

**No. 21/1/2000-DGAD**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Commerce**

New Delhi, the 29th May, 2000

**INITIATION NOTIFICATION**

**Subject:** Initiation of anti-dumping investigations concerning import of Aniline originating in or exported from European Union (EU).

M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOCL), Narmada Chematur Petro Chemicals Ltd. (NCPL), and Anirox Pigments Ltd., forming the domestic industry have filed a petition before the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) in accordance with the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act, 1995 and Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 alleging dumping of Aniline originating in or exported from European Union (EU) and have requested for initiation of anti dumping investigations and levy of anti-dumping duties.

1. **Product Involved:** The product under investigation in the present case is Aniline (also known as Aniline Oil) originating in or exported from EU. Aniline is a basic organic chemical essential for vital industries such as Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, Dyes and Dye Intermediates. Aniline is also used in some other industries such as Rubber Chemicals, Explosives and Resins. Aniline is an intermediate for Rubber Chemicals, Photographic Chemicals, and Isocynates. It is a transparent, oily liquid and is a primary amine compound.

2. Aniline is classified under Customs sub-heading nos. 2921.41.01 of Chapter 29 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The classification is however indicative only and in no way binding on the scope of the present investigations.

3. **Domestic Industry Standing:** The following three companies are the only producers of Aniline in the country:-

- a. M/s. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.,(HOCL),
- b. M/s. Narmada Chematur Petro Chemicals Ltd., (NCPL),
- c. M/s. Anirox Pigments Ltd.

The petitioners represent total production of Aniline in the country and thus have the standing to file the petition.

**4. Country(ies) Involved:** The country involved in the present investigations is European Union (referred to as subject country hereinafter).

**5. Like Goods:** The petitioner has claimed that goods produced by it are like articles to the goods originating in or exported from EU. Goods produced by the petitioner are being treated as Like Articles to the goods imported from the subject countries within the meaning of the Rules.

**6. Dumping and Dumping Margin:**

Normal Value: The petitioner has claimed normal value in Europe on the basis of Aniline prices reported in a trade journal – Chemical Week in EU. There is sufficient prime facie evidence with regard to normal value of Aniline in the subject country.

Export Price: The petitioner has claimed export price based on the data published by the DGCI & S, Calcutta and Kandla Port.

Considering the normal value and export price, the dumping margins are significantly higher than the de-minimus limits.

There is sufficient prima facie evidence that the normal value of the product under consideration in EU is significantly higher than the price at which it has been exported to India, and that the exporters from EU are dumping the subject goods.

**7. Injury and Causal Link:** The various economic indicators relating to domestic industry such as production, sales, profit/loss etc. collectively and cumulatively, indicate that the domestic industry has suffered injury. There is sufficient prima facie evidence that the import of product under consideration have caused material injury to the domestic industry.

**8. Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation:** In view of the foregoing, the Designated Authority initiates anti-dumping investigations to determine the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping of the subject goods originating in or exported from the subject countries.

**9. Period of Investigation:** The period of investigation for the purpose of the present investigations is 1st April, 1999 to 31st December, 1999 (9 months).

**10. Submission of Information:** The exporters in the subject countries and the importers in India known to the concerned are being addressed separately to submit relevant information in the form and manner prescribed and to make their views known to the Designated Authority, Ministry of Commerce, Directorate General of

Anti dumping and Allied Duties, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110011. 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.

11. **Time Limit:** Any information relating to the present investigations should be sent in writing so as to reach the Authority at the address mentioned above not later than forty days from the date of publication of this notification. The known exporters and importers, who are being addressed separately, are, however, required to submit the information within forty days from the date of letter addressed to them separately.

12. Anti-dumping investigations being a time bound exercise, the Designated Authority may record its findings on the basis of facts available on record in accordance with the Rules supra, if no response is received within the time stipulated or the information is incomplete in any respect.

13. **Inspection of Public File:** In terms of Rule 6(7), any interested party may inspect the public file containing non-confidential version of the evidence submitted by other interested parties.

14. In case where an interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may 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