ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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Acetone, also known as dimethyl ketone, is a basic organic chemical produced in single grade and used as a solvent or intermediate in organic syntheses. It is imported under tariff item 29141100. The period of investigation is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, and the injury period covers 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation.

For initiation, the Authority found prima facie evidence of a dumping margin above the de minimis level, based on ICIS domestic prices in the subject countries and DG System export data. The applicants' evidence shows imports rising in absolute and relative terms, price depression and a steep fall in profits resulting in losses in the period of investigation.

Interested parties may comment on the product scope within 15 days of initiation and must file questionnaire responses through the SETU portal within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential version of the application. The Authority will determine the existence, degree and effect of any dumping and recommend the amount of duty that would remove the injury.

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Case number	Case No. AD(OI) - 10/2026
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Product	Acetone
What it covers	Acetone, also known as dimethyl ketone: a basic organic chemical produced in single grade, a colorless liquid with an agreeable ether-like odor, used in numerous organic syntheses either as a solvent or as an intermediate. The customs classification is only indicative and is not binding on the scope of the product under consideration.

Customs codes	2914, 29141100
Countries	Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand
Applicant	Deepak Phenolics Limited (DPL) and Hindustan Organic Chemicals Limited (HOCL)
Period of investigation	1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicants proposed a period of investigation of 1st January 2025 to 30th September 2025 (9 months); the Authority has considered 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 instead. • ION Group is another producer of the product but is stated not to have produced it in the injury period; DPL imported a small quantity from the subject countries, less than 1% of total imports and less than 1% of the applicant's total production, and the Authority is satisfied that the applicants constitute the domestic industry and meet the standing requirement of Rule 5(3). • Normal value was based on domestic prices in the subject countries from the ICIS bulletin, adjusted from CFR to ex-factory level, and export price on DG System data; the comparison prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de minimis level. • The applicants' prima facie evidence shows subject imports rising in absolute and relative terms, price depression, an adverse effect on profitability and a steep decline in profits resulting in losses in the period of investigation.
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 amount of anti-dumping duty that, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury.
Time limits	• Interested parties to comment on the product under consideration and PCN methodology: within 15 days from the date of initiation of this investigation, running concurrently with the main time limit • Interested parties to intimate their interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions on the SETU portal (case AD/OI/011/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the diplomatic representative of the exporting country • Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline

- Comments on the confidentiality claimed by the domestic industry: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

What happens next

The investigation follows Rule 6 of the anti-dumping rules; parties that do not provide information within the time limits may be declared non-cooperative and findings recorded on the facts available.

The notification (PDF, 833 KB)

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