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**Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(Directorate General of Anti Dumping & Allied Duties)**

Dated the 14th October, 2011

**Initiation Notification
(Sunset Review)**

Subject: Initiation of Sunset Review of anti-dumping duty imposed on Sodium Hydrosulphite (SHS) originating in or exported from China PR.

No15/34/2010-DGAD. Having regard to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) recommended imposition of Anti Dumping Duty on imports of Sodium Hydrosulphite (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject goods” or “SHS”) originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Country”). The final findings notification of the Authority was published vide notification No. 39/1/2000-DGAD dated 13th September 2001. On the basis of the findings, definitive anti dumping duties on the subject goods imported from the subject country were imposed by the Central Government vide notification No. 114/2001-Customs dated 2nd November 2001.

AND WHEREAS vide Notification No. 15/16/2005-DGAD dated 6th September 2006, the Authority concluded that the cessation of antidumping duty on Sodium Hydrosulphite from China PR will lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury and recommended continued imposition of definitive antidumping duty on imports of the subject goods. Accordingly, definitive antidumping duty was imposed on the subject goods vide Customs Notification No. 108/2006-Customs dated 16th October 2006.

AND WHEREAS vide Notification No. 15/21/2008-DGAD dated 31st August 2009, the Authority issued the final findings in a Mid-term review and modified the form of duty from variable to fixed form. Accordingly, the definitive duty in fixed form was imposed on the subject goods vide Customs Notification No. 133/2009-Customs dated 9th December, 2009.

2. Whereas. M/s Transpek Silox Industries Ltd. has filed a duly substantiated application in accordance with the Act and the AD Rules before the Authority alleging likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping of Sodium Hydrosulphite from China PR and consequent injury to the domestic industry and has requested for the sunset review. The petition is supported by M/s Demosha Chemicals Ltd ., M/s TCP Ltd and Gulshan Chemicals limited on behalf of the domestic industry.

3. Product under Consideration

The product under consideration is "Sodium Hydrosulphite" originating in or exported from China PR. Sodium Hydrosulphite is a white or grayish white crystalline powder, free from visible foreign particles with pungent odour. Its chemical formula is Na₂S₂O₄. It is also described as "Hydrosulphite Concentrate", "Sodium Dithionite" "Sodium Hydrosulfite". It is widely used in diverse industrial sectors like Textiles, Soap, Molasses, Glue and reducing agent, disulphide of Metal ions to Metals, linkage in wool hair etc. Majorly, it is used as bleaching aid, reducing agent, pharmaceuticals and polymerizing agent. Present investigation being a review investigation, the product under consideration remains the same as has been defined in the original investigation. Sodium Hydrosulphite is classified under custom sub-heading 28321020 and 28311010 of Schedule 1 of the customs Tariff Act, 1975. The classification is, however, indicative and in no way binding on the scope of the present investigations.

4. Initiation of Sunset Review

Whereas in terms of Section 9A (5) of the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act 1995 the antidumping duties imposed shall, unless revoked earlier, cease to have effect on expiry of five years from the date of such imposition and the Authority is required to review, whether the expiry of duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping Sodium Hydrosulphite (SHS) and injury. Therefore, the Authority, on the basis of duly substantiated petition filed by M/s Transpek Silox Industries Ltd, hereby initiates Sunset Review in accordance with section 9A (5) of the Act read with Rule 23 of Antidumping Rules to examine whether cessation of the duty would lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

5. Country Involved

The country involved in the present investigation is China PR.

6. Period of Investigation

The Period of Investigation (POI) for purpose of the present Sunset Review is 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011 (12 Months). However, the period for injury analysis shall cover the years April 2007-March 2008, April 2008-March 2009, April 2009-March 2010 and the period of investigation.

7. Procedure

Having decided to review the Anti-dumping duty recommended vide final findings Notification No. 15/16/2005-DGAD dated 6th September 2006 and imposed vide Customs Notification No. 108/2006-Customs dated 16th October, 2006, the Authority hereby initiates investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force and to examine whether cessation of Anti Dumping duty on imports of the subject

goods originating in or exported from subject country is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of Dumping and injury in accordance with the Act and the AD Rules.

8. Submission of Information

The exporters in the subject country, their government through their Embassy in India, the importers and users in India known to be concerned would be addressed separately to submit relevant information in the form and manner prescribed and to make their views known to the Authority in 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.

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.

9. Time Limit

All the interested parties are advised to offer their comments in writing so as to reach the Authority at the address mentioned above not later than forty days (40 Days) from the date of issuance of this notification. For this purpose non confidential version of the application would be placed in the public file. If no information is received within the prescribed time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Designated Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available on record in accordance with the Rules supra.

10. Inspection of Public File

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

(Vijaylaxmi Joshi)
Designated Authority