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INITIATION NOTIFICATION

SETU CASE ID - AD/OI/055/2026

Subject: Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Internally Grooved Copper Tubes and Pipes from China PR, Thailand and Viet Nam.

1. F. No. 6/53/2026-DGTR: Having regards to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, as amended from time to time (hereinafter 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 referred to as the 'Rules'), MetTube Copper India Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as the 'applicant') has filed an application before the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the 'Authority'), for initiation of an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Internally Grooved Copper Tubes and Pipes (hereinafter referred to as the 'product under consideration' or the 'subject goods' or 'IGT'), originating in or exported from China PR, Thailand and Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as the 'subject countries').
2. The applicant has alleged that the dumped imports of the subject goods from the subject countries are materially retarding the establishment of the domestic industry in India and has requested for the imposition of anti-dumping duties on the imports of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject countries.
3. The applicant has stated that there is no concluded or ongoing trade remedy investigation in respect of the product under consideration, and that in the countervailing duty investigation concerning imports of copper pipes and tubes which was concluded vide final finding 04/10/2020-DGTR dated 31st January 2022, the subject goods were excluded from the scope of the product under consideration on account of the absence of domestic production of such goods at that time. The Authority notes that no anti-dumping duty or countervailing duty is in force on the subject goods and that the present application is accordingly an application for initiation of an original investigation in terms of Rule 5 of the Rules.

A. Product under consideration

4. The product under consideration in the present investigation is “Internally Grooved Copper Tubes and Pipes”, also referred to as internally grooved tubes or IGT and known in market parlance as microfin tubes. The subject goods are tubes and pipes of copper having a series of grooves or ridges on the inner surface, which increase the heat transfer efficiency of the system in which they are used by increasing the internal surface area of the tube and enhancing the turbulence of the refrigerant flowing through it. The subject goods may be of refined copper or of copper alloys, are hollow products, coiled or not, having a uniform cross-section with only one enclosed void along their whole length and a uniform wall thickness, and may be supplied in any coiled form, including level wound coil, whether in ETS or ETW packaging, and jumbo coil.
5. The subject goods are produced by carrying out a further grooving operation on plain or smooth copper tubes and pipes. The applicant has stated that the subject goods require specialised machinery, technology and customer qualification, that they are supplied principally to manufacturers of air-conditioners and heat exchangers, and that they are not substitutable with plain copper tubes and pipes, which are used in plumbing, refrigeration and general engineering applications. For the purpose of initiation, plain or smooth copper tubes and pipes do not form part of the product under consideration. The interested parties may furnish their comments on the scope of the product under consideration.
6. The subject goods are principally used in the condensers of air-conditioners on account of their heat transfer properties, and are also used in air-conditioner evaporators, water heaters, automotive air-conditioners, heat pipe radiators of electronic products, solar equipment and water-cooled screw chilled water units.
7. The unit of measurement considered in the present investigation for the product under consideration is Metric Tonnes (MT).
8. The product under consideration is classifiable under tariff items 7411 10 00, 7411 21 00, 7411 22 00 and 7411 29 00 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The customs classification is indicative only and is not binding on the scope of the present investigation.
9. The applicant has not proposed a Product Control Number (“PCN”) methodology. All interested parties are advised to furnish their comments on the scope of the PUC and PCN methodology, if required, within 15 days from the date of transmission of the intimation letters, containing, inter alia, the non-confidential version of the application and the respective questionnaire(s), to the known interested parties and the diplomatic representative(s) of the subject country/countries.

B. Like article

10. The applicant has stated that there is no known difference between the subject goods produced by it and those exported from the subject countries. The domestic product and the imported subject goods are comparable in terms of physical and chemical characteristics, functions and uses, product specifications, manufacturing process and tariff classification; they are technically and commercially substitutable and are used interchangeably by consumers. Thus, for the purpose of initiation of the present investigation, the subject goods produced by the applicant are being treated as 'like article' to the product under consideration imported from the subject countries.

