

Steel & Other Metals

1. GRAPHITE ELECTRODES (USA, CHINA PR, SPAIN, ITALY, GERMANY, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA AND FRANCE)

Graphite Electrodes act as conductors of electricity in furnace and generate sufficient heat to melt scrap metal or other material used to produce steel or other materials. Heat is generated by graphite electrodes as electricity at very high amperes passes through it and creates an electric arc between the electrodes and the raw-material. The electrodes are generally consumed in the course of the production.

On the application filed by M/s. Indian Graphite Manufacturers Association, the Designated Authority had initiated anti-dumping investigation on 30.9.1996 into the imports of Graphite Electrodes from USA, China PR, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Austria and France.

In the preliminary findings notified on 9.6.1997, the Designated Authority recommended anti-dumping duty in the range of Rs.9021-29695. Final findings were notified on 27.3.1998 and anti-dumping duty in the range of Rs. 5517-30997 was recommended. The duty was imposed by the Department of Revenue vide notification dated 5.5.1998.

Sunset review was initiated in the case vide notification dated 9.4.2003. In the sunset review findings, removal of anti-dumping duty was recommended for all countries except China PR. Continuation of anti-dumping duty in the range of US\$ 234.54 to US\$ 508.506 per MT was recommended for China PR. Customs notification on imposition of duties after sunset review was issued on 7.7.2003.

2. MAGNESIUM (CHINA PR)

Magnesium is a silvery white metal having density equal to approximately 63% that of Aluminum.

On an application filed by M/s. Southern Magnesium & Chemical Ltd., anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 31.7.97 into the alleged dumping of Magnesium originating in or exported from China P.R. On 6.2.98, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ Rs. 27,509/- PMT was recommended. On 24.07.98, final findings were notified and duty as the difference between Rs. 1,57,005/- PMT and landed value of imports/PMT subject to maximum of Rs. 57,852/ PMT was recommended. The duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 22.10.98.

M/s. Southern Magnesium & Chemicals Ltd., Hyderabad, the sole producer of magnesium in the country, filed a request with the Directorate to withdraw the anti-dumping duty on import of Magnesium from China PR. The request was considered in the Directorate and it was decided to withdraw the anti-dumping duty since the only producer was requesting for withdrawal of duty and as such there was no question of injury and causal link. Recommendation to this effect was issued vide notification dated 26.3.2003 and the same was given effect to by the Department of Revenue vide notification dated 1.5.2003.

3. HOT ROLLED COILS (RUSSIA, KAZAKHSTAN & UKRAINE)

Hot Rolled Coils are Coils/Sheets/Plates/Strips of a width 600MM or more having thickness between 1.5 mm & 20 mm (both inclusive) not clad plated or coated (also referred to HRC/S/P/S)

On an application filed by M/s. SAIL & Essar Steel, Copet. Lloyds Industries, TISCO, anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 6.10.1997 into the alleged dumping of H.R. Coils originating in or exported from Russia, Kazakhstan & Ukraine. On 17.6.1998, preliminary findings were notified and no anti-dumping duty was recommended. On 18.11.1998, final findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ Rs. 14,300/- to Rs. 22,000/- PMT was recommended. The duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 27.11.1998. The duties expired on 27.11.2003.

4. HARD FERRITE RING MAGNETS (CHINA PR)

Hard Ferrite Ring Magnets is manufactured in the form of rings. The ring magnets are used in the manufacture of loud speakers, public address system, magnetic assembly etc.

On an application filed by M/s. Indian Hard Ferrite Manufacturers Association, anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 24.7.1998 into the alleged dumping of HFRM originating in or exported from China P.R. On 1.4.1999, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ Rs. 21/- per Kg was recommended. On 12.07.1999, final findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ Rs. 36/- per Kg and landed price of import per Kg. was recommended. The duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 6.8.1999.

Mid-term review was held and the findings were notified on 23.10.2001. In the mid-term review finding, anti-dumping duty @ difference between US \$ 1123.8 per MT and the landed value of imports was recommended.

The anti-dumping duty has expired with effect from 3.5.2004.

5. SEAMLESS TUBES, PIPES AND STEEL (ROMANIA, AUSTRIA, RUSSIA, UKRAINE AND CZECH REPUBLIC)

Seamless tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron), other than cold drawn or cold rolled.

