

Anti-Dumping Investigation on Soda Ash imports originating in or exported from Russia and the United Arab Emirates On May 27, 2021, India initiated an Anti-Dumping Investigation on imports of Soda Ash from Russia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to determine the need to impose Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on the aforesaid goods.

Soda Ash is an essential ingredient in the manufacture of detergents, soaps, cleaning compounds, sodium-based chemicals, float glass containers, and specialty glass silicates. Additionally, it is also used in textiles, paper, metallurgical industries, and desalination plants.

Domestic Industry has alleged that the foreign producers in Russia and UAE are indulging in dumping (i.e., exporting to India at prices lower than their home market or own cost to make & sell), which has resulted in injury to the domestic producers in India.

In the past, India has conducted several investigations concerning imports of Soda Ash from different countries. A tabulation of the outcomes of recent investigations have been laid out as under:

Type of investigation	Subject Countries	Year of recommendation	Status
Anti-Dumping (Sunset Review)	China PR, European Union, Kenya, Pakistan, Iran, Ukraine, and the USA	2018	ADD not continued
Anti-Dumping (Sunset Review)	Turkey and Russia	2019	ADD not continued
Anti-Dumping (Fresh Investigation)	Turkey and USA	2021	ADD recommended only against Turkey, but not levied by the Ministry of Finance
Anti-Subsidy (Fresh Investigation)	Turkey	2021	Investigation Terminated

Given the above trend whereby the Government is not keen on extending or imposing an antidumping or countervailing duty on imports of Soda Ash, it will be interesting to see if the present investigations lead to the imposition of measures or not.



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