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SETU Case ID – AD/SSR/012/2026

INITIATION NOTIFICATION

Subject: Initiation of Sunset Review (SSR) investigation concerning imports of Ceramic Tableware and Kitchenware excluding Knives and Toilets items from China PR -reg.

F. No. 7/25/2026-DGTR: Ceramic Tableware & Kitchenware Manufacturers Association (hereinafter also referred to as the “applicant association”) on behalf of the domestic producers of “Ceramic Tableware & Kitchenware, excluding knives and toilet items” (hereinafter also referred to as the “subject goods” or the “product under consideration”), has filed an application before the Designated Authority, in accordance with the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, as amended from time to time (hereinafter also referred to as the “Act”) and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 as amended from time to time (hereinafter also referred to as the “Rules”), for initiation of sunset review of anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of **Ceramic Tableware and Kitchenware excluding Knives and Toilets items** originating in or exported from China PR (hereinafter also referred to as the “subject country”). Clay Craft India Limited and Ceramic Tableware Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as “applicant companies” or “domestic industry”) have provided all relevant information for the purpose of the present application seeking initiation of sunset review investigation for continued imposition of anti-dumping duty on subject goods.

2. The applicant has alleged that dumping has continued in India despite imposition of anti-dumping duty, and the domestic industry has suffered continued injury. It has also been alleged that there is likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and consequent intensified injury to the domestic industry, and has requested for review and continuation of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of the subject goods from the subject country.

Background of Previous Investigation

3. The anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of product under consideration from China PR was initiated by the Authority on 13th October 2016. The Authority, vide its final finding F.No.14/05/2016-DGAD dated 8th December 2017 recommended imposition of anti-dumping duty. Subsequently, Ministry of

Finance imposed anti-dumping measures vide notification No. 4/2018-Customs (ADD) dated 21st February 2018.

4. The Authority, on the request of the domestic industry, initiated anti-circumvention investigation on imports of product under consideration from Malaysia in 2021. After detailed investigation, the Authority vide final finding no. 7/33/2020-DGTR dated 3rd August, 2021 concluded that the anti-dumping duties imposed on China is being circumvented and the Authority recommended extension of the anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of subject goods from China on Malaysia. The Ministry of Finance accepted the recommendation vide Notification No. 59/2021-Customs (ADD) dated 4th October 2021.

5. Thereafter, the Authority initiated sunset review investigation on 3rd August 2021 against China PR and in the final finding, the Authority recommended continuation of anti-dumping measures and extension of duties imposed on subject goods from China to subject goods imported from Malaysia, vide Notification No. 7/20/2021-DGTR dated 10th March 2022. The Ministry of Finance accepted the recommendation vide Notification No. 16/2022-Customs (ADD), dated 24th May 2022. The aforesaid duties are presently in force till 23rd May 2027.

A. Product Under Consideration

6. The product under consideration as in the original investigation is "Ceramic Tableware and Kitchenware, excluding Knives and Toilet Items". As per the original anti-dumping investigation carried out by the Designated Authority earlier, the product has been defined as under:

"The product under consideration in the present investigation is defined as "Ceramic table wares and kitchen wares, excluding knives and toilet items" (hereinafter referred to as 'subject goods or PUC).

It is noted that bone china, stoneware and porcelain-ware all constitute ceramic products and therefore the product under consideration includes kitchenware and tableware of bone china, stone and porcelain. Ceramic tableware and kitchenware products are used for the purpose of eating, drinking, and serving food and beverages in homes and hotels.

Subject goods are classified under Chapter 69 of Customs Tariff Act, 1975. It is imported under various subheadings under HS code 6911 and 6912. However, the HS codes are indicative only and product description is the determining factor for the purpose of present investigation."

7. The present investigation being a Sunset Review investigation, product under consideration remains the same as defined in the original investigation, and no significant developments have taken place over the period.

Product Control Number (PCN)

8. The applicant has not proposed any PCN methodology citing the same was not followed both in original as well as 1st sunset review. The interested parties in the subject investigation may provide their comments on the PUC/PCN methodology, if any, within 15 days from the date of initiation of this investigation.

Unit of Measurement

9. The unit of measurement for the PUC is MT since the PUC is produced and sold in terms of weight expressed in MT. Therefore, to make a fair comparison, the unit of measurement for the purposes of the present application has been proposed as weight (KGs or MT).

Tariff classification

10. The subject goods are classified under Chapter 69 of Schedule I to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 under the classification 6911 and 6912. The product under consideration is imported under the following HS Codes - 69111011, 69111019, 69111021, 69111029, 69119010, 69119020, 69119090, 69120010, 69120020, 69120030, 69120040, 69120090.

B. Like Article

11. There is no known difference between the subject goods produced by the domestic industry and the product under consideration imported from the subject country. The subject goods produced by the domestic industry are comparable to the product under consideration imported from the subject country in all terms including, characteristics such as physical & chemical characteristics, manufacturing process & technology, functions & uses, product specifications, pricing, distribution & marketing and tariff classification. Both products are technically and commercially substitutable and the consumers use them interchangeably. Therefore, for the purpose of the present investigation, the subject goods produced by the domestic industry are being treated as "like article" to the subject goods imported from the subject country.