These are:

- (a) Seamless tubes, of iron or steel, not cold rolled, hot finished, of an external diameter not exceeding 273 mm or 10" NB also known as boiler pipes used in hydrocarbon industry, processing and general engineering industry;
- (b) Casing and tubing of a kind used in drilling of oil or gas of an external diameter not exceeding 244.5 mm or 9.5/8".

On an application filed by Association of Seamless Tubes Manufacturers, anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 20.5.1999 into the alleged dumping of Seamless Tubes etc. originating in or exported from Romania, Austria, Russia, Ukraine and Czech Republic. On 10.11.1999, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ Rs. 1,136/- to Rs. 13,698/- PMT was recommended. Provisional Duty was imposed by the Govt. vide Customs Notification dated 29.12.1999. On 19.05.2000, final findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ difference between Rs. 36,859/- to Rs. 39,141/- and the landed price of imports/PMT was recommended. The duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 21.6.2000.

The anti-dumping duty has expired with effect from 29.12.2004.

6. SEAMLESS GRADE ALLOYS ETC. (RUSSIA, CHINA PR AND UKRAINE)

The product involved in the anti-dumping investigation was certain seamless grade alloy and non-alloy steel billets, bars and rounds from Russia, China PR, Ukraine.

The investigation was initiated based on an application filed by Ispat Profile India Ltd. on 9.12.1999 into the alleged dumping of Seamless Grade Alloys etc. originating in or exported from Russia & China PR. On 1.12.2000, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ US \$ 16.03 to US\$ 179.14 / MT was recommended. Provisional duty was imposed by the Govt. vide Customs notification dated 26.12.2000. On 1.6.2001, final findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ US \$ 14.9 to US\$ 133/MT was recommended. The duty was imposed vide notification dated 25.6.2001.

Sunset review was initiated vide notification dated 24.5.2004. In the sunset review findings, the DGAD recommended withdrawal of duty.

7. FERRO SILICON (RUSSIA, CHINA PR & IRAN)

Ferro Silicon is an alloy of iron and silicon containing calcium, aluminum, carbon, sulphur and phosphorous as impurities. Silicon constitutes the major proportion in Ferro Silicon. The size of Ferro Silicon is generally described in terms of millimeter of the outer dia of the product.

Ferro Silicon is primarily used as a deoxidiser in the production of steel and alloy steels. Ferro Silicon is also used in the manufacturing of power rectifiers and welding electrodes. The various users of Ferro Silicon can be described as under:

Deoxidiser in the production of steel,
As an alloying element for steel,
In the making of electrical grade steel,
In the production of anti-corrosive and acid resistant steel,
In the manufacturing of power rectifiers,
In the manufacturing of welding electrodes,
It is added to cast iron as graphitising agent.

On an application filed by M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd. anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 5.6.2000 into the alleged dumping of Ferro Silicon originating in or exported from China PR, Russia and Iran. On 16.11.2000, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty as reference price of Rs. 33,120 PMT was recommended for Russia and China PR. No duties were recommended against Iran. Final Findings were notified on 28.5.2001 recommending anti-dumping duty equivalent to the difference between US\$ 764 per MT and the landed value of imports. Definitive duty has been imposed by the Department of Revenue vide notification dated 25.6.2001.

8. FERRO SILICON (Ukraine)

It is an alloy of iron and silicon containing calcium, aluminum, carbon, sulphur and phosphorous as impurities. It is manufactured in submerged arc furnace where heat is generated by resistance of raw materials when electrical energy is passed through carbon electrodes. The main raw material for the production of Ferro Silicon is Quartzite which contains more than 98% SiO₂

On an application filed by M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd., anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 9.3.2001 into the alleged dumping of Ferro Silicon originating in or exported from Ukraine. On 21.06.2001, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ difference between US \$ 761 per/MT and the landed value of imports was recommended. On 16.01.2002, final findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ difference between US \$ 740 per/MT and the landed value of imports was recommended against the exporters of Ukraine. The Department of Revenue has imposed definitive anti-dumping duty vide notification dated 15.2.2002.

9. COLD ROLLED FLAT PRODUCTS OF STAINLESS STEEL (EU, JAPAN, CANADA & USA)

Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel, of a width of 600mm or more, whether further processed or not of all grades/series. The subject goods described as Cold rolled Flat Products of stainless steel are classified under Customs sub-heading Nos.7219.31, 7219.32, 7219.33, 7219.34, 7219.35 and 7219.00 of Chapter 72 of Customs Tariff Act.

