

India Extends Anti-Dumping Duty on Select Chemicals and Metal Goods

The Union Ministry of Finance extended anti-dumping duties on four products and imposed a fresh duty on low ash metallurgical coke.

Anti-dumping duty is a protectionist tariff imposed on foreign imports priced below fair market value to protect domestic industries.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Finance Ministry** extended anti-dumping duty on Untreated Fumed Silica till **February 10, 2027**.
- Anti-dumping duties were extended on **four goods**, including **Arylides**, **Normal Butanol**, Untreated Fumed Silica, and Seamless Tubes/Pipes of Iron or Steel.
- A fresh anti-dumping duty was imposed for **5 years** on Low Ash Metallurgical Coke imported from **6 countries** including China, Russia, and Australia.
- The trade recommendations were made by the **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)** under the **Ministry of Commerce**.
- Notifications implementing the duty changes are officially issued by the **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**.

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Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) was constituted in **May 2018** as an integrated single-window trade defense agency.

Anti-dumping measures in India are governed legally under the **Customs Tariff Act, 1975**.

Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (**GATT 1994**) allows WTO countries to apply anti-dumping duties.

While **DGTR** conducts the investigation and recommends anti-dumping duties, the final imposition decision is made by the **Ministry of Finance**.

Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) was renamed **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** under the **Finance Act, 2018**.

A **Sunset Review** investigation is conducted prior to the expiry of **5 years** to determine whether anti-dumping duty needs extension.

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DGTR under Commerce Ministry recommends anti-dumping duties, which are notified and imposed by Finance Ministry (CBIC).

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for TNPSC questions on DGTR, anti-dumping duties, Customs Tariff Act 1975, and Ministry roles.

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