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The duty under review was imposed by Notification No. 60/2021-Customs (ADD) dated October 14, 2021, after final findings dated August 19, 2021. The product covers five forms of arylides: Acetoacetanilide (AAA), Acetoacet-meta-xylylide (AAMX), Acetoacet-o-aniside (AAOA), Acetoacet-o-toluidide (AAOT) and Acetoacet-o-chloroanilide (AAOCA); all other forms are excluded. It is classified under sub-heading 2924 29 and was imported under tariff items 2924 29 20, 2924 29 30 and 2924 29 90, a classification the findings call indicative only. The findings describe the goods as intermediates used primarily to make yellow pigments, and also in orange and red pigments and the agrochemical sector.

The period of investigation was October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with injury trends examined over 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and that period. DGTR determined dumping margins of 10-20% for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co Ltd, 50-60% for Qingdao Haiwan and 80-90% for all other producers and exporters, and injury margins of 0-10%, 30-40% and 80-90% respectively. It found that imports from China PR increased by 18% over the injury period despite the duty, that the domestic industry suffered losses from 2023-24 onwards, and that the idle capacity of the participating producers equals 130-140% of Indian demand.

DGTR recommends continuing the duty at the existing rates for five years from the date of the Central Government's notification: 24.79% of CIF value for Qingdao Haiwan Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd., 26.64% for Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd., and 44.90% for any other producer and for goods exported from China PR that originate in another country. It did not accept Nantong's request to reduce its duty to its injury margin for the present period of investigation. It found that, even if the share of arylides in the cost of pigments were twice the level the domestic industry assumed, the impact on the cost of downstream products would remain below 1% (about 0.35% to 0.89%).

The findings are a recommendation; the five-year period runs from the date of the Central Government's notification. The duty is to be levied as a percentage of the CIF value of imports and paid in Indian currency, at the exchange rate notified under Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 on the date the bill of entry is presented. The individual rates for the two producers listed in the duty table apply only on a commercial invoice carrying the declaration set out in the findings;

without it, the rate for all other producers applies. An appeal against the Central Government's order lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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Product	Arylides: AAA, AAMX, AAOA, AAOT and AAOCA from China PR
Tariff items in the duty table	2924 29 20 and 2924 29 90
Recommended duty	24.79% to 44.90% of CIF value, the existing rates
Duration	Five years from the date of the Central Government's notification
Existing duty	Notification No. 60/2021-Customs (ADD) dated October 14, 2021
Period of investigation	October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025
Domestic industry	Laxmi Organic Industries Limited, the sole producer in India

Recommended anti-dumping duty

SN	Producer	Country of origin	Country of export	Duty amount (as % of CIF value)
1	Qingdao Haiwan Specialty Chemicals Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	24.79%
2	Nantong Acetic Acid Chemical Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	26.64%
3	Any producer other than those at SN 1 and 2	China PR	Any country including China PR	44.90%
4	Any	Any country other than China PR	China PR	44.90%

[The final findings](#) (PDF, 1.7 MB)

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