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Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
(Directorate General of Trade Remedies)  
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Dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

## INITIATION NOTIFICATION

Case No. SSR- 09/2019

**Subject: Initiation of Sunset review of Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of Sodium Citrate from China PR.**

F.No.7/21/2019-DGTR: Having regard to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 and thereafter (hereinafter also referred as the Act) and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Antidumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended from time to time (hereinafter also referred as the Rules), the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as Authority) recommended imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of "Sodium Citrate", (hereinafter also referred to as subject goods) originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as subject country). The Authority vide its final findings No. 14/23/2013-DGAD dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 recommended imposition of anti-dumping duties against dumped imports of the subject goods from the subject country. Duties were imposed by the Central Government vide Customs Notification No. 19/2015- Customs (ADD) dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

2. And whereas, a petition has been filed by M/s Posy Pharmachem Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'petitioners') in accordance with the Act and the Rules, seeking initiation of sunset review of the Anti-dumping duty in force on import of subject goods for extending the duties for a further period of five years, alleging likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury of the subject goods originating in or exported from subject country.

**A. Product under Consideration**

3. The product under consideration for the purpose of present investigation is "Sodium Citrate" the "subject goods" or the "Product under Consideration").

4. Sodium Citrate is a chemical compound that comes in the form of mono-sodium citrate, disodium citrate and tri-sodium citrate. Sodium Citrate is the sodium salt of citric acid. Like citric acid, it has a sour taste. Like other salts, it also has a salty taste. In DGAD's Final Findings dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 of the original Anti-dumping investigation, the PUC had been defined as,  
*"The product under consideration for the purpose of present investigation is "Sodium Citrate". Sodium Citrate is a chemical compound that comes in the form of monosodium citrate, disodium citrate and tri-sodium citrate. The product under consideration can also be transacted by the following alternate names:- a. Sodium Citrate b. Tri Sodium Citrate c. Tri Sodium Citrate dihydrate d. Sodium Citrate dihydrate e. Tribasic Sodium Citrate f. Sodium Citrate Tribasic Dihydrate g. Sodium Citrate Dibasic Sesquihydrate h. Sodium Citrate Monobasic Bioextra"*.
5. The present petition being for sunset review investigation, as per the settled jurisprudence and the past practices of the Authority, the Product under Consideration remains the same as defined in the original notification.
6. Subject goods fall under customs sub-heading 29181520. However, the said customs classifications are only indicative, and not binding on the scope of the proposed investigations. The description of goods shall prevail for the imposition and collection of duties.

**B. Domestic Industry & Standing**

7. The request for the sunset review has been filed by M/s Posy Pharmachem Private Limited. The Authority notes that the petitioner holds a major share in total domestic production and the petitioner can be termed as eligible Domestic Industry in terms of the Rule 2(b). Further, the petitioner also passes the test of standing under Rule 5.

**Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation**

8. Whereas, in view of the duly substantiated application filed and in accordance with Section 9A (5) of the Act, read with Rule 23 of the Anti-dumping Rules, the Authority hereby initiates a Sunset review investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force in respect of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject countries and to examine whether the expiry of existing duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the Domestic Industry.

**C. Country Involved**

9. The present petition being a sunset review investigation, the scope of the subject countries is confined to the subject country in the original investigation. Therefore, the present petition is against the goods originating in or exported from China PR.

**D. Procedure**

10. The review will cover all aspects of Final Finding Notification 14/23/2013-DGAD dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 recommending imposition of anti-dumping duty on import of subject goods originating in or exported from subject country.
11. The provisions of Rules 6,7,8,9,10,11,16,17,18,19 and 20 of the Rule shall be mutatis mutandis applicable in this review.

**E. Period of Investigation (POI)**

12. The period of investigation (hereinafter referred to as 'PoI') provided by the petitioner is April, 2018 to March, 2019. However, PoI considered for the purpose of the present investigations is April, 2018-June, 2019 (15 months). The injury investigation period shall cover the periods 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and the period of investigation. The period after the investigation period may also be considered for the purpose of likelihood analysis.

**F. Submission of information**

13. The known exporters in the subject countries, the Government of the subject countries through their embassy in India, the importers and users in India known to be concerned with the product are being addressed separately to submit relevant information in the form and manner prescribed and to make their views known to the Authority at the following address:

The Designated Authority,  
Directorate General of Trade Remedies,  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,  
Department of Commerce  
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,  
5 Parliament Street, New Delhi -110001.

**G. Submission of Information**

14. Any information relating to the present investigation and any request for hearing should be sent in writing so as to reach the Authority at the address mentioned above not later than forty days (40 Days) from the date of publication of this Notification. If no information is received within the prescribed time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available on record in accordance with the Anti-Dumping Rules.
15. All the interested parties are hereby advised to intimate their interest (including the nature of interest) in the instant matter and file their questionnaire responses and offer their

comments to the domestic industry's application regarding the need to continue or otherwise the Antidumping measures within 40 days from the date of initiation of this investigation.

**H. Submission of Information on Non-Confidential basis**

16. In case confidentiality is claimed on any part of the questionnaire's response/submissions, the same must be submitted in two separate sets (a) marked as Confidential (with title, index, number of pages, etc.) and (b) other set marked as Non-Confidential (with title, index, number of pages, etc.). All the information supplied must be clearly marked as either "confidential" or "non-confidential" at the top of each page.
17. Information supplied without any confidential marking shall be treated as nonconfidential and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow the other interested parties to inspect any such non-confidential information. Two (2) copies of the confidential version and two (02) copies of the non-confidential version must be submitted by all the interested parties.
18. For information claimed as confidential; the supplier of the information is required to provide a good cause statement along with the supplied information as to why such information cannot be disclosed and/or why summarization of such information is not possible.
19. The non-confidential version is required to be a replica of the confidential version with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out /summarized depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on confidential basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, parties submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summarization; a statement of reasons why summarization is not possible must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
20. The Authority may accept or reject the request for confidentiality on examination of the nature of the information submitted. If the Authority is satisfied that the request for confidentiality is not warranted or the supplier of the information is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorize its disclosure in generalized or summary form, it may disregard such information.
21. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or without a good cause statement on the confidentiality claim may not be taken on record by the Authority. The Authority on being satisfied and accepting the need for confidentiality of the information provided; shall not disclose it to any party without specific authorization of the party providing such information.

**I. Inspection of Public File**

22. In terms of rule 6(7) any interested party may inspect the public file containing non-confidential versions of the evidence submitted by other interested parties. Non-cooperation
23. In case any interested party refuses access to and otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may declare such interested party as non-cooperative and 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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