ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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**KEY FACTS**

**MEASURE**
Anti-dumping

**STAGE**
Initiation

**COUNTRIES**
China, Japan, Russia

**DATED**
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**REFERENCES**

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The product covers hot rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel, not clad, plated or coated, up to 25 mm thick and 2100 mm wide, in coils and cut to length; stainless steel is excluded. It is classified under headings 7208, 7211, 7225 and 7226. The proposed product control numbers, by alloy type, thickness and width, are those used in the earlier investigation of imports from Vietnam, Case No. AD (OI) – 13/2024. The period of investigation is January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

For initiation, normal value for China is based on import prices from South Korea, and for Japan and Russia on domestic prices reported by BigMint and Platts. Compared with export prices from DGCI&S data, they prima facie show dumping margins above the de-minimis level. The applicants report rising imports, price undercutting, suppression and depression, higher inventories and losses, and claim a threat of further injury.

The applicants have also asked for retrospective imposition of duty. Interested parties must file responses on the SETU portal within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application, and may comment on the product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days of receipt of intimation of initiation.

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| Measure | Anti-dumping |
| Stage | Initiation |
| Case number | Case No. AD (OI)-24/2026 |
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| Product | Hot Rolled Flat Products of Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel |

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| What it covers | Hot rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel, not clad, plated or coated, of a thickness upto 25 mm and width upto 2100 mm, not further worked than hot-rolled, in prime or non-prime condition, with any type of edge, in coils and cut to length, whether or not pickled, oiled, skin-passed, normalized or otherwise processed. Hot-rolled flat products of stainless steel are not covered. The customs classification is indicative only and in no way binding on the scope. |
| Customs codes | 7208, 7211, 7225, 7226 |
| Countries | China, Japan, Russia |
| Applicant | JSW Steel Limited, JSW Vijaynagar Metallics Limited and Jindal Steel Odisha Limited |
| Period of investigation | 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 (12 months) |
| Injury period | 1st April 2022– 31st March 2023, 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024, 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 and the POI |
| Findings | • For initiation, normal value for China is determined from import prices of the subject goods from South Korea into India, as proposed by the applicants, who claim China should be treated as a non-market economy; the claim may be examined further during the investigation.<br>• Normal value for Japan and Russia is based on domestic market prices in those countries, from information reported in BigMint and Platts reports.<br>• Export price is based on CIF prices in DGCI&S 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.<br>• The applicants claim that subject imports increased in absolute terms and relative to demand, undercut domestic prices and suppressed and depressed them, that inventories rose despite higher sales, and that they suffered losses and declining return on investment; the Authority finds sufficient prima facie evidence of injury and of a threat of further injury from the dumped imports.<br>• The application is supported by Tata Steel Limited and Steel Authority of India Limited, and the applicants with the supporters account for a major proportion of Indian production; ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited, whose related entity Nippon Steel Corporation in Japan is a producer/exporter and from which it imported the subject goods during the injury investigation period, is considered ineligible to constitute domestic industry. |

- The applicants have requested retrospective imposition of anti-dumping duty, citing a history of dumping of the product in India, importers' awareness from past investigations and a likely rise in dumping if duty is not imposed.

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 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 the proposed PCN methodology: within 15 days of receipt of intimation of initiation of the 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 ID AD/OI/028/2026): 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 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

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