ANTI-DUMPING / SUNSET REVIEW FINAL FINDINGS

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The review was sought by IG Petrochemicals Limited, Thirumalai Chemical Industries Limited and TCL Intermediates Private Limited, supported by KLJ Petroplast Limited, and was initiated on January 27, 2026 for China, South Korea and Thailand. The product is Phthalic Anhydride imported under 29173500. The period of investigation is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

No foreign producer or exporter took part. The Authority determined dumping margin ranges of 50-60% for China, 40-50% for South Korea and 10-20% for Thailand, and injury margin ranges of 0-10% for China and South Korea and a negative margin for Thailand. It found that imports from China and South Korea undercut and depressed domestic prices, that the domestic industry made losses in the POI, and that surplus capacity and low-priced third-country exports in those two countries make continued dumping and injury likely.

For Thailand, the Authority found imports negligible, undercutting negative and no evidence of surplus capacity, and does not recommend continuing the duty. It recommends continuing the duty for five years at USD 40.08 per MT on goods originating in or exported from China and USD 140.17 per MT on goods originating in or exported from South Korea, from the date of the Central Government's notification.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Sunset review final findings
Case number	CASE No. AD (SSR)- 14/2025
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Product	Phthalic Anhydride

What it covers	Phthalic Anhydride, an anhydride of Phthalic Acid commercially produced by catalytic oxidation of Ortho-xylene or Naphthalene, a colorless solid referred to as Phthalic Anhydride flakes, Phthalic Anhydride (98% min.), Phthalic Acid Anhydrous, Phthalic Anhydride (99.8% min) and similar names. The scope is the same as in the original investigation.
Customs codes	29173500
Countries	China, South Korea, Thailand
Applicant	IG Petrochemicals Limited (IGPL), Thirumalai Chemical Industries Limited (TCL) and TCL Intermediates Private Limited (TCLIPL), supported by KLJ Petroplast Limited
Period of investigation	1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025
Injury period	2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the POI
Findings	• No producer or exporter from the subject countries filed a questionnaire response; the dumping margin range is 50-60% for China, 40-50% for South Korea and 10-20% for Thailand. • The injury margin range is 0-10% for China and for South Korea, and negative for Thailand. • Dumped imports from China and South Korea undercut the domestic industry's selling price and prevented it from raising prices in line with costs; in the POI the domestic industry recorded losses, cash losses and a negative return on capital employed, after investing about Rs 1900 cr in new capacity. • Producers in China and South Korea have significant surplus capacities, and 33% of China's and 21% of South Korea's third-country exports were below the non-injurious price, establishing a likelihood of continued dumping and injury if the duty expires. • Imports from Thailand, which has one producer, declined steadily since 2022 to a negligible level, entered at negative undercutting, and no evidence of surplus capacity was provided; the Authority finds no likelihood of injury from Thailand. • The Authority assessed the impact of the duty on prices of downstream products, with reference to the duty on imports from China, at between 0.15% and 1.89%.
Recommendation	The Authority recommends continuation of the anti-dumping duty on imports of Phthalic Anhydride from China and South Korea for a further five years, and does not recommend continuation of the duty on imports from Thailand.
Duty expressed as	USD per MT

For how long	a further period of five (5) years from the date of the notification to be issued by the Central Government
What happens next	The duty is recommended from the date of the notification to be issued by the Central Government; an appeal against the Central Government's order 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 including China PR	Any Producer	USD 40.08 per MT
Any country other than China PR & Korea RP (country of origin), exported from China PR	Any Producer	USD 40.08 per MT
Korea RP (country of origin), exported from any country including Korea RP	Any Producer	USD 140.17 per MT
Any country other than China PR & Korea RP (country of origin), exported from Korea RP	Any Producer	USD 140.17 per MT

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