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The application was filed by Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited, which the Authority finds to be the only Indian producer during the period of investigation and to account for 100% of Indian production. The other producer, The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), is stated to have ceased production in 2024-25 and remained shut through the period of investigation. Caprolactam (CAS 105-60-2) is used mainly to make Nylon-6 and is classified under the dedicated tariff item 2933 71 00.

The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and the injury period runs from April 1, 2022 through the period of investigation. Normal value for China was based on prices in India with a reasonable profit, and for the other three countries on their export prices to third countries. The Authority finds prima facie evidence of a dumping margin above de minimis for each country, a significant rise in subject imports despite falling demand, price undercutting, and declining production, sales and profitability.

Interested parties must register on the SETU portal and file questionnaire responses within 37 days from circulation of the non-confidential version of the application. Comments on the product scope and PCN methodology are due within 15 days of initiation, running concurrently. The Authority will determine the existence, degree and effect of dumping and recommend any duty needed to remove injury.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU Case ID – AD/OI/052/2026
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Product	Caprolactam

What it covers	Caprolactam, also known as 6-Hexanelactam, CAS Registry Number 105-60-2, a monomer used mainly to make Nylon-6 for Nylon Tyre Cord Fabric and Nylon Filament Yarn, with small use in engineering resins and films. It is produced and sold in liquid and solid forms; except for the difference in physical form, there is no material difference between them. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2933 71 00
Countries	China, Russia, Thailand, United States
Applicant	Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicant is the only Indian producer that manufactured the product during the period of investigation and accounts for 100% of Indian production; the other producer, The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), did not manufacture it during the period of investigation. • For China, claimed to be a non-market economy, normal value was determined on the price actually paid or payable in India for the like product, adjusted to include a reasonable profit margin. • For Russia, Thailand and the United States, normal value was determined on export prices to countries other than India, using Trade Map mirror data for Russia and FOB export data for Thailand and the United States. • A comparison of normal value and export price at ex-factory level prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de minimis level for each subject country. • Subject imports increased significantly in absolute terms and relative to Indian production and consumption despite a decline in demand, with price undercutting, declining production and domestic sales, and deteriorating profitability, cash profits and return on capital employed. • The Authority prima facie finds sufficient evidence of dumping, injury and causal link to justify initiation under Rule 5.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 to determine the existence, degree and effect of dumping and to recommend an appropriate amount of anti-dumping duty adequate to remove injury.

Time limits

- Comments on the scope of the product under consideration and proposed PCN methodology: within 15 days from the date of initiation of this investigation, running concurrently with the time limit for submissions
- Questionnaire responses and other submissions, confidential and non-confidential versions, on the SETU portal (case ID AD/OI/052/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority in SETU or transmitted to the diplomatic representatives of the exporting countries
- 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 circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 755 KB)

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