C. Domestic industry & standing

11. The application has been filed by MetTube Copper India Private Limited. The applicant has stated that it was the only producer of the subject goods in India during the period of investigation, that Nissan Copper Limited discontinued production of the subject goods, that Global Copper Private Limited has not commenced production of the subject goods, and that the production of the subject goods by Hindalco Industries Limited and Ram Ratna Wires Limited commenced only after the end of the period of investigation. There is no supporter of the application and no Indian producer has opposed it. The Authority notes that the output of the applicant constitutes the whole of the Indian production of the like article and accordingly a major proportion thereof in terms of Rule 2(b) of the Rules.
12. The applicant has disclosed that it did not import the subject goods from the subject countries during the injury period including the period of investigation, that it imported the subject goods from Malaysia in 2023-24 and in the period of investigation, and that it is related to a producer of the like article in Malaysia. The applicant has stated that the imports were limited in quantity occasioned by operational constraints in its plant. The Authority notes that Malaysia is not a subject country, so that neither the imports so made nor the relationship so disclosed is in respect of the alleged dumped article, and that the exception in Rule 2(b) of the Rules is accordingly not attracted.
13. Based on information available on record, the Authority is *prima facie* satisfied that the applicant constitutes domestic industry within the meaning of Rule 2(b). The application satisfies the requirements of standing in terms of Rule 5(3).

D. Subject countries

14. The subject countries in the present investigation are China PR, Thailand and Viet Nam.

E. Period of investigation

15. The applicant has proposed the period of investigation as 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, which is a period of 12 months. The Authority has considered the period of

investigation as 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. The injury investigation period covers the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation.

F. Basis of alleged dumping

i. Normal value for China PR

16. The applicant has cited and relied upon Article 15(a) of China's Accession Protocol and has claimed that China PR should be treated as a non-market economy and that producers from China PR should be directed to demonstrate that market economy conditions prevail in the industry with regard to the production and sales of the product under consideration. Unless the producers from China PR show that such market economy conditions prevail, their normal value should be determined in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of Annexure-I to the Rules, 1995.
17. The applicant has submitted that information relating to the price or the constructed value of the product under consideration in a market economy third country, and the price from such a third country to other countries including India, is not available to it, and has claimed normal value for China PR on the basis of the cost of production of the like article in India with reasonable additions for selling, general and administrative expenses and for profit. The Authority notes that paragraph 7 of Annexure-I permits the determination of normal value on any other reasonable basis, including the price actually paid or payable in India for the like product duly adjusted to include a reasonable profit margin, where the anterior bases specified therein are not available. For the purpose of initiation, the normal value for China PR has accordingly been constructed on the basis of the optimised cost of production of the like article in India, duly adjusted and with the addition of a reasonable profit margin.

ii. Normal value for Thailand and Viet Nam

18. The applicant has claimed that a particular market situation prevails in Thailand and Viet Nam, and has stated that it could not obtain the domestic selling price of the like article in those countries, the price of exports therefrom to an appropriate third country, or the cost of production of the like article therein.
19. The Authority notes that Section 9A(1)(c) of the Act specifies the comparable price in the ordinary course of trade for the like article when meant for consumption in the exporting country and, where such price is not available, a comparable representative price of the like article when exported from the exporting country to an appropriate third country or the cost of production in the country of origin with reasonable additions for administrative, selling and general costs and for profits. The Authority further notes, having also examined the sources available to it, that the domestic selling prices in the subject countries are not available on the record, that the trade data available for the purpose of a third-country export price is not at dedicated level of classification for the product under consideration and may not reliably reflect the price of the like article, and that the cost of production in the countries of origin is not available at this stage.

For the purpose of initiation, the normal value in respect of each subject country has accordingly been determined on the facts available, the optimised cost of production of the like article in India having been adopted as the best information available, duly adjusted and with the addition of a reasonable profit margin. The basis of the normal value shall be examined in the course of the investigation on the responses of the producers and exporters concerned.

iii. Export price

20. The export price of the product under consideration has been determined by considering the CIF price of the product under consideration as reported in DG Systems transaction-wise import data. Appropriate adjustments, as claimed by the applicant, have been considered on account of ocean freight, marine insurance, port and handling charges, credit cost and inventory carrying cost to arrive at the ex-factory export price.

iv. Dumping margin

21. The normal value and export price have been compared at the ex-factory level, which prima facie establishes that the dumping margin in respect of the product under consideration imported from each of the subject countries is positive and above the de minimis level. There is sufficient prima facie evidence that the product under consideration is being dumped into the domestic market of India by exporters from the subject countries.

