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INITIATION NOTIFICATION
SETU CASE ID - CVD/OI/009/2026

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

1. **F. No. 6/54/2026-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 Countervailing Duty on Subsidized 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-subsidy/countervailing duties 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'). The applicant has alleged that the subsidized 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-subsidy/countervailing duties on the imports of the subject goods, originating in or exported from the subject countries.
2. 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 6 of the Rules.

A. Allegation of subsidization

3. The applicants have alleged that the producers/exporters of the subject goods in the subject countries have benefitted from the actionable subsidies provided at various

levels by the governments of the subject countries, including the governments of different provinces and municipalities in which producers/exporters are located, and other 'public bodies'. The applicant has relied upon the relevant Laws, Rules and Regulations, and other Notifications of the relevant government agencies and public bodies as available in the public domain and in the determination of other investigating authorities who had conducted comprehensive investigations of such schemes and concluded the existence of countervailable subsidy programs.

B. Consultation

4. In terms of Article 13 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM) pre-initiation consultations were held on 03.09.2026 with Government of Vietnam and 08.09.2025 with Government of Thailand. The comments of the representatives of the Government of Vietnam and Thailand have been taken on record. The Government of China did not avail the opportunity of pre-initiation consultations.

C. Product under consideration

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The unit of measurement considered in the present investigation for the product under consideration is Metric Tonnes (MT).

9. 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.
10. 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.

D. Like article

11. 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.

E. Domestic industry & standing

12. 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.
13. The applicant has disclosed that it is not related to any producer/exporter of subject goods in the subject countries, that it is related to producer/exporter of subject goods in Malaysia, 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, such imports being limited in quantity and occasioned by operational constraints in its plant. The applicant has further stated that the material so imported was further processed before sale and that the imports were not occasioned by any price consideration. Based on the material on record, the Authority *prima facie* considers that there are no grounds for believing or suspecting that the effect of the relationship is such as to cause the applicant to behave differently from non-related producers in terms of the Explanation to Rule 2(b) of the

Rules, and that the imports so made do not change the character of the applicant as a producer of the like article. The exception in Rule 2(b) of the Rules is accordingly not attracted.

14. 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 6(3).

F. Subject countries

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

G. Period of investigation

16. 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.

H. Subsidy programs

17. The *prima facie* evidence provided by the applicant shows that the producers and exporters of the subject goods in the subject countries have benefitted from a number of subsidy schemes/programs, granted by the governments of respective subject countries and/or their respective public bodies as listed below. The alleged subsidies consist of direct transfer of funds and potential direct transfer of funds or liabilities; Government revenue that is otherwise due is foregone or not collected; provision of goods and services for less than adequate remuneration; etc.
18. The applicant has alleged that the following subsidy schemes/programs are availed by the producers of the product under consideration in subject countries.

China PR

I. Programs in the Form of Provision of Goods and Services at less than Adequate Remuneration

Program No. 1 – Land use rights provided at less than adequate remuneration

Program No. 2 – Land Use Rights for SOEs.

Program No. 3 – Provision of Electricity at less than adequate remuneration

Program No. 4 – Provision of Water for less than adequate remuneration

Program No. 5 – Provision of Coal for less than adequate remuneration

Program No. 6 – Provision of Land-Use Rights for less than adequate remuneration
– Land Use Rights in Certain Industrial and SEZs

Program No. 7a – Provision of Natural Gas for less than adequate remuneration

Program No. 7b – Rebate on purchase of copper and Nickel from Iran, Mongolia and Russia.

Program No. 8- Shaanxi Province's 2022 Direct Power Trading Implementation

Plan

II. Programs in the Form of Revenue foregone

Program No. 9 – Tax Policies for the deduction of research and development (R&D) expenses

Program No. 10– Income Tax Refund for Re-investment of FIE Profits by Foreign Investors

Program No. 11– Income Tax Reduction for Advanced Technology FIEs

Program No.12 – Preferential Tax Policies for FIEs and Foreign Enterprises and Certain Domestically- Owned Companies Which Have Establishments or Places in China and are Engaged in Production or Business Operations Purchasing Domestically Produced Equipment's

Program No. 13– Preferential Tax Policies for the Research and Development of FIEs

Program No. 14 – VAT Refunds for FIEs Purchasing Domestically –Produced Equipment

Program No. 15– Tax Reductions for Technology or Knowledge-Intensive FIEs

Program No. 16 – Shanghai Municipal Tax Refund for High-tech Achievement Commercialization Projects

Program No. 17 – Local income tax and reduction program for the productive FIEs

Program No. 18 – Local Income Tax Exemption and/or Reduction in SEZs in Guangdong and Hainan Island

Program No. 19 – Preferential Tax policies for FIEs Established in Pudong Area of Shanghai

