ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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The application was filed by M/s Expanded Polymer Systems Pvt. Ltd., which states it is the only producer of the product in India. The product, also called Polymer Polyol, is used mainly to make flexible foam for mattresses. It falls under Heading 3907, and the applicant reports imports under 39072010, 39072090, 39072910 and 39072990; the scope is set by the product description, not the tariff item.

The Authority earlier investigated the same product from China, with April 2023 to March 2024 as the period of investigation, and issued final findings on September 26, 2025; no duty was imposed. The applicant's Special Civil Application No. 7230 of 2026 is pending before the High Court of Gujarat, which on June 8, 2026 directed provisional assessment of imports for the time being. The Authority finds no legal bar to a fresh investigation over a different period, without prejudice to those proceedings.

The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and the injury period covers 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation. The Authority finds the dumping margin prima facie above de minimis and significant. The applicant's information shows rising imports, positive price undercutting, losses and under-used capacity, which the Authority finds sufficient prima facie evidence of injury to justify initiation.

Interested parties must register on the SETU portal and file responses within 37 days from circulation of the non-confidential version of the application; extension requests must reach the Authority at least 3 days before the deadline.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU Case ID: AD/OI/067/2026
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Product	Copolymer Polyol of hydroxyl value >= 23.5
What it covers	Copolymer polyol of hydroxyl value of 23.5 or more, also known as Polymer Polyol, used mainly to manufacture flexible foam for mattresses and also bra-cups, where it improves the hardness of slab polyurethane foam. The scope is set by the product description and not by customs classification; goods meeting the description are covered whatever tariff item under Heading 3907 they are imported under. The applicable Indian standard, IS 18174:2023 (Polyether Polyol), is not mandatory, and the unit of measurement is Metric Tons (MT).
Customs codes	3907, 39072010, 39072090, 39072910, 39072990
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s Expanded Polymer Systems Pvt. Ltd.
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the POI
Findings	• The Authority earlier investigated imports of the same product from China (Notification F. No. 6/40/2024-DGTR dated September 30, 2024, period of investigation April 2023 to March 2024) and issued final findings on September 26, 2025; no anti-dumping duty was imposed pursuant to those findings. • The applicant's Special Civil Application No. 7230 of 2026 is pending before the High Court of Gujarat, which by order dated June 8, 2026 directed provisional assessment of imports of the product for the time being; the Authority finds no legal bar to a fresh investigation with a different period, and its finality is subject to the High Court's decision. • The applicant claims to be the sole producer of the subject goods in India with 100% of Indian production; the Authority considers it the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) and finds Rule 5(3) satisfied. • For the initiation, the Authority treated China as a non-market economy and constructed normal value from the applicant's cost of production, adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses, with a reasonable profit margin; the dumping margin at ex-factory level is prima facie above de minimis and significant. • The applicant's information shows subject imports rising in absolute terms and relative to Indian consumption and production, a higher share of the subject country in demand and a lower market share for the applicant compared with the base year,

positive price undercutting, landed value below its cost of sales, financial and cash losses, negative return on investment, under-utilized capacity despite higher demand and higher inventories; the applicant also claims that the imports suppressed and depressed its prices.

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 the alleged dumping and to recommend an amount of anti-dumping duty adequate to remove the injury, subject to the position stated on the proceedings before the High Court of Gujarat.

Time limits

- Comments on the scope of the product under consideration and proposed PCNs: within 15 days of the 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 (SETU Case ID: AD/OI/067/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority on the SETU Portal or transmitted to the diplomatic representative of the exporting country
- 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

What happens next

The finality of the investigation is subject to the decision of the High Court of Gujarat in Special Civil Application No. 7230 of 2026 and to any action by the Central Government on the court's interim directions on provisional assessment.

The notification (PDF, 682 KB)

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