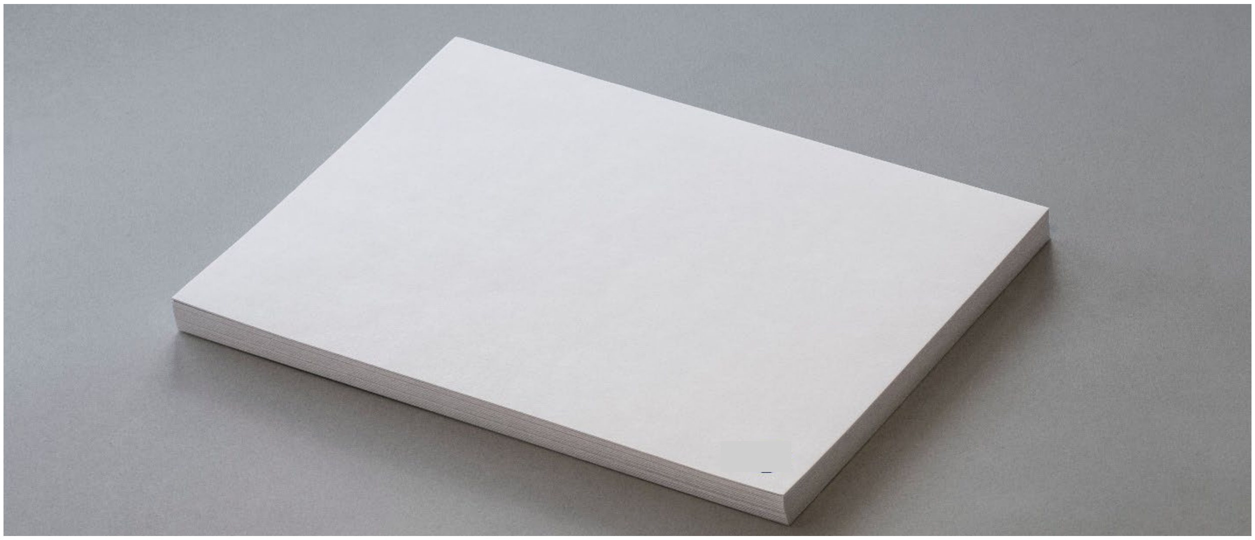
India initiates anti-dumping sunset review on imports of "Uncoated Copier Paper" originating in or exported from Indonesia and Singapore.



On May 19, 2021, India initiated a Sunset Review Anti-Dumping Investigation on imports of Uncoated Copier Paper from Indonesia and Singapore to determine the need to continue imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on the aforesaid goods.

The Original Investigation against the subject goods was initiated on November 02, 2017. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) published its final findings on October 30, 2018, recommending the imposition of ADD on the import of subject goods from Indonesia and Singapore. Subsequently, the Ministry of Finance accepted DGTR's recommendations and levied ADD *vide* ***Notification No. 56/2018-Customs (ADD) dated December 04, 2018,*** for three years. The levy of ADD is due to expire on December 03, 2021.

Scope:

The product, 'Uncoated Copier Paper' is commonly used for photocopy purposes. The product covers rectangular sheets of the following size:

- 210mm x 297 mm also known as A4 size;
- 297mm x 420mm also known as A3 size;
- 215mm x 345mm also known as FS or legal size.

The review excludes uncoated paper of a kind used for writing, printing, photocopying/copying, other graphic purposes, etc. in rolls, reels, and large-sized sheet (i.e., other than sizes specified above) forms.

Allegations:

The Domestic Industry has now requested for continuation of ADD citing continued dumping of goods in India causing injury to the Domestic Industry.

In respect of Indonesian imports, the Domestic Industry has alleged the existence of a ***particular market situation*** by claiming that the Indonesian Government has influenced and artificially lowered prices of input

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(wood pulp). The allegation appears to have its genesis in the 2019 WTO Panel Report in Australia – Anti-Dumping Measures on A4 Copy Paper (DS 529), where the Panel concluded that Indonesia failed to demonstrate that Australia incorrectly found existence of particular market situation existed in the Indonesian domestic market for A4 copy paper. More so, the Domestic Industry did not raise this issue in the original investigation. It will be interesting to see how DGTR addresses the issue of particular market situation and determines dumping margin for Indonesia.

Next Steps:

Interested parties are required to submit information in prescribed formats within a period of 37 days from the date of initiation of investigation.

The Authority will thereafter examine and verify the submissions, conduct a hearing, and thereafter make its final determinations.