

REPORT OF TRADE DEFENCE WING (TDW), DGTR FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2023

1. Submission of Questionnaire responses, briefs and comments:

During the month of October 2023 Trade Defence Wing (TDW) submitted various questionnaire responses, briefs and comments before different investigating authorities in the following Countervailing Duty (CVD) and Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) investigations and reviews initiated by other WTO member countries against exports from India:

Date of Submission / Response	Product	Case No	Issuing Authority	Type of Proceeding	Remarks
06/10/2023	Forged Steel Fluid End blocks	C-533-894	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Filed New Subsidy Allegation Questionnaire Response
06/09/2023	Paper shopping bag	C-533-918	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Filed 1 st Supplemental Questionnaire Response
10/10/2023	Carbazole Violet Pigment	C-533-839	USDOC	CVD New Shipper Review	Filed Questionnaire Response
13/10/2023	Carbon Steel Welded Pipes	RR-2017-005	CBSA	CVD Expiry Review Investigation	Filed Expiry review questionnaire
18/10/2023	Glycine	C-533-884	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Filed Initial Questionnaire Response
24/10/2023	Paper shopping bag	C-533-918	USDOC	CVD Administrative Review	Filed 2 nd Supplemental Questionnaire Response

2. Issuance of final/provisional findings/disclosure against exports from India:

- a) On 31st October 2023, the USDOC issued Preliminary Results of Administrative Review of Countervailing Duty on *Certain Paper Shopping Bags from India (C-533-918)* for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. The Preliminary rates of duties are as follows:

Exporter/Producer	Period	Preliminary Rates
Aero Plast Packaging Solutions Private Limited	2022	5.00%
Velvin Paper Products	2022	2.37%
All Other	2022	3.47%

3. Consultations, verifications and other actions:

- a) From 16th to 19th October 2023, the USDOC conducted an on-site verification of GOI's response in the Administrative Review of the CVD Investigation on *Brass Rods (C-533-916)* at the office of DGTR, Jeevan Tara Building.
- b) During the last week of October 2023, the officials of TDW, DGTR virtually attended the WTO Rules Committee week held in Geneva. Several concerns were raised with other countries such as the USA and the European Union to discuss the specific issues arising from trade remedies investigation conducted by the said countries.

4. Submission of Government of India Comments in European Union Ductile Pipes Case:

On 6th October, 2023 and 17th October, 2023, Trade Defence Wing on behalf of the Government of India submitted the comments against the 2nd definitive re-disclosure and 3rd Definitive re-disclosure issued by European commission respectively in the matter related to R-779- Partial interim review of the Anti-Dumping measures applicable to the imports of the tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as the spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India.

5. Registration of Government of India as an interested party in Safeguard Investigation:

On 20th October, 2023, in the matter related to the extension review of the global safeguard measure on certain steel products initiated by the UK, the government of India appointed TPM Solicitors and consultants as representatives in the case. The questionnaire response in the present case is due to be submitted on 5th November, 2023.

6. Anti-Dumping and Safeguard matters:

Sr. No.	Product	Country	Type of Proceeding	Subject Matter
1.	Ductile Pipes	European Commission	Partial interim review	Submission of comments on disclosure statement on 6th October, 2023 and 17th October, 2023.
2.	Cross-section in the form of trapezoidal (V - girths) (except V - Grooved ones) endless transmission girths" (V Belts)	Republic of Türkiye	Original Anti-Dumping Investigation	Transmitted the information to the Export Council for forwarding to relevant industries
3.	Steel	United Kingdom	Extension reviews of the global safeguard measure	Appointment of TPM solicitors and consultants as Government counsel
4.	Straight high-speed steel manual saw blades	Argentina	Anti-dumping expiry review	Evidentiary stage in the anti-dumping investigation has been closed. It is notified that the final considerations will conclude on October 11, 2023.