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**INITIATION NOTIFICATION**

**Case No. – AD (AA) – 01/2026**

**Subject: Anti-absorption investigation of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of ‘Glufosinate and its salts’ originating in or exported from China PR.**

- 1. F. No. 7/02/2026-DGTR** - Having regards to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, as amended from time to time (hereinafter also referred to as the “Act”) and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended from time to time (hereinafter also referred to as the “Rules” or the “Anti-Dumping Rules”), Superform Chemistries Limited, UPL Limited, Astral Life India Limited, Swal Corporation Limited, United Phosphorus (India) LLP and UPL Sustainable Agri Solution Limited (hereinafter referred to as “applicants”) have filed an application before the Designated Authority (hereinafter also referred to as the “Authority”) alleging absorption of anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of Glufosinate and its salts (hereinafter referred to as “product under consideration” or “subject goods”) originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter referred to as “subject country”).
- 2.** In terms of Section 9A(1B) of the Act and Rule 29 (2) of the Rules, where an article subject to anti-dumping duty is imported into India at such price or under such condition which is considered as absorption of existing anti-dumping duty, which is thereby or may be rendered ineffective, the Designated Authority may, after conducting review, recommend modification in the form or basis of the duty and/or the quantum of anti-dumping duty or both after reassessing the dumping margin and injury margin. In accordance with the same, the Authority is required to review, based on an application with sufficient evidence, made by or on behalf of the domestic industry or any other interested party as to whether the existing anti-dumping duty is thereby or may be rendered ineffective because of absorption of duty.

3. The domestic industry has requested imposition of revised duty with retrospective effect in accordance with provisions of rule 31(1) and has also requested provisional assessment of imports pending outcome of review in accordance with provisions of rule 30(5).

**A. Background**

4. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies vide final finding no. 6/19/2024-DGTR dated 10th February 2025 recommended imposition of anti-dumping duties on the imports of Glufosinate and its salt from China PR. The anti-dumping duties imposed are given below: -

SN	HS code	Producer	Amount
1	38089193, 38089199, 38089391, 38089399, 38089912, 38089991 and 38089999	Any producer	2998 \$/MT

5. The anti-dumping duties were imposed by the Ministry of Finance vide Notification No. 09/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 8th May 2025. The anti-dumping duties have been imposed on imports of the product falling under HS Codes notified by the DGTR and in view of change in tariff classifications, the Ministry of Finance has extended measures to additional HS codes.

**B. Product under consideration.**

6. The scope of the product under consideration concluded by the Authority in the original investigation vide Final Finding, F.No. 6/19/2024-DGTR dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and attracting the anti-dumping duties are as below:

*“18. In view of the above, the Authority concludes that the scope of product under consideration in the present investigation is **Glufosinate and its salt, both in technical and formulation form.**”*

7. Glufosinate is an herbicide, known for its effectiveness in controlling a broad spectrum of weeds. The active ingredient in Glufosinate disrupts the plant’s ability to produce certain essential amino acids, leading to the inhibition of protein synthesis and subsequent plant death. This mode of action makes Glufosinate particularly valuable in managing resistant weed populations and promoting sustainable agriculture practices. It is a phosphinic acid belonging to the organophosphorus chemical family, unlike any other chemical class of herbicides.
8. The product under consideration does not have a dedicated classification. For the purpose of the present investigation, the codes 38089193, 38089199, 38089391,

38089399, 38089912, 38089991 and 38089999 have been considered. The custom classification code is indicative only and is not binding on the scope of the present investigation.

**C. Like article**

9. The original investigation revealed that there are no known significant differences in the goods produced by the applicants and those exported from the subject countries. Both products have comparable characteristics in terms of parameters such as physical & chemical characteristics, manufacturing process & technology, functions & uses, product specifications, pricing, distribution & marketing and tariff classification. The two were found to be technically and commercially substitutable. Therefore, for the purpose of the present review, the subject goods produced by the applicants are being treated as “like article” to the product imported from China.