On the basis of an application filed by M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd., the case was initiated on 21.8.2001 into the alleged dumping of Cold Rolled Flat Products originating in or exported from EU, Japan, Canada & USA. On 29.11.2001, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty @ US \$ 0.22/Kg TO US \$ 0.82/Kg was recommended. Provisional anti-dumping duty was imposed by the Department of Revenue vide notification dated 28.12.2001. Final findings were notified on 19.10.2002 recommending duty @ difference between US \$ 1470 – US \$ 2431 /MT and landed value of imports. The definitive duty was imposed vide notification dated 5.12.2002.

Mid-term review was initiated on 14.9.2004. Mid-term review findings were issued vide notification dated 13.9.2005. Anti-dumping duty in the range of US \$ 305 to 445.69 per MT was recommended against Japan & USA. Anti-dumping duty against EU and Canada has been recommended for withdrawal. The review findings have been imposed by the Customs vide notification dated 25.11.2005.

10. GRAPHITE ELECTRODES (POLAND AND BRAZIL)

Graphite Electrodes act as conductors of electricity in furnace and generate sufficient heat to melt scrap metal or other material used to produce steel or other materials. Heat is generated by graphite electrodes as electricity at very high amperes passes through it and creates an electric arc between the electrodes and the raw-material. The electrodes are generally consumed in the course of the production. In the present case the initiation is for imports of Graphite electrodes – UHP Grade (of diameters up to and including 24")

On the application filed by M/s. HEG Ltd. and M/s. Carbon Everflow Ltd., anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 29.01.2002 into the alleged dumping of Graphite Electrodes originating in or exported from Poland and Brazil.

The provisional anti-dumping duties were recommended on 8.5.2002 and were imposed by the Department of Revenue vide notification dated 5.6.2002. Final findings were notified on 15.1.2003 recommending duty @ difference between US \$ 2903.71 /MT and landed value of imports. The definitive duty was imposed vide notification dated 31.1.2003.

11. HOT ROLLED COILS, STRIPS, SHEETS AND PLATES (SOUTH AFRICA, ROMANIA, VENEZUELA, SAUDI ARABIA, EUROPEAN UNION, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND SINGAPORE)

On the basis of an application filed by M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd., New Delhi and M/s Essar Steel Ltd., New Delhi, the Designated Authority initiated anti-dumping investigation into the alleged dumping of Hot Rolled Coils, Strips, Sheets and Plates originating in or exported from South Africa, Romania, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, European Union, Australia, Canada and Singapore on 25.9.2002.

The product under investigation was Hot Rolled Coils, Sheets, Plates and Strips of the following description:-

“Hot Rolled Coils, Sheets/Plates/Strips of a width of 600mm or more, not clad, plated or coated.”

The size/thickness was as follows:-

1.5 mm to 20 mm for coils, less than and upto 5 mm for sheets, 5 mm and above for plates. All grades were covered in the investigation.

The subject goods described as Hot Rolled Coils, Sheets, Plates and Strips were classified under Customs sub-heading nos. 7208.10 (all sub heads), 7208.25 (all sub heads), 7208.26 (all sub heads), 7208.27 (all sub heads), 7208.36 (all sub heads), 7208.37 (all sub heads), 7208.38 (all sub heads), 7208.39 (all sub heads), 7208.40 (all sub heads), 7208.51 (all sub heads), 7208.52 (all sub heads), 7208.53 (all sub heads), 7208.54 (all sub heads), 7208.90 (all sub heads), 7211.13, 7211.14 (all sub heads), 7211.19 (all sub heads), 7225.11, 7225.19, 7225.20 (all sub heads), 7225.30 (all sub heads) and 7225.40 (all sub heads) of Chapter 72 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The classification was however indicative only and in no way binding on the scope of the investigation.

The investigation was closed on 27.8.2003 due to insufficient evidence of injury and causal link.

12. FERRO SILICON (SOUTH AFRICA & MACEDONIA)

Ferro Silicon is an alloy of iron and silicon, containing calcium, aluminum, carbon etc. as impurities. It is primarily used as a deoxidiser in the production of steel and alloy steels.

