






Anti-Dumping Probe

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Recently, India has initiated an [anti-dumping](#) probe into the import of 'Insoluble Sulphur' used in the rubber industry from **China and Japan**.

- **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) is the apex national authority under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for administering all trade remedial measures including anti-dumping, [countervailing duties](#), and safeguard measures.**
 - It offers **assistance to domestic industries and exporters** in responding to trade remedy investigations initiated against them by foreign nations, thereby providing **trade defence support**.

WTO Framework on Trade Remedies

	 Global Safeguards	 Anti-Dumping measures	 Countervailing Duties
Legal Basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATT Article XIX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATT Article VI • Agreement on Implementation of Article VI (AD Agreement) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
Objectives and Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create "breathing room" for domestic industry struggling with increasing imports • MFN based import restrictions • No allegations about unfair trade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect domestic industry from imports sold "at less than the normal value of the products" • Departure from MFN principle • It's about the "unfair" (pricing) practices of individual firms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect domestic industry from effects of another country's export subsidies actions • Departure from MFN principle • It's about the "unfair" (subsidies) practices of governments
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary tariffs beyond bound MFN rates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary tariff beyond bound MFN rates targeted at particular foreign firms based on difference between the import price and the "normal" value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary tariff beyond bound MFN rates based on the value of the subsidy provided by the government of the exporting country
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imports must be rising (absolute) • Imports are causing "serious" injury to the domestic industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumping, thus pricing below (1) production cost or (2) market price • Imports are causing "material" injury to the domestic industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific subsidies (financial contribution) by foreign governments that are exported • Imports are causing "material" injury to the domestic industry

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