Program No. 20– Tariff and VAT Exemptions for Imported Equipment

Program No. 21 – Preferential tax policies for companies that are recognized as high and new technology companies

Program No. 22 – Tax concessions for Western Regions

Program No. 23 – Tax Preference Available to Companies that Operate at a Small Profit

Program No. 24 – Enterprise Income Tax Rate Reduction in the Tianjin Port Free Trade Zone

Program No. 25 – Tax credit concerning the purchase of special equipment

Program No. 26 – Income tax concessions for the enterprises engaged in comprehensive resource utilisation (special raw materials)

Program No. 27 – Income Tax Reduction for Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises established in Special Economic Zone and other designated zones

Program No. 28– Preferential Tax Policies for Foreign Invested Export Enterprises

Program No. 29 – Preferential income tax policy for the enterprises in the Northeast region

Program No. 30 – Dividend exemption between qualified resident enterprises

Program No. 31 – Subsidies Provided in Tianjin Binhai New Area and the Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Area

Program No. 32- Accelerated depreciation or amortization policy for fixed assets or purchased software

Program No. 33- Corporate income tax preference for the two special economic development zones of Kashgar and Horgos in Xinjiang

Program No. 34 - Exemption from consumption tax for qualified batteries and coatings

Program No. 35- Exemption from consumption tax on diesel and industrial fuel

Program No. 36- Program for job in unemployment insurance, stabilizing posts, improving skills and preventing unemployment

Program No. 37- Import tariff and Value- Added Tax Exemptions on Imported Equipment in Encouraged Industries

Program No. 38- Income Tax Deductions for Research and Development Expenses under the Enterprise Income Tax Law

Program No. 39- Income Tax reduction for comprehensive utilization of resources to produce products

Program No. 40- Program to strengthen the implementation of the one- time subsidy for job expansion

Program No. 41 – Personal income tax reimbursement

Program No. 42- Policy on Phased Reduction of unemployment Insurance and Work related injury Insurance Premium Rates

Program No. 43 – Preferential Corporate income tax policy in Guangzhou Nansha

Program No. 44- Preferential environment protection tax for enterprises that are below pollutant discharge standards prescribed by the central and local governments

Program No. 45- Preferential Tax exemptions for Western Regions

Program No. 46- Preferential tax treatment on financing

Program No. 47- Preferential tax treatment on environmental protection for comprehensive utilization of solid waste

Program No. 48- Reduced corporate income tax at a rate of 15% on high tech enterprises

Program No. 49 – Refund of value-added tax on comprehensive resource utilization products and service

Program No. 50- Tax and Fee Policies for further supporting the development of Small and Micro Enterprises and Individual Businesses (six taxes and two fees)

Program No. 51- Worker Retention Allowance

III. Programs in the Form of Preferential Loans and Lending

Program No.52 – Preferential Lending (including Policy Loans)

Program No. 53 – Preferential export financing from the Export-Import Bank of China

Program No. 54 – Preferential Loans for SOEs

Program No. 55 – Allowance to Pay Loan Interest

Program No.56 – Preferential Financing under One Belt One Road Initiative for Companies making Outward Investments

Program No. 57 - Exporter Buyer's Credit Program

Program No. 58 – Loan Interest subsidy

IV. Programs in the Form of Grants

Program No. 59 – Famous Brands Program/ Incentive fund for famous brand Products

Program No. 60 – Grants for Antidumping Investigations

Program No. 61 – Research & Development (R&D) Assistance Grant

Program No. 62 – Export Assistance Grant

Program No. 63– Grants for Listing Shares

Program No. 64 – Grants provided through the Provincial Fund for Fiscal and Technological Innovation

Program No. 65– International Market Fund for Export Companies

Program No. 66 – State Special Fund for Promoting Key Industries and Innovation Technologies

Program No. 67 – Superstar Enterprise Grant

Program No. 68 – Funds for Outward Expansion of industries in Guangdong Province

Program No. 69 – Grant – Special Funds for Fostering Stable Growth of Foreign Trade

Program No. 70– Interim Measures of Fund Management of Allowance for Zhongshan Enterprises to Attend Domestic and Overseas Fair.

