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Provisional duty was imposed by Notification No. 33/2019-Customs (ADD) dated August 26, 2019 and definitive duty by Notification No. 05/2020-Customs (ADD) dated March 7, 2020; after a sunset review, the duty was extended by Notification No. 15/2024-Customs (ADD) dated August 23, 2024. The application was filed by DCW Limited, Epigral Limited and Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited, which seek extension of that duty to CPVC exported by M/s Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia, M/s EBC Corporation from Japan and M/s Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand, under tariff items 3904 90 10 and 3904 90 90.

The applicants allege that CPVC resin is exported from China to Malaysia and Japan and then exported to India in resin form, and that CPVC resin or compound is exported from China to Thailand and then exported by Sekisui Specialty Chemicals in resin or compound form. On the prima facie evidence, the Authority notes a change in the pattern of trade, with imports from the three countries rising to a significant level without sufficient cause or economic justification, and finds the imports, prima facie, to be dumped.

The investigation is limited to the three named exporters and does not extend to other producers or exporters in Malaysia, Japan or Thailand. The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, with an injury period covering 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation. Interested parties are to file through the SETU Portal within 37 days of the notice calling for information.

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Product	Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin – whether or not further processed into compound
What it covers	The product under consideration is the same as in the original investigation, used in hot and cold-water plumbing, fire protection, reclaimed and chilled water piping, hydronic piping and many industrial piping applications. The product under investigation is the same product exported by M/s Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia, M/s EBC Corporation from Japan and M/s Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand; exports by other producers or exporters in those countries are not covered. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	3904 90 10, 3904 90 90
Countries	Malaysia, Japan, Thailand
Applicant	DCW Limited, Epigral Limited and Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited
Period of investigation	01 April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and POI
Findings	• The applicants allege that the anti-dumping duty on CPVC resin from China and South Korea, continued by the Central Government vide Notification No. 15/2024-Customs (ADD) dated August 23, 2024, is being circumvented through exports from Japan, Malaysia and Thailand. • The applicants allege that CPVC in resin form is exported from China to Malaysia and Japan and then exported to India in resin form, and that CPVC in resin or compound form is exported from China to Thailand and then exported by Sekisui Specialty Chemicals in resin or compound form. • DCW Limited and Epigral Limited were producers of the product during the period of investigation, while Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited began commercial production after it; the Authority is satisfied that the application is made by or on behalf of the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) read with Rule 26(1). • On the prima facie evidence, the Authority notes a change in the pattern of trade in which imports of the product under investigation from Japan, Malaysia and Thailand have increased to a significant

level without sufficient cause or economic justification, undermining the remedial effects of the existing duty.
- The Authority finds, prima facie, that the imports alleged to be circumventing the duty are dumped; the applicants state that the domestic industry is operating with idle capacities while imports have increased.

Recommendation

The Authority initiates an anti-circumvention investigation under Section 9A(1A) of the Act read with Rules 25 and 26 of the Rules to determine the existence and effect of the alleged circumvention through exports by the three named exporters, on an application seeking extension of the existing anti-dumping duty to the product under investigation.

Time limits

- Interested parties to upload confidential and non-confidential questionnaire responses and submissions on the SETU Portal: within 37 days from the date on which the notice calling for information is sent by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representatives of the countries concerned, in terms of Rule 6(4) read with Rule 26(5) of the Rules
- Requests for extension of time: at least 3 days before the original deadline
- Comments on confidentiality claims made by other parties: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 1.4 MB)

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