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Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
(Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties)
Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110011**

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NOTIFICATION

Initiation

Subject: Sunset Review (SSR) Anti-dumping Investigation concerning imports of Acetone, originating in or exported from Korea RP.

F. No. 15/13/2013-DGAD:- WHEREAS having regard to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 and thereafter (hereinafter referred as the Act) and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred as the Rules), the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) had, in the original investigation, recommended imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of "Acetone" (hereinafter referred as the subject goods), originating in or exported from Korea RP (hereinafter referred to as the subject country).

2. WHEREAS, in the original investigation the final finding notification was issued by the Authority vide Notification No. 14/13/2006-DGAD dated 9th May, 2008, recommending imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty on the imports of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject country, and definitive anti-dumping duty was imposed by the Central Government vide Notification No. 75/2008- Customs, dated 10th June, 2008.
3. Whereas, M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL) has filed a duly substantiated application before the Authority, on behalf of the domestic industry, in accordance with the Act and the Rules, alleging likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping of the subject goods, originating in or exported from Korea RP and consequent injury to the domestic industry and have requested for review, continuation and enhancement of the anti-dumping duties, imposed on the imports of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject country.

Domestic Industry

4. The application for the sunset review has been filed by M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL), on behalf of the domestic industry. The application is supported by M/s SI Group India Ltd. As per the information available, the applicants account for a major proportion in Indian production of the subject goods and therefore constitute the domestic industry within the meaning of the Rules.

Product under consideration and Like Article

5. The product under consideration (PUC) in the original investigation as well as the present SSR investigation is Acetone. Acetone is an organic chemical also known as Dimethyl Ketone and used in the manufacture of bulk pharmaceuticals, agro chemicals, dye stuffs, certain explosives and downstream chemicals. It is a basic organic chemical produced in single grade. It is a colourless liquid with an agreeable ether-like odour. It is used in numerous organic synthesis either as solvent or as an intermediate. It is used in manufacture of bulk pharmaceuticals, agro-chemicals, dyestuffs, certain explosives and downstream chemicals. Acetone is specifically used in manufacture of Isophorone, Diacetone, Alcohol, Methyl Methacrylate and Bisphenol A. Besides this, it is used in manufacture of certain rubber chemicals or Oxy Acethylene Cellulose Acetate. The applicants have claimed that the goods produced by the domestic industry are like article to the imported product in terms of parameters such as physical & technical characteristics, manufacturing process & technology, functions & uses, product specifications, pricing, distribution & marketing and tariff classification. The present investigation being a sunset review, the product under consideration remains the same as in the original investigation.
6. As stated by the applicant, Acetone is classified under Chapter 29 of Custom Tariff Act under the sub-heading 29141100. However, Customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope of the investigation.

Initiation of Sunset Review

7. WHEREAS, in view of the duly substantiated application filed and in accordance with Section 9 A of the Act, read with Rule 23 of the Anti-dumping Rules, the Authority hereby initiates a Sunset review investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force in respect of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject country and to examine whether the expiry of such duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

Country involved

8. The country involved in this investigation is Korea RP.

Period of Investigation

9. The Period of Investigation (POI) for the purpose of the present review is 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 (12 months). However, injury analysis shall cover the years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & the POI.

Procedure

10. The present sunset review covers all aspects of the final findings of the original investigation published vide Notification No. 14/13/2006-DGAD dated 9th May, 2008.
11. The provisions of Rules 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the Rules supra shall be mutatis mutandis applicable in this review.

Submission of Information

12. The information for the injury period including the POI and the post-POI period is required to be submitted by the exporters of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject country and the importers of the subject goods in India, in the form and manner prescribed.
13. The known exporters in the subject country, the Government of the subject country through its embassy in India, the importers and users in India known to be concerned with the product are being addressed separately to submit relevant information in the form and manner prescribed and to make their views known to the Authority at the following address:

The Designated Authority
Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Department of Commerce
Room No. 240, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110011.

14. Any other interested party may also make its submissions relevant to the investigation in the prescribed form and manner within the time limit set out below. Any party making any confidential submission before the Authority is required to make a non-confidential version of the same available to the other parties.

Time Limit

15. Any information relating to the present review and any request for hearing should be sent in writing so as to reach the Authority at the address mentioned above not later than forty days (40 Days) from the date of publication of this Notification. If no information is received within the prescribed time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available on record in accordance with the Anti-dumping Rules.
16. All the interested parties are hereby advised to intimate their interest (including the nature of interest) in the instant matter and file their questionnaire responses and offer their comments to the domestic industry's application regarding the need to continue or otherwise the Anti-dumping measures within 40 days from the date of initiation of this investigation.

Submission of information on confidential basis

17. In case confidentiality is claimed on any part of the questionnaire response/submissions, the same must be submitted in two separate sets (a) marked as Confidential (with title, index, number of pages, etc.) and (b) other set marked as Non-Confidential (with title, index, number of pages, etc.). All the information supplied must be clearly marked as either "confidential" or "non-confidential" at the top of each page.
18. Information supplied without any confidential marking shall be treated as non-confidential and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow the other interested parties to inspect any such non-confidential information. Two (2) copies of the confidential version and five (05) copies of the non-confidential version must be submitted by all the interested parties.
19. For information claimed as confidential; the supplier of the information is required to provide a good cause statement along with the supplied information as to why such information cannot be disclosed and/or why summarization of such information is not possible.
20. The non-confidential version is required to be a replica of the confidential version with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out /summarized depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on confidential basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, parties submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summarization; a statement of reasons why summarization is not possible must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
21. The Authority may accept or reject the request for confidentiality on examination of the nature of the information submitted. If the Authority is satisfied that the request for confidentiality is not warranted or the supplier of the information is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorize its disclosure in generalized or summary form, it may disregard such information.

22. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or without a good cause statement on the confidentiality claim may not be taken on record by the Authority. The Authority on being satisfied and accepting the need for confidentiality of the information provided; shall not disclose it to any party without specific authorization of the party providing such information.

Inspection of public file:

23. In terms of rule 6(7) any interested party may inspect the public file containing non-confidential versions of the evidence submitted by other interested parties.

Non-cooperation

24. In case any interested party refuses access to and otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may declare such interested party as non-cooperative and record its findings on the basis of the facts available to it and make such recommendations to the Central Government as deemed fit.

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Designated Authority