COUNTERVAILING / SUNSET REVIEW INITIATION

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The original anti-subsidy investigation was initiated on September 25, 2020 and ended with final findings dated January 31, 2022. The duty was imposed by Notification No. 2/2022- Customs (CVD) dated April 28, 2022 for five years and is valid up to and inclusive of April 27, 2027. The sunset review covers all aspects of the 2022 final findings.

The product covers copper tubes and pipes of refined copper or copper alloys, used largely in air-conditioning and refrigeration systems, excluding internally grooved tubes. It is imported under 74111000, 74112100, 74112200 and 74112900. The applicants rely on the subsidy programs found countervailable in the original investigation for each country, and the Authority may examine other subsidies found to exist.

Before initiation, the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam argued that continued subsidization and injury had not been shown; the Authority notes that neither showed the programs had ended. It finds prima facie evidence of likely continued or recurring subsidization and injury, and will review whether the duty should continue. The period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and submissions are due within 37 days of circulation of the non-confidential application.

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Stage	Sunset review initiation
Case number	Case No. CVD (SSR) 001/2026
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Product	Copper Tubes and Pipes

What it covers	Copper tubes and pipes are cylindrical profiles with a circular, rectangular, square, oval or other cross section, made of refined copper or copper alloys, used largely in air-conditioning and refrigeration (ACR) systems. The product is the same as defined in the original investigation and excludes internally grooved copper tubes (IGT) and related grooved tubes.
Customs codes	74111000, 74112100, 74112200, 74112900
Countries	Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam
Applicant	M/s Ram Ratna Wires Limited (RRWL) and MetTube Copper India Private Limited (MCIPL)
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	the POI and 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25
Findings	• Pre-initiation consultations were held with the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam on August 31, 2026 and September 7, 2026 respectively; both argued that likelihood of continued subsidization and injury had not been established, but neither provided evidence that the countervailed subsidy programs had been discontinued. Malaysia did not respond to the invitation. • The applicants, with support letters from eight more domestic producers, constitute a major proportion of domestic production; MCIPL has a related producer in Malaysia but did not import subject goods from it during the POI. • The applicants rely on the subsidy programs held countervailable in the original investigation and propose no new ones; their prima facie evidence shows that producers and exporters in Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam continued to benefit from them. • The Authority finds prima facie evidence of likelihood of continuation or recurrence of subsidization and injury if the duty expires, citing adverse price effects including sales below the domestic industry's cost of production, underutilized capacity, declining profitability and reduced return on capital employed.
Recommendation	The Authority initiates a sunset review under Section 9 of the Act read with Rule 24 of the CVD Rules to review the need for continued countervailing duty on copper tubes and pipes from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, and whether its expiry is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of subsidy and injury.
Time limits	• Comments on the product under consideration and proposed PCNs, with justification: within 15 days of circulation of the 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 Applicants is circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the subject country
- Requests for extension of time: through the SETU portal at least one day before the original deadline
- Comments on confidentiality claimed by the Applicants: within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents filed before the Authority

The notification (PDF, 799 KB)

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