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Dated: 08th December 2025

To,

All interested parties

Subject: Notice for clarifying the PUC/PCN methodology in the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “certain cold rolled ferritic, martensitic and austenitic grades of flat products of stainless steel” originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia and Vietnam

1. Attention of all interested parties is invited to the above-mentioned investigation initiated vide Notification No. 6/28/2025-DGTR dated 29th September, 2025. The non-confidential version of the application filed by the domestic industry was intimated to all interested parties vide Letter/Email dated 8th October 2025.
2. Whereby, the interested parties were granted an opportunity to present their comments on the scope of the product under consideration (PUC), and product control number (PCN) methodology, within a period of 15 days from the date of intimation, i.e., by 22nd October 2025. However, the timeline for filing comments on PUC/PCN methodology were extended to **28th October 2025**.
3. The product under consideration was defined in the notice of initiation as under:

The product under consideration in the present investigation is “certain cold rolled ferritic, martensitic and austenitic grades of flat productions of stainless steel”. The product under consideration is popularly known as “Cold-Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel of 300 and 400 Series”. Based on grades/specification/chemistry, the product under consideration covers the following:

- a. All **austenitic** grades of stainless steel with minimum nickel content of 6 percent by composition (normally referred to as **300 series** although there can be other description/references as well depending on the relevant technical standard or industry parlance)*
- b. All **ferritic** and **martensitic** grades of stainless steel (normally referred to as **400***

series although there can be other description/references as well depending on the relevant technical standard or industry parlance)

The above mentioned austenitic, ferritic and martensitic grades also include any proprietary and patented grades which conform to the above description. Further, any grade which is not a part of any international standard is also covered to the extent that it meets the requirements of ferritic, martensitic or austenitic grades as specified above.

The scope of the product under consideration includes all forms and types of the above-mentioned grades/specification/chemistry, including products which have also been subjected to further finishing, working or processing after cold rolling, of any kind. Indicative (but not exhaustive examples) of such finishing working or processing include annealing, tempering, pickling, de-scaling, stamping, polishing, grinding, mechanical working, coating, surface treatment etc.

Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel also include Flat Rolled products which may have patterns in relief derived directly from rolling such as grooves, ribs, chequers etc. or they may have been worked after rolling e.g. perforated, corrugated etc.

Stainless steel is a corrosion-resistant alloy of iron, chromium, and other metals. The product under consideration can be transacted in a number of different forms, including but not limited to coils, strips, sheets, plates, circles etc.

Subject goods can be transacted in a number of different finishes such as mill finishes, polished finishes, ground finishes or any other finish. Some indicative (but not exhaustive) examples of finishes are 2B, 2D, BA (bright annealed), Scotch Bright, Number 4, Number 8, PVD, colored, macromatt etc. Further, the subject goods can be transacted in different edge conditions i.e., trim edge and mill edge or any other edge condition. It is produced and sold in a large number of different sizes. All forms, shapes, finishes, edge conditions and sizes of the product are under the scope of the product under consideration.

The scope of product under consideration specifically excludes the following:

- a. Hot rolled flat products of stainless steel*
- b. Blade/razor steel (also known as Jindal blade steel or JBS)*
- c. Coin blanks*
- d. Duplex grades of stainless steel*
- e. Cold rolled austenitic grades of stainless-steel flat products where the maximum nickel content is up to 6% (normally referred to as 200 series although there can be other description/references as well depending on the relevant technical standard or industry parlance). Indicative, but not exhaustive list of such grades includes JT, JSLU-SD, JSLU-DD, J4, 204Cu, J1, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, N7, N5, N6, N1, N2, N3, 201 etc.*

4. The PCN methodology adopted by the Authority in the past investigation on imports of cold rolled products of stainless steel (Case No-AD-SSR 08/2020 dated 20th January 2021) was reproduced as below:

S.No.	Description	PCN	Code
1	Product type	Cold Rolled Cold Rolled Annealed & Pickled	1 2
2	Grade of the Product	301 304 304L 309 310/S 316 316/L 405 409 410 410/S 415 420 430 432 436 439 444 446 Duplex Any Other Special – Pl Specify	301 304 304L 309 310S 316 316L 405 409 410 410S 415 420 430 432 436 439 444 446 DUP ORS SPC
3	Form of the Product	Coil Plate / Sheet Strips Punched Coil Circles Other- Pl specify	1 2 3 4 7 8
4	Width of the Product	Of a width 600 MM or more but upto 1250MM Of a width more than 1250MM (Non-bonafide Uses)	1 2
5	Thickness	Of a thickness of less than 0.5MM	1 2

		Of a thickness of 0.5MM and above but less than 1.00 MM	3
		Of a thickness of 1.00 MM and above but less than 3.00 MM	4
		Of a thickness of 3.00 MM and above upto 4.00 MM	
6	Finish of the Product	No Special finish	1
		Special finish	2
		Pl specify finish in separate column	

5. Based on comments received from the interested parties, the Authority clarifies the scope of the product under consideration and the PCN methodology as below:

Scope of the product under consideration

The product under consideration in the present investigation is "certain cold rolled ferritic, martensitic and austenitic grades of flat products of stainless steel". Based on grades/specification/chemistry, the product under consideration covers the following:

- a. All austenitic grades of stainless steel with minimum nickel content of 6 percent by composition (normally referred to as 300 series although there can be other description/references as well depending on the relevant technical standard or industry parlance)*
- b. All ferritic and martensitic grades of stainless steel (normally referred to as 400 series although there can be other description/references as well depending on the relevant technical standard or industry parlance)*

The above mentioned austenitic, ferritic and martensitic grades also include any proprietary and patented grades which conform to the above description. Further, any grade which is not a part of any international standard is also covered to the extent that it meets the requirements of ferritic, martensitic or austenitic grades as specified above.

The scope of the product under consideration includes all forms and types of the above-mentioned grades/specification/chemistry, including products which have also been subjected to further finishing, working or processing after cold rolling, of any kind. Indicative (but not exhaustive examples) of such finishing working or processing include annealing, tempering, pickling, de-sealing, stamping, polishing, grinding, mechanical working, coating, surface treatment etc.

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The scope of product under consideration specifically excludes the following:

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6. Interested parties have sought exclusion of CR 304 produced by Daiduong and off grade product which shall be examined during the course of the proposed investigation.

PCN Methodology

SN	Description	PCN	Code
1	Grade of the Product	Specify grade of the product	Give grade number/ code
2	Form of the Product	Coil/Strips	1
		Plate and sheet	2
		Punched Coil	3
		Circles	4
		Others - Please specify	5
3	Width of the Product	Of a width below 600 MM	1
		Of a width 600 MM and above	2
4	Thickness	Of a thickness of less than 0.5 MM	1
		Of a thickness of 0.5 MM and above but not exceeding 1MM	2
		Of a thickness exceeding 1.00 MM but less than 3.00 MM	3
		Of a thickness of 3.00 MM or more but less than 4.75mm”	4
		Of a thickness of 4.75mm or above	5
5	Finish of the Product	Mill Finish i.e., 2B, 2D and BA as specified under IS 6911:2017	1
		Any Other Finish – Please specify the finish	2

7. Accordingly, all interested parties are directed to file their questionnaire response based on the above product under consideration by 23rd **December, 2025**.

8. This communication is limited to clarifying the scope of the product under consideration for which the present investigation is being conducted. This does not preclude interested parties from providing relevant information and evidence to substantiate their requests for exclusion for any particular product. 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 during the course of investigation.
9. This issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

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