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DGTR examines whether saccharin from Thailand circumvents the countervailing duty on China, and may extend that duty to Thailand from initiation.

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KEY FACTS

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The application was filed by M/s. Swati Petro Products Ltd. and M/s. Blue Jet Healthcare Ltd., supported by two other domestic producers. The countervailing duties on Saccharin from China were continued after a sunset review and imposed by Customs Notification No. 01 of 2025-Customs (CVD) dated February 25, 2025.

The applicants allege that Saccharin exported from Thailand is of Chinese origin, routed through Thailand to avoid the duty, and that Thailand has no genuine manufacturing facilities for it. They state that imports from Thailand began after the duty on China in August 2019, fell after anti-circumvention duties on Thailand in October 2022, and rose again after those duties ceased in February 2025. On prima facie evidence, the Authority notes a change in the pattern of trade without sufficient cause or economic justification, undermining the remedial effect of the existing duty.

The investigation will consider extending the existing countervailing duty to Saccharin imported from Thailand from the date of initiation. The applicants have also asked for retrospective imposition, and the Authority recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product under consideration until the review is complete. The period of investigation is April 2025 to September 2025, and the injury period covers 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the POI.

Interested parties are to register on the SETU portal and file their responses under case ID CVD/AC/19122025/01 within 37 days from the circulation of the non-confidential version of the application.

Measure	Anti-circumvention
Stage	Anti-circumvention initiation
Case number	Case No. CVD(AC)- 01/2026
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Product	Saccharin
What it covers	The product under consideration is "Saccharin in all its forms", as defined in the sunset review of countervailing duty: soluble saccharin (sodium saccharin), insoluble saccharin (saccharin or saccharin acid) and salt of saccharin, in granular and powder forms. The product under investigation is Saccharin exported from Thailand. Customs classification is indicative only.
Customs codes	29251100
Countries	Thailand
Applicant	M/s. Swati Petro Products Ltd. and M/s. Blue Jet Healthcare Ltd.
Period of investigation	April 2025 – September 2025 (6 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and the POI
Findings	• Countervailing duties on Saccharin originating in or exported from China were continued after a sunset review, by Customs Notification No. 01 of 2025-Customs (CVD) dated February 25, 2025, and remain in force. • The applicants allege that the duty is being circumvented through Saccharin consigned from Thailand that is of Chinese origin and routed through Thailand, and that there are no genuine manufacturing facilities for Saccharin in Thailand. • The applicants allege a change in the pattern of trade after the duty on China and after anti-circumvention duties on Thailand ceased in February 2025, with imports from Thailand priced below imports from China and undercutting the domestic industry's selling price. • On prima facie evidence, the Authority notes a change in the pattern of trade, with imports of Saccharin from Thailand rising to a significant level in 2024-25 and the POI without sufficient cause or economic justification, and that these imports are undermining the remedial effects of the existing countervailing duty. • The Authority is satisfied that the application has been made by or on behalf of the domestic industry; two other producers, A. S. Chemopharma Pvt. Ltd. and Shree Vardayini Chemical Industries Pvt Ltd., support it.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-circumvention investigation under Section 9(1)(i) of the Act and Rules 25 and 26 of the CVD Rules to consider extending the existing countervailing duty on imports from China to the product imported from Thailand from the date of

initiation. It recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product under consideration till completion of this review, under Rule 26(4).

Time limits

- Interested parties to file information, questionnaire responses and intimation of interest on the SETU portal under case ID CVD/AC/19122025/01, confidential and non-confidential versions: within 37 days from the date on which the nonconfidential 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 PUC and PCN methodology: 15-day period running concurrently with the above time limit
- Comments on issues of confidentiality: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents
- Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline
- Extension of time where the Authority modifies the PUC and PCN by a subsequent notice: 15 days from the date of such notification of modified PUC and PCN
- Comments on the request for retrospective imposition of duty and provisional assessment: as per the time limit given in this notification

The notification (PDF, 844 KB)

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