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(Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties)  
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Initiation**

#### **(Sunset Review)**

**Subject : Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation of Anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Nitrite originating in or exported from China PR.**

**F.No. 15/4/2010-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 Nitrite (hereinafter referred to as subject goods) originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as subject country). The final findings notification of the Authority was published vide notification No. 39/1/1999-DGAD dated 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2005. On the basis of the findings, anti dumping duty was imposed on the imports of the subject goods from subject country by the Department of Revenue vide notifications No. 3/2006 – Customs dated 17.01.2006.

### **2. 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 and injury. In this regard, Hon'ble Delhi High Court in WP No 16893 of 2006 has held that sunset review is mandatory. Therefore, pursuant to the stated orders of the Hon'ble High Court, the Designated Authority 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.

### **3. Product under Consideration**

Product under consideration is Sodium Nitrite, which is an oxidizing as well as reducing agent. It is a white crystalline powder mostly used in pharmaceutical industries, dye industries, lubricants, construction chemicals, rubber blowing agent, heat transfer salts, meat processing etc. The major raw material for production of Sodium Nitrite is Ammonia which is converted into nitrous oxide at high temperature in presence of catalysts. The nitrous oxide

is further absorbed in caustic soda to get sodium nitrite. The product is odourless and soluble in water. This being a sunset review, investigation covers the products covered in the original investigation. Sodium Nitrite is classified under heading 2834.10 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. However, the customs classification is indicative only and in no way binding on the scope of the subject investigation.

#### **4. Procedure**

**D)** The investigation will determine whether the expiry of the measure would be likely to lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. The Authority will examine whether the continued imposition of the duties is necessary to offset dumping and whether the injury would be likely to continue or recur if the duty were removed or varied, or both:-

- i. The review will cover all aspects of Notification 39/1/1999-DGAD dated 01.12.2005. The countries involved in this review investigation are China PR.
- ii. The period of investigation for the purpose of the present review is from 1<sup>st</sup> April 09 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The injury investigation period will however cover the periods April'2006-March'07, April'2007–March'2008, April'2008-March'2009 and the POI.
- iii. The provisions of Rules 6,7,8,9,10,11,16,17,18,19 and 20 of the Rules supra shall be mutatis mutandis applicable in this review.

#### **II) Submission of Information:**

The Domestic industry is required to submit information on the prescribed *pro forma* (Application for Domestic Industry) and information on likelihood of continuance or recurrence of dumping and injury or both substantiating the need for continuation of duty within forty days (40 days ) of issue of this notification.

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 the 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. 243,  
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.

### **III) Time Limit:**

On receipt of information from domestic industry, all interested parties, whose addresses are available, would be advised through a letter 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 such letter. Any other interested party, whose address is not available, may also submit comments/ information within 40 days from the date of application from Domestic industry. 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.

### **IV) Inspection of Public File:**

In terms of Rule 6(7), any interested party may inspect the public file containing non-confidential version of the evidences submitted by the interested parties. 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 recommendation to the Central Government as deemed fit.

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**The Designated Authority**