C. Subject Country

12. The subject country for the purpose of the present review is China PR.

D. Period of Investigation

13. The Authority has considered the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months) as the period of investigation (POI) for the present investigation (hereinafter referred to as "POI"). The injury investigation period shall cover the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and the period of investigation.

E. Domestic Industry and Standing

14. Rule 2(b) defines domestic industry as follows:

"domestic industry" means the domestic producers as a whole engaged in the manufacture of the like article and any activity connected therewith or those whose collective output of the said article constitutes a major proportion of the total domestic production of that article except when such producers are related to the exporters or importers of the alleged dumped article or are themselves importers thereof in such case the term domestic industry may be construed as referring to the rest of the producers".

15. The present application is filed by Ceramic Tableware & Kitchenware Manufacturer's Association. Clay Craft India Limited and Ceramic Tableware Private Limited have provided all relevant information for the purpose of the present application comprising more than 25% of total Indian Production. Following producers have supported the present application Umberto Ceramics International Private Limited, Clawiz Ceramicware LLP, Anurag Udhyog, D C Ceramic, Mudrika Ceramics India Pvt Ltd., Eva Ceramics, Krishna Ceracoats Industries (Krista), Sonaki Ceramic and Rughuvar (India) Ltd. The applicants along with supporters comprises more than 50% of total Indian Production.

16. As per the information available on record, the Authority considers that the Applicant constitutes an eligible domestic industry within the meaning of Rule 2(b) of the AD Rules and the application satisfies the requirement of Rule 5(3) of the AD Rules.

F. Basis for Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Dumping

Normal Value for China PR

17. The applicant has claimed that China PR should be treated as a non-market economy and the normal value should be determined in terms of Rule- 7 of Annexure I of the AD Rules. The applicant has cited Para 8(2) of Annexure I of the AD Rules and has stated that the Chinese producers should be directed to demonstrate that market economy conditions prevail in the industry producing the subject good in terms of Para 8(3) of Annexure I of the AD Rules. The applicant has claimed that for China PR, normal value should be determined in accordance with Para 7 and 8 of Annexure I of the AD Rules.

18. The applicant has submitted that efforts were made to determine normal value on the basis of price or constructed value in a market economy third country. However, the applicant could not get reliable information regarding the information on price or cost in market economy in a third country. Therefore, the normal value has been constructed based on cost of production of the applicant, duly adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses, with reasonable profit. The same has been considered for the purpose of initiation of the investigation. There is sufficient evidence claimed by the applicant with regard to Normal value of subject good in China PR.

Export Price

19. The Applicant has determined the export price for the subject country by considering the volume and value of imports as per its market intelligence. However, for the purpose of the determining export price of subject good from subject country, DGCI&S data has been adopted for ascertaining ex-factory export price. Adjustments on account of Ocean freight, Marine insurance, Port expenses,

Commission and Bank Charges in the concerned subject country have been made.

Dumping Margin

20. The normal value and the export price have been compared at ex-factory level, which *prima facie* shows that the dumping margin is above the *de-minimis* level and is significant with respect to the product under consideration exported from the subject country. Thus, there is *prima facie* evidence that the product under consideration from the subject country is being dumped in the Indian market by the exporters from the subject country.

G. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Injury and Casual Link

21. The present investigation being a sunset review, the Authority is required to examine whether the cessation or revocation of the duty in force would lead to a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

22. The applicant has provided *prima facie* evidence establishing that the subject imports have continued to cause injury to the domestic industry. The volume of subject imports has increased over the injury period. The subject imports have continued to undercut the prices of the domestic industry. Further, there is likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury as India is a crucial market for Chinese producers as dumping has continued in India. Chinese producers have excess capacities and they are dumping in third country and have lost market due to imposition of anti-dumping duty in another jurisdiction. The Authority notes that there is sufficient *prima facie* evidence demonstrating likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and consequent injury to the domestic industry in the event of cessation of current anti-dumping duties on imports of the subject goods from the subject country.

H. Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation

23. On the basis of the duly substantiated application filed by the applicant, and having satisfied itself, on the basis of the *prima facie* evidence substantiating the likelihood of continuation/ recurrence of dumping and consequent injury to the domestic industry in case of cessation of anti-dumping duty on imports of the subject goods from the subject country, and in accordance with Section 9A(5) of the Act, read with Rule 23 (1B) of the Rules, the Authority hereby initiates a sunset review to examine whether the expiry of existing anti-dumping duty on imports of subject goods from the subject country is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

24. Since, an existing anti-dumping duty concerning imports of Ceramic Tableware and Kitchenware, excluding knives and toilet items is also applicable on Malaysia vide Notification No. 1612022- Customs (ADD) 24th May 2022, any continuation of duty will extend to the imports of subject goods originating in or exported from Malaysia.

