

F. No. 6/41/2024-DGTR
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Directorate General of Trade Remedies
IV Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001

Dated: 28th November, 2024

Case No. AD (OI)-38/2024

To

The Interested Parties,

Subject: Finalisation of scope of the product under consideration (PUC) and product control numbers (PCNs) methodology and filing of Questionnaire responses - reg.

Reference: Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Black Toner Powder Cartridge” originating in or exported from China PR.

1. Attention of all the interested parties is invited to the above-mentioned investigation initiated vide initiation notification No. 6/41/2024-DGTR dated 30th September, 2024. The interested parties were granted an opportunity to present their comments on the scope of the product under consideration (PUC), and product control numbers (PCNs), if required, within a period of 15 days from the date of the circulation of the NCV of the application. The last date to file comments on PUC/PCN was 23rd October, 2024, which was further extended by one week vide notice dated 5th November, 2024 from the date of said notice.
2. The Authority received comments from various interested parties regarding the scope of the PUC and PCN methodology. Thereafter, the Authority held a meeting on 18th November, 2024, with the interested parties for discussion on the scope of the PUC and PCN methodology in the subject investigation. In this regard, the interested parties were also requested to file their final comments/ submissions on the scope of PUC and PCN methodology post the meeting.
3. After examining the comments/ submissions submitted by interested parties as per the timeline stipulated by the Authority both prior to and following the meeting, and taking into account the discussions that took place during the meeting, the Authority is of the opinion that there is no sufficient ground to make PCNs. The scope of the PUC being considered for the purpose of the subject investigation is as follows:

“The product under consideration is “Black Toner Powder Cartridge” (hereinafter referred to as the “subject goods” or the “Product under Consideration”). It is clarified that all sizes as well as empty cartridge in CBU and SKD form are covered in the scope of the investigation. Further, it is clarified that both cartridges i.e., with and without memory chip are covered in the scope of the investigation.

The following types of Cartridges are not covered within the scope of the investigation:

- a. Colour Laser Toner Cartridge*
- b. MICR Toner Cartridge (Specialized Toner used for printing in Cheques)*
- c. Inkjet Liquid Toner Cartridge*
- d. Black Toner Cartridge imported by the Original Equipment Manufacturers of Printers under their own brand name.*
- e. Drum Unit Cartridge.*

Product under consideration is used for printing. The subject goods are classified under HS Code 8443 99 59 (which is amended to 8443 99 52 w.e.f. 01.10.2024) under Chapter 84 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975). The customs classification/ HS Code is only indicative and is not binding on the scope of the product under consideration. The Authority shall consider imports of the product under consideration, irrespective of its classification for the purpose of the present investigation.”

- 4. The specifics of any exclusion(s) are subject to determinations made by the Authority during the course of the investigation and the Authority reserves the right to make the final decision based on the investigation’s outcomes.
- 5. In view of the aforesaid, all the interested parties are requested to file their respective questionnaire responses (QRs) within **30 days** from the date of this notification, in accordance with the Section K of the Initiation Notification. Responses not filed within the stipulated timelines will be treated as per Section N (Non-Cooperation) of the Initiation Notification.
- 6. As trade remedial investigations are time-bound in nature, **no further extension of time will be granted to file the questionnaire responses** in the captioned subject matter.
- 7. This issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

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