Program No. 71– Treasury Bonds Loans or Grants

Program No. 72– Various grants provided to Fuyang City and Hangzhou City

- a. Grant for Enterprises Paying Over RMB 10 million in Taxes
- b. Grants under the Export of Sub-Contract Services Program
- c. Grants under Excellent New Products/Technology Award
- d. Investment grants from Fuyang City Government for key industries
- e. Grants for Enterprises Operating Technology and Research and Development Centers
- f. Local and Provincial Government Reimbursement Grants on export Credit Insurance Fees
- g. Initial Public Offering (IPO) Grants from the Hangzhou Prefecture and the City of Fuyang (Zhejiang Province) & (Anhui Province)

Program No. 73 – Grants provided by Hebei Province

- a. Grants under the Science and Technology program of Hebei Province
- b. Government of Shijiazhuang City Export Award

Program No. 74 – Various grants provided to Shandong Province

- a. Shandong Province's Special Fund for the Establishment of Key Enterprise Technology Centres
- b. Shandong Province's Award Fund for Industrialization of Key Energy- Saving Technology
- c. Shandong Province's Environmental Protection Industry Research and Development Funds
- d. Shandong Province's Construction Fund for Promotion of Key Industries

Program No. 75 – Subsidy of High-Tech Industrial Development Fund

Program No.76 – Announcement of the Investment Plan for the Revitalization and Technological Reform of Key Industries (the Sixth Batch) in the 2010 Central Budget.

Program No. 77 – China Electronics Technology Group Corporation 18th Research Institute Project Funding

Program No. 78 – Famous Brand

Program No. 79- Financial Incentive funds for Air Pollutant Emission Reduction in Guangdong Province.

Program No. 80- Financial subsidies for enterprise Research and Development

Program No.81 - Foreign Trade Development Fund Grants

Program No. 82- Funds for Advanced Manufacturing Budget

Program No. 83- Guangdong Engineering Technology Research Center identification subsidy fund

Program No. 84- Guangdong Province Social Insurance Liquidation Unemployment Subsidy

Program No. 85– High tech enterprise cultivation fund

Program No. 86– Jiangying Industry and Information Bureau special fund (energy saving)

Program No. 87- Key Laboratories Awarded Science and Technology Innovation Fund 2021.

Program No. 88 - Subsidy Funds for Municipal Major Science and Technology / Scientific and Technological Achievement Transformation Projects / Science and Technology Innovation Award / Funding after major science and technology special projects in 2018-19

Program No. 89 – Promote Regional financial assistance for enterprise R &D.

Program No. 90- Regional Financial assistance for enterprise R&D in 2021

Program No. 91- Reimbursement of anti-dumping CVD matters

Program No. 92- Return of unemployment insurance

Program No. 93– Reward subsidy for reducing the fees for the financing guarantee businesses of small and micro enterprises

Program No. 94- Shantou City Work-for-Training Subsidy

Program No. 95- Shantou Comprehensive Bonded Zone High- end Talent Contribution Award Fund

Program No. 96– Shantou Comprehensive Bonded Zone Industrial Production Upgrading Incentive Fund

Program No 97- Shantou Finance Bureau employment subsidies for absorbing college graduates

Program No. 98- Shantou Social Insurance Fund Administration Unemployment benefit subsidy

Program No. 99- Subsidies for small and medium enterprises to develop markets and other projects

Program No. 100– Subsidy to encourage industrial economy and improving quality and efficiency in Haicang district

Program No. 101– Suzhou Industrial Park of Jiangsu Province Special Fund for Green Development

Program No.102- Three Star Rated Enterprise/ Four Star Rated Taxpayer Enterprise Award

Program No.103- Vocational skills promotion action fund

Program No. 104 - Various Government grants received- Received by producers/exporters of China PR/ Ad hoc grants provided by provincial and municipal/regional authorities

Program No. 105: Zhejiang Province Science and Technology Award

Program No 106: Zhejiang Province Standard Innovation Contribution Award

Program No 107: Grants for intelligent manufacturing

V. Programs in the form of Equity Infusion

Program No.108 – Debt for equity swaps

Program No. 109 – Equity infusions

Program No.110– Unpaid dividends

Program No.111– Debt Forgiveness

Program No.112 – Deed Tax Exemption for SOEs Undergoing Mergers or Restructuring

VI. Programs in the form of Export Financing and Export Credit

Program No. 113– Export Seller's Credit

Program No. 114– Export Buyer's Credit

Program No. 115 – Export Credit Insurance Subsidies

Program No. 116– Other export financing from State Owned Banks

Program No. 117– Credit Guarantee by GOC

Thailand

I. Programs in the form of Tax incentives and VAT exemptions

Program no. 1: Exemption/Reduction of Import Duties on Machinery- Section 28 of Investment Promotion Act

Program no. 2: Income Tax Exemption

Program no. 3: Exemptions with regard to the Investment Protection Zone Program

no. 4: Exemption of import duty on raw material imported for use in production for export

Program no. 5: Reduction of Import Duty for Raw or Essential Materials.

