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The duty under review, USD 307/MT on imports from China, was imposed by Notification No. 13/2025-Customs (ADD) dated June 6, 2025, after an original investigation that also covered Japan. Insoluble Sulphur is a polymeric sulphur used as a vulcanization agent in rubber. The review compared the absorption period, July 1 to December 31, 2025, with the period of investigation of the original investigation, January 1 to December 31, 2023. No producer or exporter from China took part.

The Authority found that the ex-factory export price fell by USD 245/MT, to USD 861/MT, while raw material costs, chiefly sulphur, rose, and that the domestic industry could not raise its prices in line with its costs. It concluded that the duty had been absorbed and rendered ineffective to that extent. The reassessed dumping margin is 50-60% and the injury margin 50-60%, against 30-40% and 20-30% in the original investigation.

The Authority recommends raising the duty on Insoluble Sulphur from China to USD 485 per MT, the lesser of the two reassessed margins, for the remaining period of the existing duty. It recommends that the modified duty apply from July 3, 2026, the date from which imports have been provisionally assessed under Notification No. 13/2026-Customs (ADD), rather than from the date of initiation. The duty on imports from Japan is unchanged.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Other
Case number	Case No. AD (AA)-02/2026
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Product	Insoluble Sulphur

What it covers	Insoluble Sulphur is a polymeric sulphur insoluble in carbon disulphide (CS2), generally used as a vulcanization agent in rubber applications to resist blooming. The scope is the same as in the original investigation; requests to reconsider excluding certain grades were not taken up, as an anti-absorption review is confined to examining absorption of the duty. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2802 00 10, 3812 39 30, 3824 99 00
Countries	China
Applicant	OCCL Limited
Period of investigation	Absorption period 1st July 2025 to 31st December 2025 (six months), compared with the period of investigation of the original investigation, 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
Findings	• The ex-factory export price from China declined from USD 1,106/MT in the original period of investigation to USD 861/MT in the absorption period, a fall of USD 245/MT, in both Rupee and US Dollar terms; the decline, taken with the rise in cost of production, exceeds the duty in force of USD 307/MT. • The cost of production did not decline: raw material cost rose (indexed 100 to 131) and raw material and utility cost together rose in both Rupee and US Dollar terms, while the landed price from China fell by 17% or USD 217 per MT, from USD 1,281/MT to USD 1,064/MT. • The domestic industry was unable to raise its selling prices in line with its costs despite the duty; the Authority concludes that the duty has been absorbed within the meaning of Section 9A(1B) of the Act and Rule 29 and rendered ineffective to the extent of such absorption. • With normal value based on the import price from Malaysia into India, as in the original investigation, the reassessed dumping margin is 50-60% for the absorption period against 30-40% in the original investigation. • The reassessed injury margin is 50-60% for the absorption period against 20-30% in the original investigation; a fresh determination of injury and causal link is not required under Rule 30(6). • No producer or exporter from China participated in the review or in the original investigation.
Recommendation	The Authority recommends modifying the quantum of the anti-dumping duty imposed on Insoluble Sulphur from China vide Notification No. 13/2025-Customs (ADD) dated June 6, 2025 to USD

	485 per MT, the lesser of the reassessed dumping and injury margins, with the form of the duty (a fixed amount in US Dollars per MT) unchanged. The modified duty is recommended to apply retrospectively from July 3, 2026; the duty on imports from Japan is not affected.
Duty expressed as	Fixed amount in US Dollars per MT
For how long	For the remaining period of the anti-dumping duty imposed vide Notification No. 13/2025-Customs (ADD) dated June 6, 2025, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier; recommended to apply retrospectively with effect from July 3, 2026
What happens next	The Authority recommends that provisional assessments of imports made on or after July 3, 2026, under Notification No. 13/2026-Customs (ADD), be finalized in line with the modified duty. An appeal against the order of the Central Government arising out of these final findings lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country including China PR	Any	485 USD per MT
Any country other than China PR and Japan (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any	485 USD per MT

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