ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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2915 12 90
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The application was filed by M/s. Paushak Limited, which states that it is the sole producer of the product in India and accounts for 100% of domestic production. The application also named Hong Kong, but DG Systems data showed no imports from Hong Kong in the injury period or the period of investigation, so China is the only subject country.

Ethyl chloroformate is a colorless, volatile organic liquid used as an intermediate in the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. It has no dedicated HS code and is imported under various tariff headings of Chapter 29, in particular subheading 2915 12 90; the applicant also alleges imports under 2915 13 00 and 2915 90 99; the classification is indicative only. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, and the injury period runs from April 1, 2022.

On the applicant's evidence, the Authority finds prima facie that the product is being dumped at a margin above the de-minimis level, that imports rose in absolute and relative terms, and that the domestic industry faced price suppression and depression and an adverse impact on its profitability. The investigation will determine the existence, degree and effect of dumping and the duty, if any, adequate to remove injury.

Interested parties are to file submissions on the SETU portal within 37 days from circulation of the non-confidential version of the application.

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Case number	Case No. AD(OI)/ 03/2026
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Product	Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF) in any concentration
What it covers	The product under consideration is Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF) in any concentration, an organic chemical compound: a colorless, volatile liquid of the chloroformate class, used as an intermediate in the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. The applicant has not proposed any product control number methodology, and parties may comment on the scope of the product and propose one.
Customs codes	2915 12 90, 2915 13 00, 2915 90 99
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s. Paushak Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The application sought an investigation of imports from China and Hong Kong; as DG Systems data showed no imports of the subject goods from Hong Kong in the injury period or the period of investigation, only China is the subject country. • The applicant states that it is the sole domestic producer, accounting for 100% of production of the subject goods in India, that it has not imported the subject goods and that it is not related to producers or exporters in the subject country; it is treated as the domestic industry. • Normal value for China was constructed from the applicant's cost of production with selling, general and administrative expenses and a reasonable profit, as the applicant could not obtain reliable price or cost information from a market economy third country. • Export price was based on the CIF price in DG System data, and the comparison at ex-factory level prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de-minimis level and significant. • The applicant has provided prima facie evidence that subject imports increased in absolute and relative terms, that there is price suppression and depression, and that the imports have had an adverse impact on the domestic industry's profitability.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Rules to determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and to recommend the anti-dumping duty that would be adequate to remove injury to the domestic industry.

Time limits

- Interested parties to upload submissions and questionnaire responses (confidential and non-confidential versions) on the SETU portal: 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 proposals for a PCN methodology: within 15 days of circulation of the receipt of intimation of initiation of the investigation, running concurrently with the 37-day 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, 816 KB)

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