

Report of Trade Defence Wing for the month of December, 2020.

Submission of Questionnaire responses:

During the month of December 2020, TDW has made submissions in following Countervailing Duty (CVD) and Safeguard Investigations initiated by other WTO member countries against the exports from India:

- a. On December 07, TDW submitted the Government of India (GOI) response before the Peruvian Investigating Agency in Safeguard investigation on Textiles and Clothing Apparel (Classified under Chapter 61, 62 and 63 of ITC (HS)).
- b. On December 16, TDW submitted the GOI response to the New Subsidy Allegation Questionnaire before Department of Commerce, USA (USDOC) in administrative review of CVD orders on Stainless Steel Flanges exported from India.
- c. On December 16, TDW submitted the GOI response to the initial questionnaire issued by Brazilian investigating authority in sunset review of CVD orders on PET Films exported from India.
- d. On December 24, TDW submitted an Explanation Note in the CVD investigation of Common Alloy Aluminium Sheet exported from India, after the USDOC's response to the letter dated September 16, 2020 from the Commerce Secretary of India to the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, US Department of Commerce. In addition, information regarding sector-wise sale of Coal by the Coal India Ltd. has been submitted to USDOC along with a request for Consultation in terms of Article 13.2 of the Agreement on Subsidy and Countervailing Measures (ASCM).
- e. On December 30, TDW submitted Case Brief to the USDOC in CVD investigation on Common Alloy Aluminium Sheet exported from India.

Participation in hearings:

During the month of December, TDW had participated in following Public Hearings conducted by WTO Member countries:

- a. On December 16, TDW participated in the Pre-initiation Consultation with Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) in the CVD investigation on Chrome Cast Grinding Media Balls exported from India.
- b. On December 16, TDW participated in Public Hearing before Indonesian investigating Authority in Safeguard investigation on Expansible Polystyrene (in the form of Granules) exported from India.

Initiation of Trade Remedy investigations against India:

During the month of December, following CVD/ADD investigations were initiated by other WTO member countries:

- a. On December 03, 2020, USDOC initiated an administrative review of CVD orders on Finished Carbon Steel Flanges exported from India and issued questionnaires.
- b. On December 17, Canada Border Service Agency initiated a CVD investigation on Chrome Cast Grinding Media Balls exported from India and issued questionnaires.
- c. On December 28, Trade Remedies Administration of Vietnam initiated an Anti-Dumping Investigation on Sorbitol exported from India and issued exporter's questionnaire.

Issuance of final/provisional findings against exports from India:

During the month of December following provisional/final findings were issued by other WTO member countries in investigations against exports from India:

- a. On December 01, USDOC, in Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) orders on Certain Preserved Mushrooms exported from India, decided to continue the ADD of 243.87% on Indian export of Certain Preserved Mushrooms.
- b. On December 04, USDOC issued preliminary determination in administrative review of CVD orders on Finished Carbon Steel Flanges exported from India and determined the following CVD:

<b>Exporters</b>	<b>CVD Duty</b>
(a) M/s. R. N. Gupta Ltd.:	5.42%,
(b) M/s. Norma (India) Ltd.:	5.61%
(c) All other exporters:	5.51%

- c. On December 08, USDOC issued final findings in CVD investigation on Forged Steel Fitting exported from India and determined the following duty:

<b>Exporters</b>	<b>CVD Duty</b>
(a) M/s. Shakti Forged:	2.64 %,
(b) M/s. Nikoo Ltd:	300.77%*
(c) M/s. PAN International.:	300.77%*
(c) All other exporters:	2.64%

\* *Both Companies neither submitted response nor participated in this investigation. USDOC invoked Adverse Facts Available (AFA) against these companies.*

- d. On December 24, USDOC issued final findings in Administrative Review (Period of Review 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017) on Polyester Staple Fibre and determined CVD of 4.44% on Reliance Industries Ltd.