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The product under consideration is "Clavulanic Acid, also known as Potassium Clavulanate, and its Intermediate Amine Salt, excluding Sterile Grade of Clavulanic Acid and Amine Salts meant for production of Sterile Grade of Clavulanic Acid". It is an active pharmaceutical ingredient used as an adjuvant in penicillin-class antibiotic formulations: micro-crystalline cellulose-based grades go into tablets and capsules, silicon dioxide-based grades into syrups. Clavulanic Acid is classified under tariff item 2941 90 90 and its amine salts under 2931 99 90, a classification the notification calls indicative only. Quantities are to be reported in KG; the applicant claimed 1 KGA equals 2.35 KG of the diluted product.

The application was filed by Kinvan Private Limited, which began commercial production on March 30, 2024 and has a manufacturing plant at Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh. The Authority considers it the sole domestic producer of the like article, accounting for 100% of domestic production; Vardhman Chemtech Limited, which produces the excluded sterile grade, was not counted. The applicant alleges that dumped imports have caused material retardation to the establishment of the domestic industry, citing sub-optimal capacity utilization, sales below cost, financial losses and a negative return on capital employed.

The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (12 months), and the injury investigation period covers 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation. For initiation, the normal value for both China PR and the European Union was constructed from the domestic industry's cost of production, adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses and reasonable profit, and the export price was based on CIF prices in DG Systems data. The comparison prima facie indicates a dumping margin above the de minimis level and significant.

Interested parties must register and file all submissions through the SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>). Comments on the product scope and on the proposed product control numbers, ACID and SALT, are due within 15 days from the date of initiation. Questionnaire responses and submissions are due within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated on the SETU Portal or sent to the exporting countries' diplomatic representatives. Requests for extension must be made at least 3 days before the original deadline, and comments on other parties' confidentiality claims within 7 days of circulation.

The Authority will determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and recommend the amount of anti-dumping duty which, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury in the form of material retardation to the establishment of the domestic industry. A party that does not provide necessary information within the time set may be declared non-cooperative, with findings recorded on the basis of the facts available.

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Case	SETU Case ID AD/OI/054/2026
Dated	September 2026 (day not filled in)
Product	Clavulanic Acid (Potassium Clavulanate) and its Intermediate Amine Salt, excluding sterile grades
Tariff items	2941 90 90 (Clavulanic Acid) and 2931 99 90 (Amine Salts), indicative only
Countries	China PR and the European Union
Applicant	Kinvan Private Limited, Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh
Period of investigation	April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026
Deadlines	Scope and PCN comments within 15 days of initiation; responses within 37 days of circulation of the application's non-confidential version

[The initiation notification](#) (PDF, 258 KB)

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