ANTI-DUMPING / INITIATION

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KEY FACTS

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The product consists of copper tubes and pipes with internal grooves, also called microfin tubes, used mainly in air-conditioner condensers. Plain or smooth copper tubes are not covered for the purpose of initiation. The goods are classifiable under tariff items 7411 10 00, 7411 21 00, 7411 22 00 and 7411 29 00, which are indicative only.

The applicant alleges that dumped imports are materially retarding the establishment of the domestic industry. It states it was the only Indian producer during the period of investigation, April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. The Authority found, prima facie, positive dumping margins above de minimis for each country, imports holding the predominant share of Indian demand at prices below the domestic industry's costs, and negative profits for the domestic industry in both years of its operation.

The Authority will determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and recommend a duty adequate to remove injury, if warranted. Requests for provisional duty will be considered, if and to the extent warranted, at the appropriate stage. Interested parties are to file submissions on the SETU portal within 37 days of transmission of the intimation letters, and comments on product scope and PCN methodology within 15 days.

Measure	Anti-dumping
Stage	Initiation
Case number	SETU CASE ID - AD/OI/055/2026
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Product	Internally Grooved Copper Tubes and Pipes (IGT)

What it covers	Tubes and pipes of refined copper or copper alloys, known as microfin tubes, with a series of grooves or ridges on the inner surface that increase heat transfer efficiency; hollow products, coiled or not, of uniform cross-section and wall thickness, supplied in any coiled form including level wound coil (ETS or ETW packaging) and jumbo coil. They are used principally in air-conditioner condensers and also in evaporators, water heaters, automotive air-conditioners, heat pipe radiators of electronic products, solar equipment and water-cooled screw chilled water units. For initiation, plain or smooth copper tubes and pipes do not form part of the product under consideration.
Customs codes	7411 10 00, 7411 21 00, 7411 22 00, 7411 29 00
Countries	China, Thailand, Vietnam
Applicant	MetTube Copper India Private Limited
Period of investigation	1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months)
Injury period	Financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and the period of investigation
Findings	• The applicant alleges that dumped imports are materially retarding the establishment of the domestic industry; no anti-dumping or countervailing duty is in force on the subject goods, which were excluded from the countervailing duty investigation on copper pipes and tubes concluded by final finding 04/10/2020-DGTR dated January 31, 2022. • The applicant states it was the only producer of the subject goods in India during the period of investigation; the Authority notes its output is the whole of Indian production, and that its imports from Malaysia and its relationship with a Malaysian producer do not attract the Rule 2(b) exception because Malaysia is not a subject country. • For initiation, normal value for China was constructed from the optimized cost of production of the like article in India with a reasonable profit margin, and normal value for Thailand and Vietnam was determined on facts available on the same basis; export price was based on DG Systems transaction-wise CIF data. • The comparison at ex-factory level prima facie establishes a positive dumping margin above the de minimis level for each subject country, and the import volume from each subject country is not prima facie negligible. • The data prima facie show that demand in India was met almost entirely by imports until the applicant began production, that subject imports increased and kept the predominant share of

demand, that their landed price was below the domestic industry's cost of sales and net sales realization and undercut its prices, and that the domestic industry's profits, cash profits and return on capital employed were negative in both years of its operation.

Recommendation

The Authority initiates an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Rules to determine the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping and to recommend the anti-dumping duty that, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury. The applicant's requests for provisional duty under Rule 13 and for duty for five years will be considered, if and to the extent warranted, at the appropriate stage.

Time limits

- Interested parties to upload submissions, in confidential and non-confidential versions, on the SETU portal under case ID AD/OI/055/2026: within 37 days from the date of transmission of the intimation letters, containing the non-confidential version of the application and the questionnaire(s), to the known interested parties and the diplomatic representative(s) of the subject countries
- Comments on the scope of the PUC and PCN methodology: within 15 days from the date of transmission of the intimation letters, running concurrently with the 37-day time limit
- Requests for extension of time: 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

The notification (PDF, 1.4 MB)

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