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KEY FACTS

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STAGE
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COUNTRIES
China, Japan

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REFERENCES

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The product covers rider-operated counterbalance forklifts of up to 16 tonnes, powered by diesel or electric, of Class I, IV and V, imported in all forms, including as complete units or as SKD or CKD kits. Standalone parts and components, and pedestrian-operated or stand-on counterbalanced stackers, are excluded. The goods are imported under 84271000, 84272000 and 84279000. The proposed product control numbers are based on fuel type (electric or diesel), segment, type of battery and tonnage. The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

For initiation, normal values for China and Japan are constructed from the cost of production of the applicant, adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses, with a reasonable profit. Compared with export prices from DG Systems data, they prima facie show dumping margins above the de-minimis level. The applicant reports rising imports, price undercutting, cost increases not matched by its selling price, declining capacity utilization, and losses and negative return on capital employed throughout the injury period.

Interested parties must register on the SETU portal and file responses within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application, may comment on the product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days, and must request any extension at least 3 days before the deadline.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU Case ID- AD/OI/061/2026
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Product	Certain Counterbalance Forklifts

What it covers	Certain Counterbalance Forklift upto 16 tonnes, rider operated, powered by diesel or electric, of Class I, IV and V, imported in all forms, including as Completely Built Units (CBU), Semi Knocked Down kits (SKD) and Completely Knocked Down kits (CKD). Standalone parts and components are excluded, and counterbalanced stackers, being pedestrian-operated or stand-on equipment without an operator seat, are not covered. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	8427, 84271000, 84272000, 84279000
Countries	China, Japan
Applicant	Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd.
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (period of 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 proposed period of investigation
Findings	• For initiation, normal value for China is determined under Para 7 of Annexure-I on the basis of the price actually paid or payable in India, constructed from the applicant's cost of production adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses, with reasonable profit. • In the absence of reliable information on domestic prices or costs in Japan, normal value for Japan is constructed on the cost of production of the domestic industry as the best information available, with selling, general and administrative expenses and a reasonable profit margin. • Export price is based on CIF prices in DG Systems import data, adjusted to ex-factory level, and the comparison prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de-minimis level and significant for the subject countries. • Subject imports increased in absolute terms and relative to demand, their landed price is below the domestic industry's selling price, and the domestic industry's increase in cost of sales was not matched by its selling price; the applicant claims a stagnant market share despite growth in demand, declining capacity utilization, and losses, cash losses and negative return on capital employed throughout the injury period that intensified in the period of investigation. • The applicant states its share of total eligible Indian production is approximately 60-70% in the POI and more than 25% of total Indian production; the applicant has treated KION India Private

Limited as ineligible because it imported the subject goods and is related to producers or exporters in the subject countries, and, although the applicant imported small quantities from China, a significant part of them for its rental fleet for testing and evaluation, the Authority has considered it an eligible domestic producer.

Recommendation

The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995 to determine the existence, degree and effect of any alleged dumping and to recommend the appropriate 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 scope of the product under consideration and PCN methodology: within 15 days of transmission of the receipt of the intimation of the initiation of this investigation
- Interested parties to register on the SETU portal, intimate their interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions (SETU ID AD/OI/061/2026): 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 countries
- Requests for extension of time: at least 3 days before the original deadline
- Comments on the confidentiality claimed by the domestic industry: within 7 days of circulation of the receipt of the intimation of the initiation of this investigation

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