

F. No. 6/28/2024-DGTR
Government of India
Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
(Directorate General of Trade Remedies)
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Dated: 12.12.2024

To,

All interested parties

Subject: PUC and PCN methodology – Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of Virgin Multi-Layer Paperboards from Chile and China.

1. This has reference to the initiation notification no. 6/28/2024-DGTR dated 30th September 2024. Through notice of initiation, the interested parties were directed to provide their comments or suggestions, if any, for the scope of product under consideration and the PCN methodology within prescribed time limits.
2. A meeting was conducted on 21st November 2024 at 10:30 PM (IST) to discuss the scope of PUC and PCN methodology.
3. Pursuant to the same, the domestic industry and the other interested parties made their oral submissions during the meeting on the scope of the PUC. Thereafter, written submissions were filed by the interested parties by 26th November 2024. The Authority has examined the submissions made by the domestic industry and the other interested parties.
4. It is clarified that the scope of this decision is limited to defining the scope of the product under consideration for which the present investigation is being conducted, outlining the request for exclusions. This does not preclude interested parties from providing relevant information and evidence to substantiate their requests for exclusion of any particular products. The Authority shall decide the scope of the product under consideration for any measures recommended, after considering relevant information and evidence furnished by all interested parties, and after providing all parties an opportunity of being heard.
5. Requests for exclusion have been made by interested parties for the following product types-
 - a. Two-sided coated paperboard
 - b. Cup stock paperboard
 - c. Liquid packaging board
 - d. PE Coated cup-stock
 - e. FBB used for cigarette packaging
6. The domestic industry has submitted that they are supplying like article to these product types.
7. The scope of the product under consideration for the purpose of present investigation is thus considered the same as defined in the initiation notification and reiterated below -

The product under consideration is multi-layer board made of white / virgin wood pulp, whether coated or uncoated, and is also known as Virgin Multi-Layer Paperboard. The product under consideration is made up of multiple layers of paper bonded together. The product under consideration is made up of pulp from fibre of trees. The product under consideration comes in various grades. The product under consideration includes Folding Box Board (FBB), Solid Bleached Sulfate Board (SBS), Cup Stock Paper or Board and Liquid Packaging Board, all in the range of 140 to 450 GSM. These are classified into two main categories, virgin grade which is manufactured from fibre of the trees and recycled grade manufactured from fibres obtained from recovered paper and paperboard.

Coated/uncoated Cigarette board and paperboards made out of recycled/brown pulp or fibre are excluded from the scope of the product under consideration.

8. The other interested parties have requested separate PCNs for Solid Bleached Sulfate Board ("SBS"), Two-side coated boards/Artboard (ATB), Folding Box Board ("FBB"), Cup stock (CUS) and Liquid Packaging Board (LPB) on account of price differences between said forms of the product under consideration. The below PCNs have been framed considering that these product types carry a cost difference beyond 5%. Hence, PCN methodology being considered for the purpose of the subject investigation is as follows-

SN	Product Type	Code
1	Solid Bleached Sulfate Board	SBS
2	Two-side coated boards / Artboard	ATB
3	Folding Box Board	FBB
4	Cup Stock	CUS
5	Liquid Packaging Board	LPB
6	Others	OTH

9. In view of the above, all interested parties are requested to file their questionnaire responses for the scope of the product under consideration set out above and in accordance with the above mentioned PCN-methodology latest by **11.01.2025**.
10. No further extension of time will be granted by the Authority to file the questionnaire responses, as anti-dumping investigation is time bound.
11. This issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

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