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Copper tube CVD review: replies moved to November 29

DGTR keeps the scope of its sunset review of the duty on plain copper tubes from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, adopts no PCNs, and holds replies to November 29.

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL of Trade Remedies (DGTR), Department of Commerce, issued a letter dated November 4, 2026 (F. No. 7/27/2026-DGTR, Case No. CVD (SSR) 001/2026) to the interested parties. It concerns the sunset review of the anti-subsidy investigations into imports of "Plain Copper Tubes and Pipes" originating in or exported from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, which DGTR began by Initiation Notification dated September 28, 2026. The letter is signed by Rahul P, Deputy Secretary, and issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

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The review looks at the countervailing duty imposed by Notification No. 2/2022-Customs (CVD) dated April 28, 2022 for five years, which is valid up to and including April 27, 2027. The applicants are Ram Ratna Wires Limited and MetTube Copper India Private Limited. The Initiation Notification covers copper tubes and pipes of refined copper or copper alloys, used largely in air-conditioning and refrigeration systems, and excludes internally grooved copper tubes and related grooved tubes. The tariff sub-headings are 74111000, 74112100, 74112200 and 74112900, which are indicative only, and the period of investigation is April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

In the November 4 letter, DGTR said all interested parties, including the Governments of the three countries, were to file questionnaire responses by November 12, 2026. It had received comments on the scope of the product under consideration (PUC), and requests to extend the deadline, including from the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam. It moved the deadline to November 29, 2026, and pointed to paragraph 35 of the Initiation Notification, which grants 15 more days if DGTR changes the PUC or the Product Control Number (PCN) methodology through a later notice.

A second letter, dated November 10, 2026 and issued under the same file and case numbers, settles the scope. DGTR sent the non-confidential version of the application to the known interested parties on October 7, 2026, with 15 days to comment on the scope and propose a PCN methodology. Only Jintian Copper Industrial (Vietnam) Company Limited commented, asking DGTR to exclude high-strength and corrosion-resistant copper-tin-phosphorus alloy tubes. The domestic industry produced prima facie evidence that it makes those tubes and that they're a like article, so DGTR confirms the scope as defined in the Initiation Notification at this stage. It'll examine the point in detail during the investigation.

The domestic industry proposed no PCNs at initiation, and no party commented on or proposed PCNs in time, so DGTR adopts no PCN methodology. Any party may still make submissions on the scope during the investigation, including a request to exclude a product, if it backs them with information and evidence. DGTR will settle the scope for any measure it recommends after examining the record. Parties must file questionnaire responses on the scope defined in the Initiation Notification. The last date stays November 29, 2026, as set in the November 4 letter, and DGTR says it'll grant no further extension. Neither letter gives a finding on subsidy or injury. Rahul P., Deputy Secretary, signed both.

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Document	Letter to the interested parties, F. No. 7/27/2026-DGTR, Case No. CVD (SSR) 001/2026
Dated	November 4, 2026
Applies to	Countervailing duty sunset review on "Plain Copper Tubes and Pipes" originating in or exported from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam
Duty under review	Notification No. 2/2022-Customs (CVD) dated April 28, 2022, valid up to and including April 27, 2027
Tariff sub-headings	74111000, 74112100, 74112200 and 74112900 (indicative only)
Scope	Confirmed as defined in the Initiation Notification (letter of November 10, 2026); Jintian Copper Industrial (Vietnam) Company Limited's request to exclude copper-tin-phosphorus alloy tubes to be examined during the investigation
PCN methodology	None adopted (letter of November 10, 2026)
Questionnaire responses due	November 29, 2026 (moved from November 12, 2026); no further extension
Extension requested by	Interested parties, including the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam
Review initiated	September 28, 2026 (Gazette CG-DL-E-08102026-276929)
Applicants	Ram Ratna Wires Limited and MetTube Copper India Private Limited
Period of investigation	April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (from the Initiation Notification)
Signed by	Rahul P, Deputy Secretary, with the approval of the Designated Authority
Later letter	F. No. 7/27/2026-DGTR, Case No. CVD (SSR) 001/2026, November 10, 2026, signed by Rahul P., Deputy Secretary

The letter (PDF, 118 KB)

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