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The applicant states that anti-dumping duty is already in force on imports from China under Customs Notification No. 22/2024-Customs (ADD) dated October 22, 2024, and that quantitative restrictions imposed from April 1, 2023 were discontinued by Trade Notice No. 02/2024-25 dated April 18, 2024. No anti-dumping duty is in force on imports from the four subject countries.

The product is isopropyl alcohol, classifiable under tariff item 2905 12 20, which is indicative only. The applicant has not proposed a Product Control Number methodology. The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and the injury period covers the financial years 2022-23 to 2024-25 and the period of investigation.

For initiation, the Authority found prima facie that dumping margins for each subject country are above the de minimis level, that subject imports increased and their landed price remained below the domestic industry's selling price and cost of sales, and that the domestic industry's profits, cash profits and return on capital employed turned negative during the period of investigation. Imports from the four countries were assessed cumulatively.

Interested parties are to register on the SETU portal and file questionnaire responses within 37 days from the transmission of the intimation letters, with comments on product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU CASE ID - AD/OI/063/2026
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Product	Isopropyl Alcohol

What it covers	Isopropyl Alcohol, also known as isopropanol or IPA, a colorless, flammable liquid; the parameters that define it are percentage purity, specific gravity, residual impurities, water content and refractive index. It is used principally as a solvent and excipient in the manufacture of active pharmaceutical ingredients and in drug formulation, as an active ingredient in hand sanitizers, and in the cleaning of medical devices and in automotive, electronics and other industrial applications. The application states that grades are specific to pharmaceutical, cosmetics, food, electronics and general segments, and that the product may be made by hydration of propylene or catalytic hydrogenation of acetone.
Customs codes	2905 12 20
Countries	European Union, South Korea, Taiwan, United States
Applicant	Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	Financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The Authority is satisfied that the applicant constitutes the domestic industry and that the application meets the standing requirements of Rule 5(3); according to the applicant, the one other Indian producer, Deepak Phenolics Limited, has neither supported nor opposed the application. • For initiation, normal value for each subject country was determined on facts available, adopting the optimized cost of production of the like article in India, duly adjusted, with a reasonable profit margin. • The comparison of normal value and export price prima facie shows a dumping margin for each subject country that is positive and above the de minimis level. • Subject imports prima facie increased over the injury period and during the period of investigation, in absolute terms and relative to Indian production and demand, and rose from about one-third of total imports in the base year to the predominant share in the period of investigation. • The landed price of subject imports was below the domestic industry's selling price and cost of sales in each year of the injury period, and the domestic industry's profits, cash profits and return on capital employed turned negative during the period of investigation.

- The Authority prima facie considers that there is sufficient evidence of material injury and of a causal link between the alleged dumping and the injury.

Recommendation

The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation to determine the existence, degree and effect of dumping of Isopropyl Alcohol from the European Union, South Korea, Taiwan and the United States, and to recommend the amount of anti-dumping duty that, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry.

Time limits

- Comments on the scope of the product under consideration and the PCN methodology: within 15 days from the date of transmission of the intimation letters, running concurrently with the main time limit
- Interested parties to intimate interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions (confidential and non-confidential versions) on the SETU portal under case ID AD/OI/063/2026: within 37 days from the date of transmission of the intimation letters to the known interested parties and the diplomatic representatives of the subject countries
- Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline
- Comments on confidentiality claims: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 1.3 MB)

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