

Report of Trade Defence Wing (TDW), DGTR for the month of February, 2021.

Submission of Questionnaire responses:

During the month of February, 2021, TDW has made submissions in the following Countervailing Duty (CVD), Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) and Safeguard Investigations initiated by other WTO member countries against the exports from India:

- a. On February 3rd, TDW submitted the Government of India (GOI)'s response before the USDOC in 2018 Administrative Review of Countervailing Duty Order (C-533-878) of Stainless-Steel Flanges from India.
- b. On February 5th, TDW submitted a note on behalf of the GOI after consulting the exporters on account of reconsideration request filed by SASOL (South Africa) in the Review of Extension of Anti-Dumping on Polypropylene Resin (HS 390231020 and 39023000) by SECEX, Brazil for a period of 5 years from 23rd December, 2020.
- c. On February 11th and 16th, TDW submitted GOI response before the USDOC in CVD Investigation (C-533-898) on Utility Scale Wind Towers from India.
- d. On February 10th, TDW submitted the GOI response before the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) in CVD investigation on Grinding Media Balls exported from India.
- e. On February 12th, TDW submitted a Pre-initiation Consultation Note before USDOC in CVD Investigation on Granular PTFE exported from India.
- f. On February 15th, TDW submitted the responses to questions asked by the European Commission (EC) during the pre-initiation consultations in Anti-subsidy complaint concerning imports of stainless-steel cold rolled flat products, originating in India and Indonesia.
- g. On February 16th, TDW submitted the Initial Questionnaire Response to Admin Review (C-533-825) initiated by the USDOC in Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip from India.
- h. On February 17th, TDW submitted the Initial Questionnaire Response to USDOC in the 2019 Administrative Review of Countervailing Duty Order (C- 533-878) on Stainless Steel Flanges from India.

Participation in Hearings/Verification:

During the month of February, 2021, TDW had participated in following Public Hearings/Consultations/Verifications conducted by WTO Member countries:

- a. On February 2nd, TDW participated in the consultations with USDOC in the CVD investigation (C-533-896) on Common Aluminium Alloy Sheet exported from India.

b. On February 10th, TDW participated in Pre-initiation Consultations conducted by the European Commission (EC) in Anti-subsidy complaint concerning imports of Stainless-Steel Cold Rolled Flat Products, originating in India and Indonesia.

c. On February 24th, the EC conducted a Remote Cross Checking (RCC) of the facts submitted by Government of India (GOI) concerning raw material price distortion in the anti-dumping investigation on Stainless-Steel Cold Rolled Flat Products originating from Indian and Indonesia

Initiation of Trade Remedy investigations against India:

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

a. On February 16th, USDOC initiated an AD (A-533-899) and CVD (C-533-900) investigation on Granular PTFE exported from India.

b. On February 17th, the EC initiated an anti-subsidy proceeding (2021/C 57/04) concerning imports of Stainless-Steel Cold Rolled Flat Products originating in India and Indonesia.

Findings Issued by WTO member countries in Trade Remedial Measures:

a. The Ministry of Economy and Finance, Government of Korea RP imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless-steel bar originating from India as follows:

Suppliers	Duty rate (%)
Viraj Profiles Ltd. And exporters who export the products manufactured by Viraj Profiles Ltd.	3.51
Other Suppliers	15.39

b. On February 10th, Ministry of Productive Development, Argentina concluded an anti-dumping investigation on protective gloves from India to Argentina and imposed an anti-dumping duty of 35.06% on protective gloves exported from India.

c. On January 29, TDW participated in public hearing in the safeguard investigation on imports of clothing products, comprising 284 tariff lines under HTS Chapters 61, 62 and 63 and on February 19th, the Peruvian Government concluded not to impose provisional safeguard measures on any country in the said investigation.

d. On February 24th, USDOC issued Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review (A-533-810); 2019– 2020 in Stainless Steel Bar from India and determined the duty as follows:

Exporter/producer	Estimated weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Precision Metals, and its affiliated companies including	30.92

Hindustan Inox, Precision Metals and Sieves Manufacturers (India) Pvt. Ltd [Venus Group]	
Ambica Steels Limited	0.00

- e. On February 24th, USDOC preliminarily determined that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of stainless-steel flanges (steel flanges) (C-533-878) from India during the period of review, January 23, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The duties are as follows:

Exporter/producer	Subsidy rate (percent ad valorem)
Chandan Steel Limited	4.15
Companies Not Individually Examined (excluding Bebitz Flanges Works Private Limited)	4.51
Non-Selected Companies Under Review	4.22

- f. On February 24th, USDOC preliminarily determined the following anti-dumping duties on exports of stainless-steel flanges (steel flanges) (A-533-877) from India:

Exporter/producer	Dumping Margin (Percent)
Chandan Steel Limited	145.25
Companies Not Individually Examined (excluding Bebitz Flanges Works Private Limited)	145.25
Bebitz Flanges Works Private Limited	145.25