I. Procedure

25. The sunset review will cover all aspects of the final findings published vide Notification F.No.14/05/2016-DGAD dated 8th December 2017, F.No.7/33/2020-DGTR dated 3rd August, 2021 and final findings published vide Notification No. 7/20/2021-DGTR dated 10th March 2022, recommending imposition of anti-

dumping duty on imports of subject goods originating in or exported from the subject country.

J. Submission of Information

26. All the interested parties are required to register themselves on SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>). All communications and submissions from the interested parties shall be uploaded on the SETU portal under their registered name and corresponding SETU Case ID no. No **AD/SSR/012/2026**. It should be ensured that the narrative part of the submission is in searchable PDF/MS-Word format and data files are in MS-Excel format.

27. The known producers/exporters in subject country, the government of subject country through its Embassy in India, and the importers and users in India who are known to be associated with the product under consideration are being informed separately to enable them to file all the relevant information within the time limits mentioned in this initiation notification. All such information must be filed in the form and manner as prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority.

28. Any other interested party may also make a submission relevant to the present investigation in the form and manner as prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority within the time limits mentioned in this initiation notification.

29. Any party making any confidential submission before the Authority is required to make a non-confidential version of the same available to the other interested parties.

30. 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. Interested parties are directed to regularly visit the website of DGTR (<https://www.dgtr.gov.in/>) to stay apprised with the further developments in the subject investigation and remain informed regarding notices that may be issued from time to time regarding questionnaire formats, PCN methodology, PCN discussion/meeting schedule, notice of oral hearing, corrigendum, amendment notifications, and other such information.

K. Time Limit

31. Any information relating to the present investigation should be uploaded on the SETU portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) under their registered name and corresponding case ID – **AD/SSR/012/2026**.

32. Both versions of each submission, the confidential version (CV) and the non-confidential version (NCV) must be uploaded in the respective designated columns within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application filed by the domestic industry would be circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country as per Rule 6(4) of the AD Rules, 1995. If no information is received within the stipulated time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings based on the facts available on record and in accordance with the AD Rules, 1995.

33. All the interested parties are hereby advised to intimate their interest (including

the nature of interest) in the instant matter and file their questionnaire responses within the above time limit as stipulated in this notification through SETU portal only.

34. The 15-day period to file comments on the scope of the PUC/ PCN Methodology shall run concurrently with the time limit mentioned in para 32 above of this Initiation Notification.

35. Extension due to Modification of PUC/PCN: An extension of time by 15 days shall be granted if the Authority, 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 AD Rules.

36. Any request for an extension must be submitted by the concerned parties through the SETU portal at least one day before the original deadline specified above. Requests submitted after this time will not be considered.

L. Submission of Information on Confidential Basis

37. Where any party to the present investigation makes confidential submissions or provides information on a confidential basis before the Authority, such party is required to simultaneously submit a non-confidential version of such information in terms of Rule 7(2) of the Rules and in accordance with the relevant trade notices issued by the Authority in this regard. Failure to adhere to the above may lead to rejection of the response/submissions.

38. The parties making any submission (including Appendices/ Annexures attached thereto), before the Authority including questionnaire responses, are required to file confidential and non-confidential versions separately.

39. Such submissions must be clearly marked as 'confidential' or 'non-confidential' at the top of each page. Any submission that has been made to the Authority without such markings shall be treated as 'non-confidential' information by the Authority, and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow other interested parties to inspect such submissions.

40. The confidential version shall contain all information which is, by nature, confidential, and/or other information, which the supplier of such information claims as confidential. For the information which is claimed to be confidential by nature, or the information on which confidentiality is claimed because of other reasons, the supplier of the information is required to provide a good cause statement along with the supplied information as to why such information cannot be disclosed.

41. The non-confidential version of the information filed by the interested parties is required to be a replica of the confidential version with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out (where indexation is not possible) and such information must be appropriately and adequately summarized depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on a confidential basis. However, in exceptional

circumstances, the party submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summary, and a statement of reasons containing a sufficient and adequate explanation as to why such summarization is not possible, must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.

42. The interested parties can offer their comments on the issues of confidentiality within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents.

43. The Authority may accept or reject the request for confidentiality on examination of the nature of the information submitted. If the Authority is satisfied that the request for confidentiality is not warranted or if the supplier of the information is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorize its disclosure in generalized or summary form, it may disregard such information.

44. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or a sufficient and adequate cause statement in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules, and appropriate trade notices issued by the Authority, on the confidentiality claim shall not be taken on record by the Authority.

M. Inspection of Public File

45. All non-confidential versions of submissions made by any interested party will be accessible to other interested parties through their respective login on the SETU portal.

N. Non-Cooperation

46. In case any interested party refuses access to and otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period or within the time stipulated by the Authority in this initiation notification, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may declare such interested party as non-cooperative and record its findings based on the facts available and make such recommendations to the Central Government as it deems fit.

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