

File No. 6/39/2019 -DGTR
Government of India
Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Director General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)
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Date: 12th November, 2020

Subject: - Oral Hearing in Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of “Soda Ash” from Turkey and USA-Initiated on 22/1/2020

Anti-Dumping investigation on import of Soda Ash originating in or exported from USA and Turkey was initiated on 22.01.2020 under the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 (AD Rules). As per Rule 6 (6) of AD Rules *“The Designated Authority may allow an interested party or its representative to present the information relevant to the investigation orally but such oral information shall be taken into consideration by the Designated Authority only when it is subsequently reproduced in writing”*.

2. In pursuance of the aforesaid provision, and the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic, the Designated Authority has scheduled an oral hearing in the matter through **Digital Video Conference (DVC) on 16th November 2020 at 3 PM (IST)**.

3. The technical details for participation in the DVC are attached. Any interested party may participate in the oral hearing in case they wish to present such information relevant to the investigation. You will be required to submit written submissions and the rejoinders (confidential and non-confidential versions) of the views expressed at the Oral Hearing within the date and time schedule to be indicated on the date of hearing.

4. Kindly intimate the name(s) and email address of person(s) who are expected to attend the Hearing.

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To
All Interested Parties

Technical Details for participation in the DVC pertaining to AD investigation on import of Soda Ash originating in or exported from USA and Turkey

1. The Digital Video conference (DVC) has been organised keeping in view the Covid-19 situation as is also mentioned in the Trade Notice 01/2020 dated 10.04.2020, uploaded on DGTR's website <http://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%20Covid%2019.pdf>.
2. To keep the participation manageable through digital mode, the number of participants of any interested party is restricted to two including the legal representative/coordinator. However, in cases where an interested party may require their additional persons to participate, the Authority may permit one additional participant for which request should be sent at least 24 hours in advance.
3. Any interested party may participate in the Video Conference through a weblink which would be provided by DGTR to enable the interested parties to participate through web room (WR) mode. The interested party should confirm their participation at least 24 hours advance.
4. An interested party should provide: Name of the organisation/company, Mobile No, and Landline No (with country/state code) and Email of their legal representative/coordinator who would participate in the hearing. (adg11-dgtr@gov.in, and dd12-dgtr@gov.in).
5. To participate in the video conferencing through Web Room, please download the application 'Vidyo' for joining the video conference through mobile/desktop. In case of any difficulty to join the video conference through 'Vidyo', copy and paste the link on Internet Explorer/Chrome to join the video conference. Participants are advised to use headphones to minimise background noise. For any technical assistance, participant may call on the mobile number of the technical coordinator. (Mr. Abhishek Kumar Sanu, Mobile. No. +91-9958847010)
6. The Directorate would share the weblink with the coordinator/legal representative of the interested party prior to the oral hearing who may share it further with their other permitted participants.
7. Since oral submissions are to be subsequently reproduced in writing by each interested party after the oral hearing, the interested parties are requested to be brief and restrict their oral submissions to key aspects only, by one of their representatives.

8. In case any participant who joins the DVC, is unable to complete his/her submission for any technical reason, may file written submission which will be taken on record. Further, all written submissions will be shared amongst all participating interested parties as per the usual practice so as to enable all interested parties to file rejoinders. The time schedule for written submissions and rejoinders will be informed during the oral hearing.

9. The concerned Embassy/Country representative office in India are requested to encourage/facilitate participation of the interested parties from their country in the oral hearing through DVC.
