

## **India may impose anti-dumping duty on Chinese antibacterial drug Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride**

India may impose anti-dumping duty on Chinese antibacterial drug Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride with a view to guard domestic industry from cheap imports from the neighbouring country. Aarti Drugs Ltd had filed the application for imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of the medicine from China.

After conducting a probe, the commerce ministry's investigation arm, Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), in its preliminary findings has recommended imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty on the product from China. The duty recommended is in the range of USD 0.94 per kg to USD 3.29 per kg.

While DGTR recommends the duty, the finance ministry takes the final call to impose the same. Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride is used to treat different types of bacterial infections, including skin infections, bone and joint infections, respiratory or sinus infections, urinary tract infections, and certain types of diarrhea. It acts as anti-infective agent, and an antibacterial drug.

The imposition of anti-dumping duty is permissible under the World Trade Organization (WTO) regime. The duty is aimed at ensuring fair trading practices and creating a level-playing field for domestic producers vis-a-vis foreign producers and exporters.

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