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The findings answer two orders of the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT), both dated April 27, 2026. Final Order No. 50782/2026, on the appeal of the domestic industry, GKB Ophthalmics Limited, set aside the nil duty recommended on five participating exporters and sent back the non-injurious price (NIP) for fresh determination. Final Order Nos. 50783-50793/2026, on the appeals of the Essilor Group, set aside the duty recommended on that group as non-cooperative and directed DGTR to consider its case afresh without treating it as non-cooperative. DGTR opened remand proceedings on July 14, 2026 (Case ID AD/AA/001/2026) and August 14, 2026 (Case ID AD/AA/002/2026) and took them up together. It held an oral hearing in hybrid mode on September 22, 2026 and issued a disclosure statement on October 27, 2026.

DGTR says the scope of the remand is confined to the fresh determination of the NIP and its consequential effect on normal value, dumping margin, injury margin and duties, including the margins of the Essilor Group as a cooperative producer/exporter. Its findings of September 29, 2022 on all other issues, including the product, the standing of the domestic industry, injury and causal link, remain unaltered. It re-determined the NIP under Annexure III to the Rules, considering the consumption of interchangeable raw materials on a group basis and expenses erroneously reported as non-PUC, and did not accept the claims to use actual capacity utilization in the period of investigation or to treat salaries and wages and other manufacturing overheads as variable costs. It constructed normal value for China on the re-determined cost of production, and did not accept a request to keep the proceedings in abeyance pending W.P.(C) 14723/2025 before the Delhi High Court.

The dumping margin of the Conant Group (Conant Optics (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Conant Optics Co., Ltd.) is positive, in the range of 5-15%. Those of the other participating exporters, including the Essilor Group, are negative or below the de minimis level. The injury margins of all the participating exporters are negative. For all other producers and exporters, the

dumping margin is in the range of 60-70% and the injury margin 50-60%. Applying the lesser duty rule, DGTR finds that no duty is warranted on the participating producer-exporters.

The Essilor Group's four producers in China are Jiangsu Youli Optics Spectacles Co., Ltd., See World Optical Co., Ltd., Jiangsu Future Vision Co., Ltd. and Chemilens (Jiaxing) Co., Ltd. The individual duty rates apply only on a commercial invoice carrying the producer's declaration set out in the findings; without it, the duty for all other producers applies. The product remains semi-finished ophthalmic lenses made of plastic, excluding lenses with a refractive index higher than 1.60, polarized, polycarbonate, transition and high and special purpose lenses. Any appeal against the Central Government's order on these findings lies before CESTAT.

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Case	Case ID AD/AA/001/2026 & AD/AA/002/2026 (Original Case No. AD (OI)-06/2021)
Dated	November 2026 (no day printed)
Product	Semi-finished ophthalmic lenses made of plastic, from China; heading 9001 5000, indicative only
Tribunal orders	CESTAT Final Order No. 50782/2026 and Final Order Nos. 50783-50793/2026, both dated April 27, 2026
Hearing and disclosure	Oral hearing September 22, 2026 (hybrid); disclosure statement October 27, 2026; comments by November 3, 2026
Dumping margins	Conant Group 5-15%; Weixing de minimis; Carl Zeiss Vision (China), Daejeon Daemyung and the Essilor Group negative; all others 60-70%
Injury margins	Negative for every participating exporter; all others 50-60%
Recommended duty	Nil for nine named producers; USD 0.30 a piece for any other producer in China and for goods exported from China that originate elsewhere
Previous duty	USD 0.15 a piece on all others, under Notification No. 32/2022-Customs (ADD) dated December 27, 2022
Period	The remaining period of validity of Notification No. 32/2022-Customs (ADD)
Not reopened	Product scope, domestic industry standing, injury and causal link, and the cooperation status and export prices of the participating

exporters other than the Essilor Group

Signed by

Amitabh Kumar, Designated Authority

Duty recommended in the remand findings

S. No.	Producer	Country of origin	Country of export	Duty amount (USD per piece)
1	Conant Optics (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
2	Shanghai Conant Optics Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
3	Zhejiang Weixing Optical Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
4	Carl Zeiss Vision (China) Limited	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
5	Daejeon Daemyung Optical (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
6	Jiangsu Youli Optics Spectacles Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
7	See World Optical Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
8	Jiangsu Future Vision Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
9	Chemilens (Jiaxing) Co., Ltd.	China PR	Any country including China PR	Nil
10	Any producer other than those mentioned at S. Nos. 1 to 9	China PR	Any country including China PR	0.30
11	Any	Any country other than China PR	China PR	0.30

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