

Initiation of Safeguard (Quantitative Restrictions) investigation concerning imports of Soda Ash into India - reg.**भाविक प्रभुदासभाई लुक्का/BHAVIK Prabhudasbhai LUKKA
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**F. No. 22/01/2026-DGTR
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IV Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi

CASE ID. QR/OI/001/2026

Dated: 19th March, 2026

To

Exporters/ Producers of the subject goods of subject country**Subject: Initiation of Safeguard (Quantitative Restrictions) investigation concerning imports of Soda Ash into India - reg.**

Madam/ Sir,

1. The undersigned is directed to inform that a safeguard (quantitative restrictions) investigation concerning imports of "**Soda Ash**" has been initiated by the Authorised officer designated under the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 and the Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, 2012 in respect of the subject matter mentioned above to investigate into the existence, degree and effect of sudden, sharp and recent significant increase in imports of product under consideration. A copy of the Initiation Notification No. **F. No. 22/01/2026-DGTR** dated 16th March, 2026 issued by the Authorised officer is available at: <https://www.dgtr.gov.in/en/safe-guard-investigation-india/initiation-safeguard-quantitative-restrictions-investigation-0>
2. As per the records available you are an exporter / producer of the subject goods. You may, therefore, be interested in participating in the investigation. The Authorised officer provides you an opportunity to defend your interests and assist the Authorised officer to arrive at a fair decision and, thus, requests you to file your response to the Questionnaire, given below.
3. The response must be in English. All supplementary information or other materials provided with it 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 be to the best of his knowledge and belief.
4. The purpose of the Questionnaire is to gather information required for completion of the 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 a Questionnaire is given, the Authority reserves the right to call for any information in this regard at any time during the investigation and the course of this investigation. You may also submit any additional information relevant in this regard.
6. The applicant has proposed the most recent period of investigation (MRP) as 1st January 2025 – 30th September 2025 with injury examination period as 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021, 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022, 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 – 31st December 2025, and the most recent period of investigation.
7. **Economic Interest Questionnaire:** The Authorised officer also requests you to share information as per the Economic Questionnaire given below, to assess the extent of impact on the user industry if the safeguard (quantitative restrictions) is imposed on Soda Ash.
8. 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.
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 may also please be made available/mentioned in each statement.

10. The information submitted in response to the Questionnaire 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.

11. 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 given Performa. You are also advised to preserve all the working papers for such verification.

12. The response should be filed by e-mail not later than **thirty-seven days** from the date of issue of this email.

13. 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 from the date of this letter. Exporter/producer may submit their comments, if any, on the scope of the product under consideration (PUC), and product control numbers (PCNs) within 15 days of from the date of this letter/email. The Authorised officer emphasizes that the exporter/producer should avoid making simple assertions and unsubstantiated claims in this regard. The Authorised officer shall not consider such submissions for PUC/PCNs. All submissions by the exporter/producer with respect to the PUC/PCNs should be duly supported with verifiable documentary evidence, particularly when demonstrating differences in costs and prices of PCNs being proposed or requesting product type exclusion. Exporter/producers are further advised to provide a clear PCN methodology/structure if proposing the PCNs.

14. This 15-day period shall run concurrently with the 37-day total as per Rule 6(4) (read with explanation thereto) of the Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, 2012 timeline starting from the date of this letter/email.

15. Extension due to Modification of PUC/PCN: An extension of time by 15 days shall be granted if the Authorised officer, through a subsequent notice, modifies the PUC, and PCN that was not previously proposed or is different from the initiation notification. This extension of 15 days shall be granted from date of such notification of modified PUC and PCN. Extension of time by 15 days stated in this paragraph is not applicable in instances where there is no change in the PUC, and PCN methodology after initiation of investigation. Requests for a further extension of time, beyond the 15-day extension (if granted), will ordinarily not be considered except in case of exceptional circumstances, in line with the Rule 6(4) of the Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, 2012.

16. 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.

17. 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 Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, which authorize the Authorised officer to record its findings on the basis of facts available to it in case of non-cooperation from the interested parties.

18. Confidential Information: The answer to the Questionnaire must be submitted in two versions: one confidential version and another non-confidential version; for the latter the inclusion of a non-confidential summary will be required, allowing for a reasonable understanding of the information and/or supporting documents deemed confidential. For those cases where the submission of this summary is not possible, such circumstances must be convincingly explained.

19. An interested party supplying information must ensure 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 or, if it is not susceptible to summarization, a statement of the reasons why summarization is not possible. 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 copy of all non-confidential submissions should be shared by e-mail by all interested parties with all other interested parties participating in the investigation.

20. The unit of measurement in the present investigation is in Metric Tons (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 mentioning and explaining the chosen calculation methodology.

21. As per Rule 6(6) of the Safeguard Measures (Quantitative Restrictions) Rules, 2012 “the Designated Authorised officer 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 Authorised Officer only when it is subsequently submitted in writing.”

22. You may contact this Office should you need any clarification and/or assistance in furnishing the information in the prescribed manner.

23. We appreciate your cooperation in providing the requisite information within the required time and assisting us in conducting the present investigation in a time bound manner.

24. All interested parties are required to register themselves on the SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in/>) in order to participate in the investigation. In case of any difficulty in registering as an interested party, the DGTR’s SETU Helpdesk may be contacted through the details provided at <https://setu.dgtr.gov.in/help-desk> . All communications and submissions from the interested parties must be filed through the SETU Portal under their registered name and the corresponding Case ID mentioned above. Interested parties are required to ensure that the narrative part of the submissions is filed in searchable PDF/MS Word format, while the data files must be submitted in MS Excel format with properly linked calculations.

25. The interested parties are further advised to keep a regular watch on the official website of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies at www.dgtr.gov.in and SETU portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) for any updated information with respect to this investigation.

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Reference:

1. Initiation Notification: <https://www.dgtr.gov.in/en/safe-guard-investigation-india/initiation-safeguard-quantitative-restrictions-investigation-0>
2. Exporter Questionnaire Response: <https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/1.%20Exporter%20Questionnaire%20-%20SGQR%20-%20Soda%20Ash.pdf>
3. Economic Interest Questionnaire: <https://dgtr.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-03/5.%20Economic%20Interest%20Questionnaire.pdf>

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

1 Attachment(s)

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