On an application filed by M/s. Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd., anti-dumping investigation was initiated on 11th April 2002 into the alleged dumping of Ferro Silicon originating in or exported from South Africa and Macedonia. On 11th July 2002, preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty was imposed as per Customs notification 78/2002 dated 13th August 2002 @ difference between US \$ 731.59 Per MT and the landed value of imports was recommended. Public Hearing in this case was held on 18th September 2002.

Final findings were notified on 9.4.2003 recommending duty @ difference between US \$ 728.44 / MT and landed value of imports. The definitive duty was imposed vide notification dated 11.6.2003.

13. INDUCTION HARDENED FORGED STEEL ROLLS (RUSSIA, UKRAINE AND KOREA RP)

M/s Gontermann-Piper (India) Ltd (GPI), West Bengal had filed an application on behalf of the Domestic Industry in accordance with the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995 and Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 before the Designated Authority alleging dumping of Induction Hardened Forged Rolls originating in or exported from Russia, Ukraine and Korea RP and requested for anti dumping investigation and levy of anti dumping duties. The application was also supported by M/s Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Ranchi.

The product Induction Hardened Forged Steel Rolls, also known as Forged CRM (Cold Rolling Mills Rolls) (above 300 mm size) are primarily used by steel plants for cold rolling of ferrous and non-ferrous coils obtained from Hot Rolling Mills. Forged Rolls is classified under Chapter 84 of the Custom Tariff Act, 1975. It is further classified as per Indian Trade Classification (Based on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System) under the heading 8455.30.00 and attracts a basic customs duty of 25%.

The anti dumping investigation was initiated vide notification dated 27th August, 2002. The preliminary findings were notified on 11.12.2002 by recommending an anti-dumping duty equivalent to difference between US \$ 2152.54 to US \$ 2838.19 / MT and landed value of imports. The provisional duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 1.1.2003. Final findings were issued vide notification dated 2nd July 2003 recommending definitive anti-dumping duties equal to the difference between US \$ 2762.79 for Russia, US \$ 2783.05 for Ukraine and US \$ 2851.91 for Korea RP & the landed value of import. The definitive duty was imposed by Department of Revenue vide notification dated 14.8.2003.

14. BALL BEARINGS AND PARTS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF (UP TO 50 MM BORE DIA) (CHINA PR, POLAND, RUSSIA AND ROMANIA)

The Ball and Roller Bearing Manufacturers Association of India, New Delhi through its members viz., M/s. FAG Bearings India Ltd., Vadodara, M/s. NRB Bearings Ltd., Mumbai, M/s. SKF Bearings India Ltd., Mumbai, M/s. National Engineering Industries Ltd., Jaipur, M/s. Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., (Bearing Division), Kharagpur filed an application alleging dumping of Ball Bearings and parts and components thereof (up to 50 mm bore dia) originating in or exported from China PR, Poland, Russia and Romania and requested for anti-dumping investigation and levy of anti dumping duties.

Product investigated included Ball Bearings and its parts, whether mounted or unmounted, as anti friction bearings that employ balls as rolling element, so long as these imports in effect constitute imports of ball bearings. Anti friction balls, inner and outer races and components of ball bearings were within the scope of the product considered. Ball bearings are a part of a larger category of goods known as 'anti friction bearings'. Anti friction bearings are machine components that permit free motion between moving and fixed parts by holding, separating or guiding the moving parts to minimize friction and wear and tear. Major users of ball bearings are in the Fan, Electric Motor, Automotive, Pumps, Domestic Appliances and Industrial Appliances segments. The product is classified under Chapter 84 of the Customs Tariff Act under sub-heading 8482.10, 8482.80, 8482.91. The product is classified under ITC HS code under heading 8482.1001, 8482.1004 and 8482.1011.

The applicants accounted for more than 50% of the domestic production of subject goods and therefore, the applicants satisfied the criteria of standing as domestic industry to file the application in terms of Rule 5(3) (a) of the Rules supra.

The Designated Authority initiated anti-dumping investigation into the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping of the subject goods originating in or exported from the subject countries vide notification dated 21.9.2002.

On 6.5.2003 preliminary findings were notified and anti-dumping duty 2003 @ US \$ 0.354 to US \$ 0.522 per piece was recommended. Provisional anti-dumping duty was imposed by the Department of Revenue vide Customs notification dated 4.6.2003. The final findings were notified on 19.03.2004 recommending withdrawal of provisional duty.