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The duties under review were recommended in final findings dated March 7, 2025 and imposed on imports from China and Japan by Notification No. 13/2025-Customs (ADD) dated June 6, 2025, and are scheduled to remain in force until June 6, 2030 unless extended. The present review covers China only. Insoluble sulphur is a polymeric sulphur used as a vulcanization agent in rubber applications, with more than 90% of its consumption in India in the tire industry. It is classifiable under tariff items 2802 00 10 and 3812 39 30, and is also imported under 3824 99 00.

The applicant claims that export prices from China fell during the absorption period of July 2025 to December 2025, although raw material and utility prices rose and raised the cost of production. Its information prima facie shows a decline in export price without a commensurate decline in cost of production, indicating absorption of the duty and an increase in the dumping and injury margins. The review is confined to examining whether the decline in export prices is attributable to a reduction in the cost of production, and to recomputing the dumping and injury margins.

The Authority recommends provisional assessment of all imports of the product until the review is completed. The applicant has asked that any modified duty apply from the date of initiation, and interested parties may comment on this. Responses are due on the SETU portal within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application.

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 which is insoluble in carbon disulphide (CS2), generally used as a vulcanization agent in some rubber applications to resist blooming; more than 90% of its consumption in India is in the tire industry. The scope remains the same as defined in the original investigation, and customs classifications are 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	July 2025 to December 2025 (six-months), the absorption period
Findings	• Anti-dumping duties on insoluble sulphur from China and Japan were recommended by final findings dated March 7, 2025 and imposed by Notification No. 13/2025-Customs (ADD) dated June 6, 2025, scheduled to remain in force until June 6, 2030 unless extended; the duty on China is 307 in a column headed Amount (MT/USD). • The applicant claims the export price from China has declined significantly in the absorption period compared with the original period of investigation, although raw material and utility prices, and so the cost of production, have risen. • The applicant has given prima facie information showing a decline in the export price without a commensurate decline in the cost of production, indicating absorption of anti-dumping duties and a consequent increase in the dumping margin and injury margin. • The applicant claims to be the sole producer of the subject goods in India, has certified that it has not imported them and is not related to exporters from the subject country or importers in India; it constitutes the domestic industry, and the application was filed under Rule 29 within two years of the imposition of duty, with the absorption period later updated from June 2025 - November 2025 to July 2025 - December 2025. • The Authority considers a six-month absorption period appropriate, noting there is no mandatory requirement of a 12-month period for an anti-absorption review.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-absorption review under Section 9A(1B) of the Act and Rule 30 of the Rules to determine the existence and effect of absorption and to recommend modification of the quantum or form of the duty, and recommends provisional assessment of all

imports of the product under consideration until the review is completed.

Time limits

- Interested parties to intimate their interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions on the SETU portal (case ID AD/ABS/22122025/03): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country
- Comments on the applicant's request that any modified duty apply from the date of initiation: within the time frame specified in this notification
- 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 submission of the non-confidential version of the documents by other interested parties

The notification (PDF, 900 KB)

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