ANTI-DUMPING / MID-TERM REVIEW FINAL FINDINGS

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KEY FACTS

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7304
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Vedanta Limited applied for a clarification that casing and tubing with premium threading, known as OCTG, made using the Seal-Lock XD process patented by HESPL falls outside the scope. It argued that the product differs in process, use and price, was not made in India during the original period of investigation, and falls under a different HS code. The domestic industry and the Indian Stainless Seamless Pipes Manufacturers Association opposed the request.

The Authority found that the scope does not distinguish threaded from non-threaded products, that the product is made by hot piercing or hot extrusion with threading as an incremental step, and that Jindal Saw Limited has produced and sold it since 2020-21 under a licence from Hunting PLC. It also found no difference in applications and that the product's HS code is covered by the 4-digit heading 7304 on which duty applies.

The Authority concludes that no change to the product scope is needed and that the product concerned remains covered by the duty. It declined an actual-user exemption. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Mid-term review final findings
Case number	Case No. AD (MTR)-03/2025
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Product	Stainless-Steel Seamless Tubes and Pipes
What it covers	Stainless-steel seamless tubes and pipes with diameter up to and including 6 inches, whether manufactured by hot extrusion or hot

piercing and whether sold hot finished or cold finished, including defectives, non-prime or secondary grades, as defined in the original investigation. The review examined whether casing and tubing with premium threading (OCTG) made using the Seal-Lock XD process patented by HESPL falls outside that scope, and found that it does not.

Customs codes	7304, 7304 11, 7304 22
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s Vedanta Limited
Findings	• The review was limited to the product scope, so the Authority did not evaluate dumping or injury and no period of investigation was set. • The scope defined in the original investigation does not distinguish between threaded and non-threaded products, and the product concerned is manufactured by hot piercing or hot extrusion, with Seal-Lock XD threading only an incremental process. • Jindal Saw Limited has produced and sold the product concerned in India since 2020-21, the period of investigation of the original investigation, holds a licence from Hunting PLC for the threading process and has produced an identical article. • The applications of the product concerned do not differ from those considered in the original investigation, and a higher price for one grade does not mean that it is not being dumped. • The HS code of the product concerned is covered by the 4-digit level at which the duty was imposed, and an exclusion based on actual user conditions is not justified because the domestic industry has made and supplied the product.
Recommendation	The Authority concludes that there is no need to change the scope of the product under consideration as determined in the original investigation, and that casing and tubing with premium threading made using the Seal-Lock XD process is covered within it.
What happens next	An appeal against the determination lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.

The notification (PDF, 1.1 MB)

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