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The application also listed the European Union and Singapore, which the original investigation of 2014 and the first sunset review of 2020 had covered. The findings say that opening an investigation into their imports "was not justified for the reasons cited in the initiation notification", without repeating those reasons. That notification, of September 27, 2025, says investigations "are not being initiated against EU and Singapore as there are no imports of subject goods from these two countries, and there is no prima facie evidence with regard to likelihood of continuation/recurrence of dumping and injury". Elsewhere it says DGTR "intends to drop the initiation against EU and Singapore as the volume of imports are below de minimis". Notification No. 21/2021-Customs (ADD) of April 12, 2021 continued the duty for five years, and Notification No. 02/2026-Customs (ADD) of January 8, 2026 extended it to July 12, 2026.

The period of investigation was April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Three Malaysian companies answered DGTR's questionnaire: BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd., PC Derivative Sdn Bhd and Petronas Chemical Marketing (Labuan) Ltd. No producer in South Africa or the United States took part, so DGTR set their dumping margins on the facts available. DGTR found positive dumping margins for all producers and exporters except BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd., in ranges up to 20-30%, and injury margins from 0-10% to 20-30%. On likelihood, it found that imports from the three countries doubled from 18,250 MT in 2021-22 to 39,334 MT in the period of investigation despite the duty; they were priced below the domestic industry's cost of sales; and 34% to 66% of their exports to other countries were priced below their exports to India.

DGTR recommends continuing the duty for five years from the date of the Central Government's notification, at the amounts in force. It saw no need to modify them, as the duty is extended on the grounds of likelihood of dumping and injury. The amounts per MT are USD 26.59 for BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd., USD 51.42 for PETRONAS Chemicals Derivatives Sdn Bhd, USD 149.31 for other Malaysian producers, USD 13.24 for South Africa and USD 24.16 for the USA. Each country's amount also applies to goods exported from it that originate in any country other than the three. The two individual Malaysian amounts apply only on a commercial invoice

carrying the declaration set out in the findings. DGTR found the duty in force was 1% to 3% of the landed price. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Later, Notification No. 15/2026-Customs (ADD), G.S.R. 570(E), of July 3, 2026 superseded Notification No. 21/2021-Customs (ADD) and imposed the duty at these same amounts for five years from its publication that day, through July 2, 2031.

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Product	"Normal Butanol" or "N-Butyl Alcohol", tariff item 2905 13 00
Applies to	Imports originating in or exported from Malaysia, South Africa and the United States
Recommended duty	USD 13.24 to USD 149.31 per MT, the amounts in force
Duration	Five years from the date of the Central Government's notification
Left out of the review	European Union and Singapore, both covered by the duty under Notification No. 21/2021-Customs (ADD)
Period of investigation	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025
Domestic industry	Andhra Petrochemicals Limited
Duty imposed	Notification No. 15/2026-Customs (ADD), G.S.R. 570(E), July 3, 2026: the same amounts as recommended, for five years from publication on July 3, 2026, through July 2, 2031; supersedes Notification No. 21/2021-Customs (ADD)
Related	DGTR final findings of September 25, 2026, Case No. AD (OI)-30/2025 (F. No. 6/33/2025-DGTR): a separate investigation recommending anti-dumping duty on normal butanol from Taiwan and Saudi Arabia

Recommended anti-dumping duty

SN	Country of origin	Producer	Country of export	Duty (USD per MT)

1	Malaysia	BASF Petronas Chemicals Sdn. Bhd.	Any country including Malaysia	26.59
2	Malaysia	PETRONAS Chemicals Derivatives Sdn Bhd	Any country including Malaysia	51.42
3	Malaysia	Any producer other than those at SN 1 and 2	Any country including Malaysia	149.31
4	Any country other than Malaysia, South Africa and USA	Any producer	Malaysia	149.31
5	South Africa	Any producer	Any country including South Africa	13.24
6	Any country other than Malaysia, South Africa and USA	Any producer	South Africa	13.24
7	USA	Any producer	Any country including USA	24.16
8	Any country other than Malaysia, South Africa and USA	Any producer	USA	24.16

The final findings (PDF, 2.8 MB)

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