**D. Applicants**

10. The present application has been filed by Superform Chemistries Limited , UPL Limited, Arysta Life Sciences India Limited, United Phosphorus (India) LLP, UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Limited, and SWAL Corporation Limited. It has been submitted that only the applicants are undertaking production of glufosinate technical and there is no other producer of glufosinate technical in India. The other companies in India are importing technical and converting the same into formulation and these producers were not treated as domestic industry in the original investigation. Based on the information on record, it is seen that applicants constitute domestic industry within the Rules. and the application has been filed in accordance with Rule 29.

**E. Scope of the review**

11. The present review is in respect of all imports of the product under consideration from China. It is seen that in the original investigation, individual duty was not calculated for the participating producer as the Authority had found to be deficient. Further, the scope of the review is restricted to examine if there is a need for modification of the form of the anti-dumping duty or the quantum of anti-dumping duty, or both.

**F. Grounds for an absorption reinvestigation**

12. The applicants have claimed that the export price of the product under consideration has significantly declined in the present absorption period of investigation as compared to the period of investigation of the original investigation. The applicants have stated that owing to the minimum import price in force, the import price into India is not reflective of the price at which the product has been exported from China. The

applicants have also claimed that while some of the subject goods into India have been cleared in India at a much higher price owing to MIP in place, some of the imports are at lower prices. The applicants have also claimed that producers from China PR are exporting the product at such low prices not only to India, but also to other countries. The applicants have provided information on exports from China to other countries in support of their claim. The applicants have therefore requested that Rule 29 of the anti-dumping rules requires the Authority to examine whether the export price of the article has declined, post imposition of anti dumping duty.

13. The information provided by the applicants shows that the export price from China has declined significantly. It is also seen that while raw material prices have declined, the decline in the export price is much higher.
14. The applicants have also given *prima facie* information showing an increase in the dumping margin and injury margin. The information provided by the applicants, *prima facie*, shows a decline in the export price without a commensurate decline in the cost of production showing absorption of anti-dumping duties, and a consequent increase in the dumping margin and injury margin.

**G. Period of absorption**

15. The applicants have proposed the period from January 2025 to September 2025 (a period of 9 months). The period proposed has been considered appropriate. The applicants have requested that the prices in this period may be compared with the export price from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 which is the period of investigation of the original investigation.
16. On examination of the applicable framework, it is noted that there is no mandatory requirement prescribing a 12 month POI for an Anti- Absorption review as the determination of the period may be based on the facts and circumstances of the case. Accordingly, the proposed 9 month period is considered appropriate for the present investigation.

**H. Initiation of anti-absorption review**

17. On the basis of the duly substantiated written application submitted by the applicants and having satisfied itself based on the *prima facie* evidence submitted by the applicants concerning absorption of the anti-dumping duties imposed on the imports from China PR, the Authority, hereby, initiates an anti-absorption investigation to determine the existence and effect of absorption of the anti-dumping duty on imports of the product under consideration by the producer/exporter from China PR and to

recommend modification of the quantum, or form of the anti-dumping duty, or both in accordance with Section 9A(1B) of the Act and Rule 30 of the Rules.

18. The applicants have requested the Authority to recommend to the Central Government that the form of the anti-dumping duty is required to be modified retrospectively from the date of initiation of the investigation in accordance with Rule 31(3) of the Rules. The interested parties may offer their comments in this regard as per time limit given in this notification.
19. In view of the above, the Authority recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product under consideration till completion of this review, in accordance with Rule 30(5) of the Rules.

