

File No. 6/28/2023-DGTR
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Trade Remedies
Jeevan Tara Building, 4th Floor, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi

Dated: 28th November 2023

To,

Exporters/Producers of the subject goods of subject countries

Subject: Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of ‘Welded Stainless-Steel Pipes and Tubes’ originating in or exported from Thailand and Vietnam.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of **‘Welded Stainless-Steel Pipes and Tubes’** originating in or exported from **Thailand and Vietnam** has been initiated by the Designated Authority constituted under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in respect of the aforementioned subject matter to investigate into the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping. A copy of the Initiation Notification No. 6/28/2023-DGTR dated 30.09.2023 issued by the Authority is available at

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Welded%20Steel%20Initiation%20ADD%20-%20English.pdf>

2. The period of investigation (POI) adopted by the Authority for the present investigation is 1st April – 2022 to 31st March 2023 (12 months). The injury investigation period covers the periods 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020, 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022 and the POI.
3. As per the available records, you are an exporter/producer of the subject goods. You may, therefore, be interested in participating in the investigation. The Authority, therefore, provides you an opportunity to defend your interests and assist the Authority to arrive at a fair decision and thus requests you to file your response to the Exporter’s Questionnaire available at

https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%2006_2021_Exporter%20Questionnaire_0_0.pdf

4. The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather information required for the completion of the instant investigation. It is important for your company to give the answers clearly and precisely, indicating the sources of information used, and wherever required, attaching supporting documents. Any

worksheets or documents used to answer this questionnaire, which by any reason cannot be attached, shall be kept in the hands of the company and be made available for the purposes of further examination/verification.

5. Although the questionnaire is prescribed as mentioned in Para 3 of this letter, the Designated Authority reserves the right to call for any information in this regard at any time during the investigation and the course of anti-dumping proceedings. You may also submit any additional information relevant in this regard
6. The response must be in English and all supplementary information or other material provided with it must also be in English or accompanied by an English translation and must be certified by the Chief Executive of your company as accurate, complete and presenting a true and fair view of the accounts and other data to the best of his knowledge and belief.
7. We request you to give careful consideration to the questionnaire, particularly to the question concerning merchandise characteristics. Specifically, we need to know the difference, if any, between the merchandise sold in your home market or in a third country and that sold in India.
8. The exporter must also provide information regarding its related corporate entities in India along with information regarding its sales in the home market or third countries, wherever applicable.
9. All financial information is to be indicated in the local currency. Applicable conversion rate of local currency to US Dollar for the relevant period is to be provided in each statement.
10. If your business does not perform all of the following functions in relation to the product under consideration, please provide names and address of the companies, which perform each of the following functions: -
 - a. Producers or manufactures the goods under consideration
 - b. Sells in the domestic market
 - c. Exports to India
 - d. Exports to countries other than India
11. Simultaneously the interested party concerned may be advised to furnish information to the extent they are relevant as per Para (3) of introduction to the enclosed questionnaire.
12. The information furnished is subject to verification. You are, therefore, requested to convey your willingness to offer yourself for any verification by the Authority as per the attached proforma. You are also advised to preserve all the working papers for such verification.
13. Any information relating to the present investigation should be e-mailed to the investigation team members at adg14-dgtr@gov.in, ddl1-dgtr@gov.in, adv13-dgtr@gov.in, ddl6-dgtr@gov.in.
14. In case you wish to appoint a person/firm to represent your interests, you may please issue a proper authorization in favour of such person/firm.
15. If no response is received within the time stipulated in this letter, it would be presumed that you have no comments to offer. Your attention is specifically drawn to the Anti-Dumping Rules, which authorize the Designated Authority to record its findings on the basis of facts available to it in case of non-cooperation from the interested parties.
16. **Confidential Information:** The answer to the questionnaire must be submitted in two versions: one confidential version and another non-confidential version. It must be ensured that all the

information supplied is clearly marked either “confidential” or “non-confidential” at the top of each page. Information supplied without any mark shall be treated as non-confidential and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow the other interested parties to inspect any such non-confidential information. Confidential information must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on confidential basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, the party submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summary, and a statement of reasons containing a sufficient and adequate explanation in terms of Rule 7 of the AD Rules, 1995 and appropriate trade notices issued by the Authority, as to why such summarization is not possible, must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority. However, if the Authority is satisfied that the request for confidentiality is not warranted, or the supplier of the information is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorize its disclosure in a generalized or summary form, the Authority may disregard such information. A list of interested parties will be uploaded on DGTR's website. Copies of all non-confidential submissions by an interested party should be shared by e-mail with all other interested parties participating in the investigation.

17. With respect to the non-confidential version of the application being shared along with this letter, the exporter/producer may file comments on the claims of confidentiality **within 7 days** and on the scope of the product under consideration, if any, and propose product control numbers (PCNs), if any, within **15 days from the date of this letter.**
18. The exporter/ producer must file the questionnaire response within **30 days from the date of this letter.** It is also requested that the exporter/ producers may visit the website of DGTR regularly for any updates.
19. As per Rule 6(6) of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 “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.” Please send an e-mail request in advance if you desire a hearing at the email addresses mentioned in Para 13 above within 30 days from the date of issue of this communication.
20. All of your submissions including the data and annexure to the questionnaire response and the worksheets included in this Questionnaire must be submitted in ***searchable computerized medium/soft copy format (MS Word, MS Excel, and PDF as per the data type)***. All submissions should be in accordance with the requirements laid down in the relevant trade notices in this respect.
21. You may contact this office should you need any clarification and/or assistance in furnishing the information in the prescribed manner.
22. We would appreciate your cooperation in providing the requisite information within the required time and in assisting us in conducting the present investigation in a time bound manner.
23. The relevant questionnaire proforma can be downloaded as stated above from <https://www.dgtr.gov.in>.

24. The unit of measurement in the present investigation is in MT. Therefore, the information needs to be supplied in MT as unit of measurement. In case the information is supplied in any other unit of measurement, it should be converted into an equivalent unit of measurement clearly showing the appropriate calculation methodology.

-sd/-
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REFERENCE:

1. Initiation Notification

<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Welded%20Steel%20Initiation%20ADD%20-%20English.pdf>

2. Exporter Questionnaire Response

https://www.dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Trade%20Notice%2006_2021_Exporter%20Questionnaire_0_0.pdf

3. Economic Interest Questionnaire (attached with this letter)

4. Non-confidential version of the application ((attached with this letter)