



REPORT  
OF  
TRADE DEFENSE WING  
DECEMBER 2022



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE REMEDIES  
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## REPORT OF TRADE DEFENCE WING (TDW), DGTR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2022

### 1. Submission of Questionnaire responses, briefs and comments:

During the month of December, 2022 Trade Defence Wing (TDW) submitted various questionnaire responses, briefs and comments before different investigating authorities in the following Countervailing Duty (CVD) and Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) investigations and reviews initiated by other WTO member countries against exports from India:

Date of Submission/ Response	Product	Case No	Issuing Authority	Type of Proceeding	Remarks
07/12/2022	Sodium Nitrite	C-533-907	USDOC	CVD Original Investigation	Filed Request for Reconsideration of Case Brief
07/12/2022	Sodium Nitrite	C-533-907	USDOC	CVD Original Investigation	Filed Objections to Rejection of GOI's request for consultation
08/12/2022	Ceramic Tiles	AD684	European Commission	Anti-Dumping Investigation	Filed comments to the revised disclosure statement
08/12/2022	Barium Chloride	C-533-909	USDOC	CVD Original Investigation	Filed request for oral hearing
13/12/2022	Glycine	C-533-884	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Filed reply to Petitioners allegations
13/12/2022	Glycine	A-533-883	USDOC	Anti-Dumping Administrative Review	Filed reply to Petitioners allegations

### 2. Initiation of Trade Remedy Investigations and Reviews against India and issue of Questionnaires:

During the month of December 2022, the following CVD and ADD investigations and reviews of duties were initiated by other WTO member countries:

Date of Initiation	Product	Case No	Issuing Authority	Type of Proceeding	Remarks
05/12/2022	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges	A-533-871	USDOC	Anti-Dumping Administrative Review	Issuance of Initial Questionnaire

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12/12/2022	PET Films, Sheets and Strips	C-533-825	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Issuance of Initial Questionnaire
16/12/2022	Common Alloy Aluminium Sheet	C-533-896	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Issuance of New Subsidy Allegation Questionnaire

### **3. Issuance of final/provisional findings/disclosure against exports from India:**

- a) On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, the European Commission published a notification regarding the *global safeguard measure against certain steel products* and reported its alleged compliance of the WTO Panel Report in DS595. The European Commission recommended extension of existing safeguard measures against all countries including India.
- b) On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the European Commission issued a revised disclosure document in Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of *Ceramic Tiles from India and Turkiye* whereby the anti-dumping duty rates earlier proposed on Indian exporters were reduced and revised as follows:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Weighted Average dumping margin (percent)</b>
The Icon Group	6.7
The Conor Group	8.7
The Lavish Group	0
Other cooperating companies	7.3
All other companies	8.7

*Note:* These rates are preliminary and subject to the final determination of the EC

- c) On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the USDOC issued final results in the Changed Circumstances Review of Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of the *Silicomanganese from India (A-533-823)* and found that the mandatory respondent, which was earlier called – Nava Bharat Ventures Limited – has changed its name, and is currently operating under the name of NAVA Limited.
- d) On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the USDOC issued preliminary results in the Administrative Review of Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of *Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe from India (A-533-867)* for the period November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 and preliminarily determined the dumping margins at the following rates:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Weighted Average dumping margin (percent)</b>
Ratnamani Metals & Tubes Ltd	34.32
Non-Selected Companies	34.32

*Note:* These rates are preliminary and subject to the final determination of the USDOC

- e) On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the USDOC issued final results in the Administrative Review of Countervailing Duties imposed on *Glycine from India (C-533-884)* for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and determined the following net countervailable subsidy rates:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Countervailing Duty Rate</b>
Avid Organics Private Limited	3.0
Kumar Industries, India	3.11
Paras Intermediates Private Ltd.	3.06

- f) On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the USDOC issued final results in the Administrative Review of Countervailing Duties imposed on *Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from India (C-533-872)* for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and determined the following net countervailable subsidy rates:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Countervailing Duty Rate</b>
Norma (India) Ltd.	4.21
R.N. Gupta & Co. Ltd.	3.61
Companies Not Selected for Individual Examination	3.88

- g) On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the USDOC issued final results in Administrative Review of Countervailing Duty on *Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip (PET Film) from India (C-533-825)* for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and determined the net countervailable subsidy rates as follows:

<b>Exporter/Producer</b>	<b>Countervailing Duty Rate</b>
SRF Limited	3.52
Ester Industries Limited	3.52
Jindal Polyplex Films Limited	3.52
Polyplex USA	3.52

- h) On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022, Trade Remedy Authority (TRA) of the United Kingdom issued a disclosure of essential facts in the Transition Review investigation on CVD concerning *Stainless Steel Bars and Rods from India (TS0023)*, whereby the TRA proposed to revoke the duty imposed on Indian exporters.

- i) On 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the Directorate of Unfair Competition, Secretariat of Productive Development and Industry, Ministry of Economy of the Argentine Republic notified application of provisional antidumping duties against the exports of *New Rubber Tires (pneumatic rims) of the types used in bicycles from India* at the rate of 31.99%.

#### **4. Consultations/Verification/Hearing:**

- a) On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the TDW participated in the oral hearing before the USDOC in the Countervailing Duty investigation on imports of *Sodium Nitrite from India (C-533-907)*.
- b) On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the officials of TDW held consultations with the European Commission concerning its alleged compliance of the WTO Panel Report in DS 595 pertaining to the *Safeguard Measures on Certain Steel Products*.
- c) On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the officials of TDW held discussions with the United Kingdom regarding the transition review of the *safeguard measures on certain steel products*.

#### **5. Other Actions and Follow-ups:**

- a) On 30<sup>th</sup> November, the TDW held consultations with the Ministry of Economy of the United Arab Emirates pertaining to anti-dumping measures proposed by GCC-TSAIP on *Piston Engine Batteries with a Capacity of 32 up to 225 Amperes* from India. On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the TDW provided written inputs to the Ministry of Economy, UAE.
- b) On 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022, TDW provided inputs to the Trade Policy Division (Rules), Department of Commerce on the Trade Policy Review of Malaysia.
- c) On 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the TDW prepared representations on behalf of the Government of India to be forwarded to the GCC-Member States in the anti-dumping measures proposed by the *GCC-TSAIP on Container Board Paper*.
- d) On 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the TDW prepared representations on behalf of the Government of India to be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, Government of the Peoples' Republic of China pertaining to the anti-dumping measures proposed by MOFCOM on *Phthalocyanine Pigments from India*.