Program no. 6: Exemption of Corporate Income Tax for BOI-promoted activities

Program no. 7: 50% Reduction of Corporate Income Tax in Investment Protection Zones

Program no. 8: Income Tax Double Deduction of the Costs of Transportation, Electricity and Water Supply in Promoted Zones

Program No. 9: Additional 25 percent deduction of the cost of installation or Construction of Facilities

Program no. 10: Tax and Duty Compensation/Tax Coupons

Program no. 11: Exemption of Import/Export Duty for Bonded Warehouses

Program no. 12: Incentives for Activities in Infrastructure for the Country's Development, Activities using Advanced Technology to Create Value Added with No or Very Few Existing Investments in Thailand

Program no. 13: Incentives for High Technology Activities which are Important to the Country's Development with a Few Investments Already Existing in Thailand

Program no. 14: Merit-based Incentive for Increase in Competitive Enhancement

Program no. 15: Promotional Privileges

Program no. 16: Duty Drawback under Section 19 of Customs Laws

II. Programs under Free Trade Zones schemes

Program no. 17: Free Trade Zone under Chapter X of Customs Act

Program no. 18: Export Processing Zone (EPZ) under the Industrial Estate Authority Law

III. Schemes in the form of Provision of goods and services for Less than Adequate Remuneration (LTAR)

Program 19: Provision of electricity for LTAR

Vietnam

I. Programs Identified as Tax Incentives and Exemptions

Program No. 1– Import duty exemption or reimbursement for raw material.

Program No. 2 – Import duty exemption for equipment and machinery to create fixed asset.

Program No. 3– Enterprise income tax incentives for enterprises.

Program No. 4 – Exemption on Import for manufacture of Exported Goods.

Program No. 5 – Enterprise Income Tax Exemption under Chapter III of the Law on Enterprise Income Tax.

Program No. 6 -Land Use Tax Exemption under The Ministry of Finance's Guidance on Non-Agricultural Land Use Tax Circular No. 153/2011/TT_BTC

Program No. 7 - Exemption of corporate income tax for enterprises.

II. Programs Identified as Financing

Program No. 8 – Export Trade Promotion Program.

Program No. 9- Export Support Credit.

Program No. 10 – Export credits and credit guarantee obligation from the Vietnam Development Bank

Program No. 11– Export Financing Activity by Vietin Bank.

Program No. 12- Interest Rate Support under the State Bank of Vietnam

III. Programs Identified as Grants and Loans

Program No. 13– Preferential Lending for investors / Preferential guarantee

Program No. 14 – Preferential lending to exporters

Program No. 15 – Assistance to Small- Medium Enterprises.

Program No. 16– Interest rate of the investment credit loans.

Program No. 17 – On investment support on foreign investors who invested on establishing small and medium scale enterprises.

Program No. 18– Financial Guarantees by Vietin Bank.

IV. Programs Identified as Provision of Goods and Services at Less than Adequate Remuneration

Program No. 19: Land preference for Enterprises in Encouraged Industries or Industrial Zones

Program No. 20: Exemptions or reductions on water rent

Program No. 21: Government provision of land for less than adequate remuneration and exemptions or reductions from land rents

Program No. 22: Provision of electricity for LTAR

Program No. 23: Provision of Coal for LTAR

Program No. 24: Provision of natural gas for LTAR

19. It has been alleged that the above-mentioned schemes are subsidies since these involve a financial contribution from the governments of the respective subject countries or other regional or local governments of such respective countries, including public bodies and confer a benefit on the recipient (s). These are also alleged to be limited to certain enterprises or groups of enterprises and/or products and/or regions and therefore specific and countervailable. These are also in some cases alleged to be contingent upon the use of domestic over imported goods and/or contingent upon export performance
20. The producers/exporters are advised to provide information with respect to any other subsidy scheme that may have been availed by them.
21. The Authority reserves the right to investigate other subsidies, which may be found to exist and availed by the producers and exporters of the subject goods, during the course of investigation.

I. Injury and causal link

22. The applicant has alleged that the subsidized 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 (4) of Annexure-I 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-I 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 subsidized imports and such injury.

J. Initiation of anti-subsidy 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 existence of countervailable subsidies on production and export of the subject goods in the subject countries, the consequential material retardation of the establishment of the domestic industry as a result of the alleged subsidized imports and the causal link between such injury and the subsidized imports, and in accordance with Section 9 of the Act read with Rule 6 of the Rules, the Authority, hereby, initiates an anti-subsidy investigation to determine the existence, degree, and effect of the subsidization 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-subsidy 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-subsidy duty in terms of Rule 14 of the Rules, to provide an opportunity of oral hearing and to recommend the imposition of anti-subsidy 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.

K. Procedure

26. The provisions stipulated in Rule 7 of the Rules shall be followed in this investigation.

L. 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 Setu case ID- CVD/OI/009/2026. 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.

M. 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 Setu case ID- CVD/OI/009/2026. 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 7(4) of the Rules. 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.
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 7(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.

N. 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 8(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 8 of the Rules, 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 8 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.

O. 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.

P. 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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