**I. Procedure**

20. The scope of the present review investigation is limited only to examine if the export price of the product under consideration has declined and whether the decline is due to the corresponding decline in the raw material. The provisions as stipulated under Rules 29, 30 and 31 of the Rules shall be followed in the present review investigation. The provisions of Rule 6 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

**J. Submission of information**

21. All the interested parties are required to register themselves on SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>). All communications and submissions from the interested parties shall be uploaded on the SETU portal under their registered name and corresponding case ID- AD/ABS/001/2026. It should be ensured that the narrative part of the submission is in searchable PDF/MS-Word format and data files are in MS-Excel format.
22. The known producers/exporters in subject countries, the government of subject countries through its Embassy in India, and the importers and users in India who are known to be associated with the product under consideration are being informed separately to enable them to file all the relevant information within the time limits mentioned in this initiation notification. All such information must be filed in the form and manner as prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority.
23. Any other interested party may also make a submission relevant to the present investigation in the form and manner as prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority within the time limits mentioned in this initiation notification.

24. Any party making any confidential submission before the Authority is required to make a non-confidential version of the same available to the other interested parties.
25. The interested parties are further advised to keep a regular watch on the official website of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies at [www.dgtr.gov.in](http://www.dgtr.gov.in) and SETU portal(<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) for any updated information with respect to this investigation. Interested parties are directed to regularly visit the website of DGTR (<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/>) to stay apprised with the further developments in the subject investigation and remain informed regarding notices that may be issued from time to time regarding questionnaire formats, PCN methodology, PCN discussion/meeting schedule, notice of oral hearing, corrigendum, amendment notifications, and other such information.

**K. Time limit**

26. Any information relating to the present investigation should be uploaded on the SETU portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) under their registered name and corresponding case ID-AD/ABS/001/2026. Both versions of each submission, the confidential version (CV) and the non-confidential version (NCV) must be uploaded in the respective designated columns within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application filed by the domestic industry would be circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country as per Rule 6(4) of the AD Rules, 1995. If no information is received within the stipulated time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings based on the facts available on record and in accordance with the AD Rules, 1995.
27. 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 within the above time limit as stipulated in this notification through SETU portal only.
28. Any request for an extension must be submitted by the concerned parties through the SETU portal at least one day before the original deadline specified in paragraph 25 above. Requests submitted after this time will not be considered

**L. Submission on information on confidential basis**

29. Where any party to the present investigation makes confidential submissions or provides information on a confidential basis before the Authority, such party is required to simultaneously submit a non-confidential version of such information in terms of Rule 7(2) of the Rules and in accordance with the relevant trade notices issued by the

Authority in this regard. Failure to adhere to the above may lead to rejection of the response/submissions.

30. The parties making any submission (including Appendices/ Annexures attached thereto), before the Authority including questionnaire responses, are required to file confidential and non-confidential versions separately.
31. Such submissions must be clearly marked as 'confidential' or 'non-confidential' at the top of each page. Any submission that has been made to the Authority without such markings shall be treated as 'non-confidential' information by the Authority, and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow other interested parties to inspect such submissions.
32. The confidential version shall contain all information which is, by nature, confidential, and/or other information, which the supplier of such information claims as confidential. For the information which is claimed to be confidential by nature, or the information on which confidentiality is claimed because of other reasons, 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.
33. The non-confidential version of the information filed by the interested parties should be a replica of the confidential version with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out (where indexation is not possible) and such information must be appropriately and adequately summarized depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed.
34. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on a confidential basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, the party submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summary, and a statement of reasons containing a sufficient and adequate explanation as to why such summarization is not possible, must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.
35. The interested parties can offer their comments on the issues of confidentiality within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents.
36. 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 if 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.

37. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or a sufficient and adequate cause statement in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules, and appropriate trade notices issued by the Authority, on the confidentiality claim shall not be taken on record by the Authority.

**M. Inspection of Public File**

38. All non-confidential versions of submissions made by any interested party will be accessible to other interested parties through their respective login on the SETU portal.

**N. Non-cooperation**

39. In case any interested party refuses access to and otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period or within the time stipulated by the Authority in this initiation notification, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may declare such interested party as non-cooperative and record its findings based on the facts available and make such recommendations to the Central Government as it deems fit.



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