

**F. No. No. 6/29/2024-DGTR**  
**Government of India**  
**Department of Commerce**  
**Ministry of Commerce & Industry**  
**(Directorate General of Trade Remedies)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jeevan Tara Building**  
**5, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001**

Dated: 11 December 2024

To,

All interested parties

**Subject: PUC and PCN methodology – Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR) originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Korea RP and Russia**

1. This has reference to the initiation notification no F. No. No. 6/29/2024-DGTR dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Vide said notice of initiation, the interested parties were requested to provide their comments or suggestions, if any, for the finalization of the scope of PUC and the PCN methodology within prescribed time limits. Thereafter the timeline for filing of the comments or suggestions to the PUC/PCN methodology was extended to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
2. Interested parties filed their comments on the need for exclusion and the need for PCN methodology. A meeting was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 5:00 PM (IST) to discuss and understand the comments made by the interested parties on the scope of PUC and PCN methodology. The applicant was asked to provide its reply to the comments on the PUC and the PCN methodology.
3. The Authority has examined the submissions made by the domestic industry and the other interested parties.
4. It is clarified that this decision on the PUC 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 the 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.
5. The scope of the product under consideration considered is as below:-

*The product under consideration in the present investigation is Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR) in bale form with ACN content (Bound Acrylonitrile %) between 25% to 42%.*

*Following NBR have been excluded from the scope of the product under consideration.*

- a. Carboxylated NBR*
  - b. Hydrogenated NBR*
  - c. Powder NBR*
  - d. Liquid NBR*
  - e. Oil extended NBR*
  - f. Latex NBR*
  - g. NBR with ACN content less than 25%*
  - h. NBR with ACN content more than 42%*
  - i. NVC NBR.*
6. As regards PCN methodology, the interested parties have suggested PCN methodology based on ACN content. The Authority has considered the following PCN methodology: -
- | <b>NBR Category</b> | <b>ACN Content</b> | <b>PCN Code</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Low                 | 25% to 30%         | L               |
| Medium              | Above 30% upto 35% | M               |
| High                | Above 35% upto 42% | H               |
7. 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 within 30 days from the publication of this notice on the website of DGTR.
8. No further extension of time will be granted by the Authority to file the questionnaire responses, as the anti-dumping investigation is time-bound.
9. This issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

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