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The application was filed by IG Petrochemicals Limited, Thirumalai Chemical Industries Limited and TCL Intermediates Private Limited, and is supported by KLJ Petroplast Limited, another domestic producer. The duty was imposed by Notification No. 43/2021- Customs (ADD) dated August 9, 2021 and is in force until August 8, 2026. The application also named Indonesia, a country covered by the original investigation, but the review is not initiated against it for want of a duly substantiated application.

Phthalic Anhydride is a chemical intermediate produced from ortho-xylene or naphthalene and used in plasticizers, polyester and alkyd resins, polyester polyols, dyes and pigments. It is classified under sub-heading 29173500, which is indicative only, and its scope is unchanged from the original investigation.

The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, with injury examined from April 2022. The Authority finds, prima facie, a significant dumping margin and a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury if the duty ceases. It will review whether the duty needs to continue. Interested parties are to file submissions on the SETU portal within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review initiation
Case number	CASE No. AD (SSR)- 14/2025
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Product	Phthalic Anhydride (PAN)
What it covers	The product under consideration is Phthalic Anhydride (PAN), an anhydride of Phthalic Acid commercially produced by catalytic

	oxidation of Ortho-xylene or Naphthalene: a colorless solid variously referred to as Phthalic Anhydride flakes, Phthalic Anhydride (98% min.), Phthalic Acid Anhydrous or Phthalic Anhydride (99.8% min). The scope is the same as defined in the original investigation. The applicants have not proposed any PCN methodology.
Customs codes	29173500
Countries	China, South Korea, Thailand
Applicant	IG Petrochemicals Limited (IGPL), Thirumalai Chemical Industries Limited (TCL) and TCL Intermediates Private Limited (TCLIPL) (a 100% owned subsidiary of Thirumalai Chemical Industries)
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	April 2022 - March 2023, April 2023 – March 2024, April 2024 - March 2025 and the proposed period of investigation
Findings	• The anti-dumping duty imposed by Notification No. 43/2021-Customs (ADD) dated August 9, 2021, following an original investigation initiated on May 21, 2020 against China, Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand, is in force until August 8, 2026. • The review is not initiated against Indonesia, as there is no duly substantiated application on the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury from Indonesia. • One other domestic producer, KLJ Petroplast Limited, which commenced production in June 2023, supported the application, and the Authority is satisfied that the applicants constitute domestic industry and meet the standing requirements of Rule 5(3). • For initiation, normal value for China was based on the applicants' cost of production with reasonable addition for margins, and for South Korea and Thailand on the applicants' cost of production with reasonable addition for profits; export price was based on DG Systems transaction-wise CIF data. • The comparison at ex-factory level prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de minimis level and significant, and the information provided prima facie shows likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury if the duty ceases. • The applicants report price depression, financial losses, a significant decline in cash profits and negative return on capital employed, and have provided information on surplus capacities, export orientation and the price attractiveness of India.

Recommendation	The Authority initiates a sunset review investigation under Section 9A(5) of the Act read with Rule 23 (IB) of the Rules to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force and to examine whether their expiry is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.
Time limits	• Interested parties to upload submissions, in confidential and non-confidential versions, on the SETU portal under case ID AD/SSR/11112025/01: 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 • Comments on the scope of the product under consideration and PCN: within 15 days from the date of initiation of this investigation or date of the receipt of this notice, running concurrently with the main time limit • Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline • Comments on issues of confidentiality: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 990 KB)

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