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320611	3206 49 90
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The duties were recommended in final findings dated June 8, 2021 in an investigation initiated on May 9, 2020. After a mid-term review, the Authority recommended enhanced duties in final findings dated September 27, 2023, given effect by Notification No. 13/2023-Customs (ADD) dated November 22, 2023. The duty is in force until August 27, 2026.

The product is a titanium dioxide coated pearlescent pigment, known commercially as mica pearl pigment or pearl lustre pigment, used for pearlescent and metallic effects in coatings, inks and plastics. It is classified under subheading 320611; following the mid-term review, the duties were extended to seven further HS codes in headings 3204, 3206 and 3207, which are also considered in this review. The applicant proposes a PCN methodology based on type of pigment, application, color and particle size.

For initiation, the Authority found prima facie that the dumping margin is positive. The applicant provided prima facie evidence of continued injury, citing price undercutting, price suppression, financial losses, a significant decline in cash profits and a negative return on capital employed, and its information prima facie shows a likelihood of continued dumping and consequent injury if the duties cease. The period of investigation is printed as 01 October 2024 – 31 September 2025.

Interested parties are to register on the SETU portal and file responses within 37 days from circulation of the non-confidential application, with comments on product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days of initiation.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review initiation
Case number	CASE No. AD (SSR)- 15/2025
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Product	Natural Mica Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding Cosmetic Grade
What it covers	Natural mica based pearl industrial pigments, excluding cosmetic grade: chemically a titanium dioxide coated, lustrous pearlescent pigment, known commercially as Titanium Dioxide or Iron Oxide coated Mica Pearl Pigment, Pearl Lustre Pigments or Pearl Pigments, used to give pearlescent, metallic and lustrous effects in coatings, inks and plastics. The scope is the same as in the original investigation.
Customs codes	320611, 3206 49 90, 3206 19 00, 3204 17 59, 3204 17 39, 3204 17 20, 3204 17 90, 3207 10 40
Countries	China
Applicant	Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited
Period of investigation	01 October 2024 – 31 September 2025
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicant is the sole producer of the product in India; its own imports from China are small in relation to total production and imports, and it constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) and satisfies the standing requirement of Rule 5(3). • For initiation, normal value was determined on the basis of the price paid or payable in India with reasonable adjustments for SGA expenses and profit, the applicant having stated that cost and price data for a market economy third country is not available. • The comparison of normal value and export price at the ex-factory level prima facie shows a positive dumping margin, indicating continued dumping from China. • The applicant's information prima facie shows price undercutting and price suppression, financial losses, a significant decline in cash profits and a negative return on capital employed. • The information provided prima facie shows a likelihood of continuation of dumping and consequent injury to the domestic industry if the anti-dumping duties cease.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates a sunset review to examine the need for continued imposition of the anti-dumping duties on the subject goods from China, and whether their expiry is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.
Time limits	• Comments on the product under consideration and the PCN methodology: within 15 days from the date of initiation, running

concurrently with the main time limit

- Interested parties to intimate interest and file questionnaire responses and submissions (confidential and non-confidential versions) on the SETU portal under case ID AD/SSR/28112025/01: 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 under Rule 6(4)
- Additional time if the Authority modifies the product under consideration or PCN methodology by a subsequent notice: an extension of 15 days from the date of the notification of the modified PUC and PCN
- Requests for extension of time: at least one day before the original deadline
- Comments on confidentiality claims: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents

The notification (PDF, 947 KB)

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