

## **India may impose anti-dumping duty on Choline Chloride imports from China, Malaysia, Vietnam**

India may impose anti-dumping duty on Choline Chloride imports from China, Malaysia and Vietnam for five years based on a complaint filed by Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has recommended a duty of \$94-315 per metric tonne on the imported product which is an organic compound used as an additive in animal feed.

“The product under consideration has been exported to India from the subject countries below its normal value, resulting in dumping. The domestic industry has suffered material injury due to dumping of the product under consideration from the subject countries,” DGTR said in its findings.

The injury investigation period was FY16-June 2019. DGTR, the investigation arm of the commerce and industry ministry recommends such duties but the power to impose them lies with the finance ministry.

The agency also said that the domestic industry had submitted that China and Vietnam should be treated as non-market economies for the present purposes alleging that the producers in Vietnam were importing liquid form of choline chloride from China, processing the same and exporting to India.

Beijing has been insisting that it be treated as a “market economy” and was till recently involved in a dispute at the World Trade Organization claiming the status, which would curb the ability of its trading partners to retaliate with higher duties over Chinese cheap imports and trade disputes.

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