ANTI-DUMPING / SUNSET REVIEW FINAL FINDINGS

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The duty was first imposed by Customs Notification No. 10/2016-Customs (ADD) dated March 29, 2016, after an original investigation that also covered Saudi Arabia, and was continued for five years by Notification No. 17/2021-Customs (ADD) dated March 26, 2021; Notification No. 38/2025-Customs (ADD) extended it by three months, to June 25, 2026. 2-Ethyl Hexanol (2-EH) is a basic organic chemical used mainly as a feedstock for low-volatility esters, the most important being DOP, and is classified under 2905 16 20. The period of investigation is April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. PT Petro Oxo Nusantara of Indonesia, BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia and Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation of Taiwan responded; no producer from the European Union, South Korea or the USA took part.

DGTR found dumping margins of 0-10% to 15-25% and continued dumping from every subject country except Indonesia, from which there were no imports in the period of investigation. Price undercutting was negative and the injury margins were negative for all but Malaysia, but subject imports rose from 12,288 MT in 2021-22 to 39,374 MT in the period of investigation, import prices fell while raw material costs rose, and the domestic industry went from profit to losses and a negative return on investment in the period of investigation. DGTR found a likelihood of continued dumping and injury if the duty lapsed, citing, among other factors, the export orientation of the participating producers and the share of subject-country exports to third countries priced below their prices to India or below the domestic industry's non-injurious price.

DGTR recommends continuing the duty at its existing quantum for a further five years from the date of the Central Government's notification, with producers that did not take part in the review given the residual rate. The rates are USD 113.47 per MT for the European Union, USD 53.63 per MT for BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. and USD 107.30 per MT for others from Malaysia, USD 45.67 per MT for PT Petro Oxo Nusantara and USD 127.82 per MT for others from Indonesia, USD 15.55 per MT for South Korea, USD 42.45 per MT for Taiwan, Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation included, and USD 29.61 per MT for the USA, each also applying to goods originating outside the subject countries and exported from that country. The Authority held that the quantum need not be modified, although the applicant had sought enhancement. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review final findings
Case number	Case No. AD (SSR)-07/2025
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Product	2-Ethyl Hexanol
What it covers	2-Ethyl Hexanol (2-EH) in all forms and grades, a basic organic chemical: a fatty alcohol that is a clear, mobile, neutral liquid with a characteristic odor, used in solvents, flavors and fragrances and especially as a precursor for other chemicals such as emollients and plasticizers. Its main application is as a feedstock for low-volatility esters, the most important being Di-(2-Ethyl hexyl) Phthalate (DOP or DEHP), and its major raw materials are naphtha and propylene. The scope is the same as in the original investigation. The customs classification is indicative only and not binding on the scope.
Customs codes	2905 16 20
Countries	European Union, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, United States
Applicant	Andhra Petrochemicals Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
Injury period	2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and the period of investigation
Findings	• Andhra Petrochemicals Limited, the sole Indian producer in the original and first sunset review investigations, accounts for a major proportion of Indian production and constitutes the domestic industry under Rule 2(b); Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), which began commercial production in April 2021, neither supported nor opposed the application and did not answer the Authority's request for information. • PT Petro Oxo Nusantara (Indonesia), BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia) and Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation (Taiwan) filed questionnaire responses; normal value for BASF Petronas and Nan-Ya was based on their profitable domestic sales only, which

were 35% and 68% of their domestic sales. No producer from the European Union, South Korea or the USA participated, and for them normal value was based on best estimates of the cost of production with selling, general and administrative expenses and a 5% profit, and export price on DG System data.

- The dumping margins in the Authority's table are 0-10% for Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation and 10-20% for other producers in Taiwan, 0-10% for BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. and 10-20% for other producers in Malaysia, 10-20% for the European Union, 15-25% for South Korea and 10-20% for the USA; the findings' conclusion gives BASF Petronas's margin as 10-20%. PT Petro Oxo Nusantara, the sole producer in Indonesia, made no exports to India in the period of investigation, so no actual dumping margin could be determined for it.
- The injury margins are negative for Taiwan, the European Union, South Korea and the USA, 0-10% for BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. and 10-20% for other producers in Malaysia. Because import prices fluctuated steeply, the Authority also examined imports priced below the domestic industry's non-injurious price: 9% of imports from the European Union, 31% from South Korea, 100% from Malaysia, 33% from Taiwan and 40% from the USA.
- Subject imports rose from 12,288 MT in 2021-22 to 44,793 MT in 2022-23, fell to 25,878 MT in 2023-24 and rose again to 39,374 MT in the period of investigation, an increase the Authority found far exceeded the growth in demand; imports from other countries rose from 64 MT to 48,335 MT and exceeded subject imports in the period of investigation.
- The landed price of subject imports in the period of investigation (a weighted average of Rs 1,16,644 per MT) was above the domestic industry's net sales realization, so price undercutting is negative; but monthly landed prices fell from Rs 1,36,717 per MT in April 2024 to Rs 94,603 per MT in February 2025, and over the injury period raw material costs rose 8% while import prices fell 23%.
- Over the injury period the domestic industry's cost of sales rose 16% while its selling price fell 26% and the landed price of imports fell 20%; in the period of investigation its cost of sales rose 13% against a 3% rise in the landed price of subject imports. The Authority found that the imports depressed the domestic industry's prices and prevented increases in line with costs.
- With capacity unchanged, the domestic industry's production, capacity utilization and domestic sales fell to index 71 in the period of investigation (2021-22 = 100); it was profitable until 2023-24 but

