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The duty was first recommended in final findings dated September 28, 2021 and given effect by Notification No. 77/2021 – Customs (ADD) dated December 27, 2021. After an order of the High Court of Gujarat, addendum final findings dated April 10, 2022 were given effect by Notification No. 15/2022-Customs (ADD) dated May 24, 2022. A mid-term review ended with final findings dated March 25, 2025, given effect by Notification No. 19/2025 – Customs (ADD) dated June 24, 2025. The existing duties are in force till December 26, 2026, and the sunset review covers all aspects of the final findings of 2021 and 2025.

The product is uncoated base paper of 40-130 GSM for high-pressure and low-pressure decorative laminates, excluding printed decor paper classifiable under 4811, classified under 4805 91 00 and also imported under 4802 20 90. On the prima facie evidence, the Authority finds a dumping margin above de-minimis, rising imports with price undercutting, suppression and depression, declining profits, and a likelihood of continued or recurring dumping and injury if the duty ends.

The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (the applicant had proposed April 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025), and the injury period covers 2022-23 to 2024-25 and the POI. Comments on product scope and PCN methodology are due within 15 days of receipt of intimation, and other submissions within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application, through the SETU portal.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review initiation
Case number	Case No. AD(SSR)-09/2026 (SETU Case ID: AD/SSR/010/2026)
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Product	Decor Paper
What it covers	Uncoated paper in reel form of 40-130 GSM, with klemm absorbency of at least 12mm per 10 minutes, wet tensile strength of 6-12 N/15 mm and gurley porosity of 10-40 sec / 100ml, containing titanium dioxide or pigments as filler, used as base paper for high-pressure (HPL) or low-pressure (LPL) decorative laminates. It includes surfacing paper, liner, barrier paper, shuttering base, overlay paper and print base paper, but excludes printed decor paper classifiable under 4811. The scope is the same as in the previous investigations.
Customs codes	4805 91 00, 4802 20 90
Countries	China
Applicant	ITC Limited, supported by Pudumjee Paper Products Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026 (the applicant had proposed 1st April 2025 – 31st December 2025)
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The Authority prima facie notes that the applicant, together with the supporter, accounts for a major proportion of total Indian production in the period of investigation, and that the applicant constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b) and meets the standing requirements of Rule 5(3). • For initiation, normal value was constructed on the cost of production of the domestic industry, adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses and reasonable profits; compared with the ex-factory export price, it prima facie shows a dumping margin above the de-minimis level. • The applicant's evidence prima facie shows that subject imports increased over the injury period, continued to undercut domestic prices and caused price suppression and depression, with a decline in profits, cash profits and return on investment. • The Authority notes sufficient prima facie evidence of likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and consequent injury if the duty ceases, citing the applicant's claims of excess Chinese capacity, dumping in third countries and loss of markets to anti-dumping duties in other jurisdictions.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates a sunset review under Section 9A(5) of the Act read with Rule 23 (1B) of the Rules to examine whether expiry of the existing anti-dumping duty on decor paper from China is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

Time limits

- Comments on the scope of product under consideration and the proposed PCN methodology: within 15 days of receipt of intimation of initiation of the investigation
- Interested parties to upload information and questionnaire responses, both confidential and non-confidential versions, on the SETU portal: within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application filed by the domestic industry would be circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country
- Requests for extension of time: through the SETU portal 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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