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The product covers all structured copper data cables, including CAT 5e, CAT 6, CAT 6A, CAT 7, CAT 7A and patch cords, shielded or unshielded, used mainly as LAN cables. It is classified under HS code 854449, which is indicative only. Requests to add copper clad aluminium cables to the scope were not accepted.

Four Chinese producers cooperated and were found to have negative dumping margins, but they account for only 11% of imports from China. For all other producers, the dumping margin is in the range of 70-80% and the injury margin 50-60%. The Authority records that subject imports increased by 187% over the injury period while demand rose about 48%; the imports undercut domestic prices by 60-70% in the period of investigation and suppressed them, and the domestic industry lost market share and moved to a pre-tax loss.

The Authority recommends a duty of NIL for the four cooperating producers and 86 US$/MT for all other producers and for goods of other origin exported from China, for five years from the date of the Central Government's notification. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Final findings
Case number	Case No. AD (OI) – 39/2025
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Product	Copper Data Cables

What it covers	All structured Copper Data Cables including CAT 5e, CAT 6, CAT 6A, CAT 7, CAT 7A and patch cords, usually made of twisted pairs of copper conductors insulated with polyethylene or other sheathing material, with or without braiding, drain wire, foil shield and separator, used to transmit data and signals over local area networks. Both shielded and unshielded cables are covered. Requests to include Copper Clad Aluminium (CCA) and CCAM cables were not accepted, as the scope cannot be extended beyond the definition at initiation.
Customs codes	854449
Countries	China
Applicant	M/s. Birla Cable Limited (BCL) and M/s. Sterlite Technologies Limited (STL)
Period of investigation	1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (12 months)
Injury period	FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and the POI
Findings	• Normal value for China was determined on the basis of the price payable in India, computed from the domestic industry's cost of production with reasonable additions for selling, general and administrative expenses and profit, as no participating producer claimed market economy treatment. • The dumping margin is negative for the four participating producers (ZTC Technology (Suzhou), Zhejiang Chaolian Electronic, Jinhua Guanyang Electronic Technology and Ningbo Excellence Communicated Connector), which account for 11% of imports from China; for all others it is in the range of 70-80%. • Subject imports rose from 68,730 KM in 2021-22 to 197,540 KM in the POI, of which 175,552 KM were dumped; demand rose about 48% over the base year, and the share of China in total imports rose from 85% to 93%. • Price undercutting in the POI is in the range of 60-70%; the landed value of imports fell from ₹24,924/KM in 2023-24 to ₹12,288/KM in the POI, below the domestic industry's cost of sales and selling price, causing price suppression. • The domestic industry's market share declined in the POI despite higher demand, its inventories were highest in the POI, its profit before tax turned negative and its cash profits declined. • No other known factor caused injury, and a causal link exists between the dumped imports and the injury; the injury margin for other producers and exporters is in the range of 50-60%, and was not determined for the four participating producers as their dumping margin is negative.

- On information from one user, the Authority estimates the duty would reduce the user's profit margin on the end product by about 0-5%, and holds that imposition is in the larger public interest.

Recommendation	The Authority recommends anti-dumping duty equal to the lesser of the dumping margin and the injury margin on imports of copper data cables originating in or exported from China, at NIL for the four participating producers and 86 US$/MT for all other producers and for goods of other origin exported from China, for a period of 5 years.
Duty expressed as	Fixed amount in US$/MT
For how long	A period of 5 years from the date of notification to be issued in this regard by the Central Government
What happens next	The duty would apply from the date of a notification to be issued by the Central Government. An appeal against the findings lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country	ZTC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	NIL
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country	Jinhua Guanyang Electronic Technology Co. Ltd.	NIL
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country	Zhejiang Chaolian Electronic Co., Ltd.	NIL
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country	Ningbo Excellence Communicated Connector Co., Ltd.	NIL
China PR (country of origin), exported from any country	Any producer other than S. No. 1 to 4	86 US$/MT
Any country other than China PR (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any	86 US$/MT

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