand including captive consumption rose over the injury period.
- The landed price of imports fell from Rs 3,37,793 per MT in 2020-21 to Rs 2,72,922 per MT in the period of investigation, while the raw material cost rose (index 100 to 129). In the period of investigation imports undercut the domestic industry's selling price by 0-10%, and its selling price fell by 45 index points against a 23-point fall in its cost of sales, which the Authority found to be price depression by the dumped imports.
- The Authority accepted the domestic industry's capacity, a cumulative 10,080 MT after its March 2024 expansion, and rejected claims that it was misstated. Capacity utilization fell in 2022-23 and again in the period of investigation, and domestic sales and market share fell in the period of investigation against 2022-23, while employment and wages rose over the injury period. The domestic industry moved from profit into financial losses, cash losses and a negative return on capital employed in the period of investigation; it suspended production on one line during that period, and at the on-site verification Unit-3 had been completely shut down and the entire workforce associated with it laid off.
- No other known factor was found to have caused the injury: China supplied 100% of imports, demand rose, and claims based on

outdated technology, high transport costs, a shift in demand to DNSDA and the domestic industry's own export prices were rejected.
- DASDA is about 25% of the cost of optical brightening agents, and on the domestic industry's illustration a 10% duty would raise their price by about 2.5%; the Authority found no demand-supply gap, with Indian capacity sufficient for all Indian demand, an insignificant impact on downstream industries, and the duty consistent with the larger public interest.

Recommendation

The Authority recommends definitive anti-dumping duty, under the lesser duty rule, on imports of DASDA originating in or exported from China, in the reference-price (benchmark) form the domestic industry requested, which it found gives a stable pricing framework without restricting imports beyond what is necessary. The duty is the difference between the landed value and a reference price of USD 3,453 per MT, levied only where the landed value is less than the reference price. The landed value is the assessable value determined by customs plus applicable customs duties, except duties under Sections 3, 3A, 8B, 9 and 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

Duty expressed as

Reference price in US$ per MT; the duty is the difference between the landed value and the reference price, levied only where the landed value is less than the reference price

What happens next

The findings do not state a start date or a period for the duty. The rate listed for Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited applies only on presentation of a commercial invoice carrying the prescribed manufacturer declaration; otherwise the duty for all other companies applies. An appeal against the determination in these final 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	Tsaker Huayu Chemical Company Limited	Reference price USD 3,453 per MT
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Any producer other than SN 1	Reference price USD 3,453 per MT
Any country other than China PR (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any producer	Reference price USD 3,453 per MT

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