made losses, cash losses, a loss at the PBIT level and a negative return on investment in the period of investigation. Its plant was shut from September 9, 2024 to October 5, 2024 for lack of raw material; the Authority found that it also did not produce on other days, mainly because of low-priced imports, and attributes the fall in production and sales to both the shutdown and those imports.

- The Authority did not accept that the injury came from BPCL's entry, the domestic industry's reliance on HPCL for propylene or higher depreciation and interest costs, noting that the domestic industry stayed profitable until 2023-24 and that depreciation and interest are under 1% of its cost of sales; imports from China and Saudi Arabia were below the estimated normal value but had negative injury margins.
- The Authority finds a likelihood of continued dumping and injury if the duty ceases, citing continued dumping, subject imports growing faster than demand despite the duty, the export orientation of the participating producers (exports of 90-100% of production for PT Petro Oxo Nusantara, 15-25% for BASF Petronas and 65-75% for Nan-Ya), the likely diversion of surplus production to India following capacity expansion in China, and third-country exports priced below exports to India equal to 344% of Indian demand.
- The Authority finds the impact of continuing the duty on downstream users insignificant: it puts the duty in force at 1-4% of the landed price of imports, users' claim of an impact of up to 7% was not accepted, there is no evidence of adverse effects after more than nine years of duties, and subject imports of 39,374 MT exceeded the demand-supply gap in the period of investigation.

Recommendation	The Authority recommends continuation of the definitive anti-dumping duty as notified vide F.No. 7/28/2020-DGTR dated March 8, 2021, without modification of its quantum, on all imports of the subject goods from the subject countries for a further period of five years, except that producers and exporters that did not participate in this sunset review are accorded the residual duty. Producers that took part in neither the original investigation nor the first sunset review, such as Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation, are not accorded an individual duty. The applicant had sought extension and enhancement of the duty.
Duty expressed as	Amount in USD per MT
For how long	A further period of five (5) years from the date of notification to be issued in this regard by the Central Government

What happens next

The duty is recommended from the date of the notification to be issued by the Central Government. The individual rates apply only on presentation of a commercial invoice carrying the prescribed manufacturer declaration; otherwise the duty for all other companies applies. Producers not accorded an individual duty because they took part in neither earlier investigation are free to seek an appropriate review under the Rules. An appeal against the determination lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

The duty table

Country	Producer	Duty
European Union (country of origin), exported from any country including European Union	Any	USD 113.47 per MT
Any country other than Indonesia, Korea RP, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and USA (country of origin), exported from European Union	Any	USD 113.47 per MT
Malaysia (country of origin), exported from any country including Malaysia	BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd.	USD 53.63 per MT
Malaysia (country of origin), exported from any country including Malaysia	Any producer other than mentioned in S. No. 3	USD 107.30 per MT
Any country other than EU, Indonesia, Korea RP, Chinese Taipei and USA (country of origin), exported from Malaysia	Any	USD 107.30 per MT
Indonesia (country of origin), exported from any country including Indonesia	PT Petro Oxo Nusantara	USD 45.67 per MT
Indonesia (country of origin), exported from any country including Indonesia	Any producer other than mentioned in S. No. 6	USD 127.82 per MT
Any country other than EU, Korea RP, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and USA (country of origin), exported from Indonesia	Any	USD 127.82 per MT
Korea RP (country of origin), exported from any country including Korea RP	Any	USD 15.55 per MT
Any country other than EU, Indonesia, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and USA (country of origin), exported from Korea RP	Any	USD 15.55 per MT
Taiwan (country of origin), exported from any country including Taiwan	Nan-Ya Plastics Corporation	USD 42.45 per MT
Taiwan (country of origin), exported from any country including Taiwan	Any producer other than mentioned in S. No. 11	USD 42.45 per MT

Any country other than EU, Indonesia, Korea RP, Malaysia, and USA (country of origin), exported from Taiwan	Any	USD 42.45 per MT
USA (country of origin), exported from any country including USA	Any	USD 29.61 per MT
Any country other than EU, Indonesia, Korea RP, Malaysia, and Chinese Taipei (country of origin), exported from USA	Any	USD 29.61 per MT

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