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DGTR asked interested parties by email on September 29, 2026 to comment on the PUC and PCN methodology within 15 days. The last date was October 14, 2026. In that time the Indian Polyurethane Association and Covestro (India) Pvt. Ltd. asked DGTR to clarify that polyester polyol with a hydroxyl value of 23.5 or more is outside the scope. No other party commented on the scope or proposed PCNs. In a submission dated October 21, 2026, the domestic industry said that polyester polyol with a hydroxyl value of 23.5 or more is not covered. Given the limited nature of the point and the domestic industry's acceptance, DGTR clarified the scope and decided the PCN methodology on the written submissions on record.

DGTR excludes polyester polyol with a hydroxyl value of 23.5 or more. The PUC, as now read, is "Copolymer Polyol of hydroxyl value >= 23.5", also known as Polymer Polyol. It is used mainly to make flexible foam, which goes mostly into mattresses, and also to make bra-cups. Added when slab polyurethane foam is made, it improves the hardness of the foam. The goods fall under Heading 3907 of the Customs Tariff. The applicant says they are imported under HS codes 39072010, 39072090, 39072910 and 39072990, a claim DGTR will examine. The classification is indicative only: goods that meet the description are covered under any tariff item of Heading 3907. The Indian standard is IS 18174:2023 (Polyether Polyol), which is not mandatory. The unit of measurement is metric tons (MT).

Neither the domestic industry nor any other party proposed PCNs, so the communication says no PCN methodology was proposed for the investigation. It is limited to clarifying the scope of the product for the investigation now running. Any party may still ask for a particular product to be excluded if it backs the request with relevant information and evidence. DGTR will decide the scope for any measure it recommends after considering what all parties furnish.

The communication set November 17, 2026 for questionnaire responses on this scope. A later letter, dated November 10, 2026 and issued under the same file number and case ID, moves the deadline to November 30, 2026, after requests from certain interested parties. DGTR says it'll grant no further extension, as the investigation is time bound. Neither document gives a finding on dumping or injury. The initiation notification gives the period of investigation as April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, and records that the applicant's Special Civil Application No. 7230 of 2026 is

pending before the High Court of Gujarat, and that the finality of the investigation is subject to that court's decision.

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Document	Communication on scope of PUC and PCN methodology, File No. 6/66/2026-DGTR, SETU Case ID AD/OI/067/2026
Dated	November 2, 2026
Applies to	Anti-dumping investigation into "Copolymer Polyol of hydroxyl value >= 23.5" originating in or exported from China
Excluded	Polyester polyol having hydroxyl value >= 23.5
Asked for by	Indian Polyurethane Association and Covestro (India) Pvt. Ltd.; accepted by the domestic industry on October 21, 2026
Main use	Flexible foam, mostly for mattresses; also bra-cups
Tariff classification	Heading 3907; HS codes 39072010, 39072090, 39072910 and 39072990 as claimed by the applicant (indicative only)
Indian standard	IS 18174:2023 (Polyether Polyol), not mandatory
PCN methodology	None proposed by the domestic industry or any other party
Questionnaire responses due	November 30, 2026 (moved from November 17, 2026 by a letter of November 10, 2026); no further extension
Investigation initiated	September 23, 2026 (Gazette CG-DL-E-26092026-276488)
Applicant	M/s Expanded Polymer Systems Pvt. Ltd.
Period of investigation	April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 (from the initiation notification)
Signed by	Rahul P., Deputy Secretary
Later letter	F. No. 6/66/2026-DGTR, Case No. AD/OI/067/2026, November 10, 2026, signed by Rahul P, Deputy Secretary

The communication (scope of PUC and PCN methodology) (PDF, 164 KB)

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