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Phthalic Anhydride is the principal commercial form of phthalic acid and a chemical intermediate in the plastic industry, used in plasticizers, polyester and alkyd resins, polyester polyols, dyes and pigments. It is imported under 29173500. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, and the injury period covers 2022-23 to 2024-25 and the period of investigation.

Because evidence of domestic prices in Taiwan was not available in the public domain, normal value has been considered on the basis of estimates of cost of production with a reasonable addition for margins. Compared with the export price at ex-factory level, it prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de-minimis level. The applicants also show rising subject imports, price undercutting and depression, declining production, sales and capacity utilization, and sharply higher inventories.

Interested parties must register on the SETU portal and file responses within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application, and may comment on the product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days of initiation. The English heading of the notice reads "Termination Notification", but its subject line and text describe the initiation of an investigation.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	Case No. AD(OI) – 04/2026
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Product	Phthalic Anhydride (PAN)

What it covers	Phthalic Anhydride (PAN), the principal commercial form of Phthalic Acid, an organic compound that is the anhydride of phthalic acid. It is a chemical intermediate in the plastic industry, used in plasticizers, polyester resins, alkyd resins used in paints and lacquers, polyester polyols, dyes and pigments. The customs classification is only indicative and is not binding on the scope of the product under consideration.
Customs codes	2917, 29173500
Countries	Taiwan
Applicant	IG Petrochemicals Limited (IGPL), Thirumalai Chemical Industries Limited (TCL) and TCL Intermediates Private Limited (TCLIPL)
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 (a period of 12 months)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicants state that evidence of prices of the subject goods in the domestic market of Taiwan is not available in the public domain, so normal value has been considered on the basis of estimates of cost of production with reasonable addition for margins. • Export price was based on the CIF price in DG System data, adjusted for ocean freight, marine insurance, handling charges, port expenses, inland charges, commission, credit cost and bank charges. • Comparison at ex-factory level prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de-minimis level and significant. • The prima facie evidence shows subject imports rising in absolute and relative terms, price undercutting and price depression, declining production, sales and capacity utilization, sharply higher inventories, a falling market share for the applicants and an adverse impact on profitability. • The applicants have not imported the product from the subject country and are not related to any producer, exporter or importer; the Authority is satisfied that they constitute the domestic industry and meet the standing requirements of Rule 5(3). • The Authority prima facie finds sufficient evidence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry and a causal link between the alleged dumping and injury to justify initiation under Rule 5 of the Rules.
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 to the domestic industry.

Time limits

- Interested parties to comment on the PUC/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/005/2026): within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate 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

The notification (PDF, 1.0 MB)

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