G. Injury and causal link

22. The applicant has alleged that the dumped imports of the subject goods from the subject countries are materially retarding the establishment of the domestic industry in India and has furnished prima facie evidence in support thereof. The effects of the imports from the subject countries have been assessed cumulatively for the purpose of initiation in terms of paragraph (iii) of Annexure-II to the Rules. The information furnished by the applicant and the DG Systems transaction-wise import data with the Authority prima facie show that the demand for the subject goods in India was met almost entirely through imports until the applicant commenced production, that the subject imports increased over the injury period and continued to account for the predominant share of the demand in India during the period of investigation, and that the domestic industry, in its first full year of production, was able to secure only a marginal share of that demand. The landed price of the subject imports remained below both the cost of sales and the net sales realisation of the domestic industry in each year in which it operated and undercut its prices. The domestic industry was unable to raise its selling price to the level of its cost of sales, its production of the subject goods remained a small proportion of the capacity installed for the grooving operation, its inventories increased, and its profits, cash profits and return on capital employed were negative in both years of its operation.

23. The Authority notes that the volume of the imports from each of the subject countries is not prima facie negligible. Having regard to Annexure-II to the Rules, the Authority prima facie considers, for the purpose of initiation, that there is sufficient evidence of material retardation of the establishment of the domestic industry, the adverse effect of the subject imports being manifested through their effect on the prices of the domestic industry and on the volumes it has been able to secure, and of a causal link between the alleged dumping and such injury.

H. Initiation of anti-dumping investigation

24. On the basis of the duly substantiated written application submitted by the applicant and having reached satisfaction based on the prima facie evidence submitted by the applicant concerning the dumping of the product under consideration originating in or exported from the subject countries, the consequential material retardation of the establishment of the domestic industry as a result of the alleged dumping of the product under consideration and the causal link between such injury and the dumped imports, and in accordance with Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Rules, the Authority, hereby, initiates an anti-dumping investigation to determine the existence, degree, and effect of the dumping with respect to the product under consideration originating in or exported from China PR, Thailand and Viet Nam and to recommend the appropriate amount of anti-dumping duty, which if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry.
25. The applicant has requested the Authority to recommend the imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty in terms of Rule 13 of the Rules, to provide an opportunity of oral hearing and to recommend the imposition of anti-dumping duty for a period of five years. The Authority notes that these requests do not fall for determination at the stage of initiation. The same shall be considered, if and to the extent warranted, at the appropriate stage of the investigation, and the interested parties may furnish their comments thereon within the time limit prescribed in this notification.

I. Procedure

26. The provisions stipulated in Rule 6 of the Rules shall be followed in this investigation.

J. Submission of information

27. All the interested parties are required to register themselves on SETU Portal (<http://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 case ID-AD/OI/055/2026. 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.

28. The known producers/exporters in the subject countries, the governments of the subject countries through their Embassies in India, and the importers and users in India known to be concerned with the subject goods are being informed separately to enable them to file all the relevant information within the time limits set out below.
29. Any other interested party may also make a submission relevant to the present investigation in the form and manner within the time limits set out below. 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 Directorate General of Trade Remedies at www.dgtr.gov.in and SETU portal (<http://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) for any updated information with respect to this investigation. Interested parties are directed to regularly visit the website of the DGTR (<http://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 must be uploaded by the interested parties on the SETU portal (<http://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) under their registered name and corresponding case ID - AD/OI/055/2026. Both version 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 of transmission of the intimation letters, containing, inter alia, the non-confidential version of the application and the respective questionnaire(s), to the known interested parties and the diplomatic representative(s) of the subject country/countries, in accordance with Rule 6(4) of the 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 Rules, 1995.
32. 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.
33. The 15-day period to file comments on the scope of the PUC/PCN Methodology shall run concurrently with the time limit mentioned in this initiation notification.
34. 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. The 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 days extension (if granted), will ordinarily not be considered except in case of exceptional circumstances, in line with the Rules 6(4) of the Rules.

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

L. Submission of information on confidential basis

36. 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.
37. The parties making any submission (including Appendices/Annexes attached thereto), before the Authority including questionnaire responses, are required to file confidential and non-confidential versions separately.
38. 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.
39. 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.
40. The non-confidential version of the information filed by the interested parties should 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.
41. 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 in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules, 1995, and appropriate trade notices issued by the Authority, 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. 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.
44. 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.
45. The Authority on being satisfied and accepting the need for confidentiality of the information provided, shall not disclose it to any party without specific authorisation of the party providing such information.

M. Inspection of public file

46. 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

47. In case any interested party refuses access to or 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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