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The product is ethambutol hydrochloride, a bacteriostatic drug with molecular formula C10H24N2O2.2HCl, which the findings say is used to make anti-tuberculosis medicines. It is a white crystalline powder made from ethambutol, the free base, an oily liquid. The investigation covers both forms. DGTR rejected requests to leave out the free base, noting that it has no independent use and must be converted into the hydrochloride, and that Lupin makes both. The findings classify the goods under HS code 2905 14 10, note the claim that they also come in under 2905 14 90, and call the classification indicative only. The duty table lists both tariff items.

The period of investigation was April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. By DG Systems data, imports were 16 MT in 2021-22, none in 2022-23 and 4 MT in 2023-24, then 122 MT in the period of investigation: 100 MT from China and 22 MT from Thailand. No other country supplied any. DGTR assessed the two countries' imports together. Wuhan Wuyao exported to India through two unrelated traders. DGTR set dumping margins of 30-40% for Wuhan Wuyao, 40-50% for other Chinese producers and 15-25% for Thailand, where no producer took part, and injury margins of 10-20%, 10-20% and 15-25%. It found the domestic industry made losses, with a negative return on capital employed, in the period of investigation.

DGTR recommends a duty for five years from the date of the Central Government's notification, equal to the lesser of the dumping and injury margins, as an amount in US$ per MT. It is USD 5,347 for Wuhan Wuyao Pharmaceutical Co. Limited and USD 7,234 for any other producer in China. It is USD 6,584 for goods originating in Thailand, exported from any country. Goods exported from China or Thailand that originate in any other country pay that exporting country's all-others rate: USD 7,234 or USD 6,584. Wuhan Wuyao's rate needs a commercial invoice carrying the declaration set out in the findings; without one, the all-others rate applies. On the domestic industry's figures, a duty of USD 5 per kg would add about ₹2.76 to a 10-tablet strip.

DGTR's preliminary findings of January 30, 2026 (Gazette CG-DL-E-02022026-269765) recommended a provisional anti-dumping duty, and DGTR sent them to the Ministry of Finance to consider an interim duty. The final findings do not say whether a provisional duty was imposed. These findings are a recommendation: by October 28, 2026, the Ministry of Finance had not

notified the duty, and CBIC's list of 2026 anti-dumping notifications does not include it. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, No. 254, September 17, 2026 (CG-DL-E-30092026-276628)
Applies to	Imports of ethambutol hydrochloride, and ethambutol in its free base form, from China and Thailand
Tariff items in the duty table	2905 14 10 and 2905 14 90
Recommended duty	USD 5,347 or 7,234 per MT for China; USD 6,584 per MT for Thailand
Duration	Five years from the date of the Central Government's notification
Takes effect	Not yet: the Ministry of Finance had not notified the duty by October 28, 2026
Preliminary findings	January 30, 2026 (CG-DL-E-02022026-269765), recommending a provisional duty
Period of investigation	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025
Imports in the period of investigation	122 MT: 100 MT from China and 22 MT from Thailand
Domestic industry	Lupin Limited
Signed by	Amitabh Kumar, Designated Authority

Recommended anti-dumping duty

S.No	Heading	Description	Country of origin	Country of export	Producer	Amount (US$/MT)
1	2905 1410, 2905 1490	"Ethambutol, ethambutol Hydrochloride"	China PR	Any	Wuhan Wuyao Pharmaceutical Co. Limited	5,347
2	do	do	China PR	Any	Any producer other than S. No. 1	7,234

3	do	do	Any country other than China PR and Kingdom of Thailand	China PR	Any	7,234
4	do	do	Kingdom of Thailand	Any	Any	6,584
5	do	do	Any country other than China PR and Kingdom of Thailand	Kingdom of Thailand	Any	6,584

The final findings (PDF, 3.7 MB)

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