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The product is "all structured Copper Data Cables including CAT 5e, CAT 6, CAT 6A, CAT 7, CAT 7A and patch cords". The findings say these usually consist of twisted pairs of copper conductors, insulated with polyethylene or other sheathing material, shielded or unshielded, used to carry data and signals over local area networks. They are classified under HS code 854449, which the findings call indicative only. The findings list no exclusions. Other parties asked DGTR to add "Copper Clad Aluminium" (CCA) and "Copper Clad Aluminium Magnesium" (CCAM) cables; DGTR held that the scope cannot go beyond the definition at initiation and notified the final scope on October 28, 2025.

The period of investigation was April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, with injury examined from 2021-22. Imports from China rose 187%, from 68,730 km in 2021-22 to 197,540 km in the period of investigation, when they were 93% of all imports; DGTR treated 175,552 km of them as dumped. The landed price fell 51% between 2023-24 and the period of investigation, to ₹12,288 per km. The producers and exporters that took part shipped 21,988 km, 11% of imports from China, and the four producers among them had negative dumping margins. For all others, the dumping margin is 70-80% and the injury margin 50-60%. DGTR found the domestic industry's profit before tax turned negative in the period of investigation.

DGTR recommends a duty for five years from the date of the Central Government's notification, equal to the lesser of the dumping and injury margins. It is nil for ZTC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., Jinhua Guanyang Electronic Technology Co. Ltd., Zhejiang Chaolian Electronic Co., Ltd. and Ningbo Excellence Communicated Connector Co., Ltd., and USD 86 per km for any other producer in China and for goods from any other country exported from China. A producer's own rate needs a commercial invoice carrying the declaration set out in the findings; without one, the all-others rate applies. The domestic industry said three of the four had exported only patch cords and asked that their nil rates cover patch cords alone. DGTR refused: no party had asked for product control numbers, and without them margins are set for the product as a whole.

The duty table in the findings gave the amounts in US$ per MT. DGTR's corrigendum notification of October 21, 2026 (F. No. 6/44/2025-DGTR, Gazette CG-DL-E-22102026-277334) calls this a typographical error, substitutes paragraph 111 with the amounts in US$ per KM, and adds that the

goods are traded in kilometers and the duty should be collected in that unit. Every duty on this page is given in the corrected unit. The findings are a recommendation: by October 28, 2026, the Ministry of Finance had not notified the duty, and CBIC's list of 2026 anti-dumping notifications does not include it. An appeal lies before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

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Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part I, Section 1, No. 250, September 16, 2026 (CG-DL-E-25092026-276501)
Applies to	Imports from China of all structured copper data cables, including CAT 5e, CAT 6, CAT 6A, CAT 7, CAT 7A and patch cords
Tariff item	854449 (indicative only)
Recommended duty	USD 86 per km; nil for four producers
Unit corrected	US$ per KM, not US$ per MT: DGTR corrigendum of October 21, 2026 (CG-DL-E-22102026-277334)
Duration	Five years from the date of the Central Government's notification
Takes effect	Not yet: the Ministry of Finance had not notified the duty by October 28, 2026
Period of investigation	April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025
Imports from China	197,540 km in the period of investigation, up 187% from 68,730 km in 2021-22
Margins, other producers	Dumping 70-80%; injury 50-60%
Domestic industry	Birla Cable Limited and Sterlite Technologies Limited
Signed by	Amitabh Kumar, Designated Authority

Recommended anti-dumping duty, in the unit as corrected on October 21, 2026

S.No.	Heading	Description	Country of origin	Country of export	Name of producer	Amount (US$/KM)

1	854449	Copper data cables (all structured copper data cables including CAT 5e, CAT 6, CAT 6A, CAT 7, CAT 7A and patch cords)	China PR	Any	ZTC Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.	NIL
2	do	do	China PR	Any	Jinhua Guanyang Electronic Technology Co. Ltd.	NIL
3	do	do	China PR	Any	Zhejiang Chaolian Electronic Co., Ltd.	NIL
4	do	do	China PR	Any	Ningbo Excellence Communicated Connector Co., Ltd.	NIL
5	do	do	China PR	Any	Any producer other than S. No. 1 to 4	86
6	do	do	Any country other than China PR	China PR	Any	86

The final findings (PDF, 2.8 MB)

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