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New Delhi, Dec 6: India has imposed anti-dumping duty on cheap imports of opal glassware from China and the United Arab Emirates for a period of five years. The duty would be in the range of 41. 6 - 110. 17 per cent of the landed cost of consignments from China, while UAE-imported opal glassware would attract duty at 36.73 per cent of the cost. Opal glassware is a milky white glass used in lighting fixtures and tableware. "The anti-dumping duty imposed shall be levied for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of imposition of the provisional anti-dumping duty, that is, August 9, 2011, and shall be payable in Indian currency," the Department of Revenue has said. The levy was imposed after the designated authority, the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD), a nodal agency under the Commerce Ministry, recommended its imposition following an investigation. In its probe, the DGAD concluded that the domestic industry had suffered a material injury on account of dumping of the product by both nations. Earlier, in August, the DGAD had imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on opal glassware from China and the UAE for six months. Anti-dumping duty is recommended by the Commerce Ministry, while the Finance Ministry imposes the same.

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Anti-dumping duty likely on imports of soda ash

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New Delhi, February 23 2012: India may impose an anti-dumping duty of up to USD 38.79 per tonne on a chemical, used mainly in detergents, imported from seven places including China, EU, Pakistan and the US, to protect domestic players against cheaper imports.

The Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) has recommended imposition of the duty on imports of 'soda ash', the Commerce Ministry said in a notification dated February 17.

The Directorate's recommendation comes on the basis of its findings that increased imports have caused "material injury" to the domestic industry, it said.

Alkali Manufacturer's Association of India had filed a petition for imposition of an anti-dumping duty on behalf of the domestic industry.

The duty ranged between USD 2.38 per tonne and USD 38.79 per tonne, it said.

The DGAD, which is under the Commerce Ministry, in its recommendations said that the chemical has been exported to India below its normal value from China, European Union (EU), Kenya, Iran, Pakistan, Ukraine and the US.

"... the Authority is of the view that imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty is required to offset the dumping and injury," it added.

Soda ash is an essential ingredient in the manufacturing of detergents, soaps, cleaning compounds, float glass, container and specialty glasses and other industrial chemicals. It is also widely used in textiles, paper, metallurgical industries and desalination plants.

Anti-dumping duty is recommended by the Commerce Ministry, while the Finance Ministry imposes the same.

The country has already imposed anti-dumping duty on imports of fabric, yarn, nylon tyre cord and several chemicals.

Unlike safeguard duties, which are levied in a uniform way, anti-dumping duties vary from product to product and from country to country.

Countries initiate anti-dumping probes to check if domestic industry has been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports.

As a counter-measure, they impose duties under the multilateral WTO regime.

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