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INITIATION NOTIFICATION

(Case No. AD (SSR) 07/2026)

SETU ID - AD/SSR/007/2026

Subject: Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation of Anti-Dumping Duties on “Certain Flat Rolled Aluminium Products” from China PR.

F. No. 7/11/2026-DGTR. Hindalco Industries Limited (hereinafter referred to as “applicant” or “domestic industry”), has filed an application before the Designated Authority (“Authority”), in accordance with the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended from time to time (“Act”) and Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended from time to Time (“Rules”) seeking initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties on “*Certain Flat Rolled Aluminium Products*” (“subject goods” or “product under consideration” or “PUC”), originating in or exported from China PR (“subject country”).

In terms of Section 9A(5) of the Act, the anti-dumping duties imposed shall, unless revoked earlier, cease to have effect on expiry of five years from the date of such imposition, and the Authority is required to review whether the expiry of the said duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry. In accordance with the same, the Authority is required to review, on the basis of a duly substantiated request made by or on behalf of the domestic industry, as to whether there is a need for the continued imposition of the anti-dumping duty, and whether the expiry of the duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

A. Background

1. The original anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of the subject goods from China PR was initiated by the Authority vide Notification No. 6/27/2020-DGTR dated September 08, 2020. The Authority issued its final findings vide Notification No. 6/27/2020-DGTR dated September 07, 2021, recommending the imposition of the anti-dumping duties on imports of the subject goods from China PR for a period of five years.

2. The Central Government, vide Notification No. 68/2021-Customs (ADD) dated December 06, 2021, imposed the anti-dumping duties as recommended by the Authority for a period of five years. The duties are in force until December 05, 2026.

B. Product under consideration

3. The product under consideration for the present sunset review is the same as in the original investigation:

The product under consideration is “Flat Rolled Products of Aluminium”. FRP is made in the form of Aluminium Rolled Coils, or Aluminium Rolled Sheets of various dimensions. The product scope includes all product forms and shapes of the products, inter-alia, Coil, Sheets, Circles, Plates etc. with patterns including mill finished or coated products.

The scope of PUC includes products of all dimensions, diameters, thickness, widths, alloys, finish etc., excluding:

- i. Can-body Stock – also include Can End Stock (CES) used to make aluminium cans;*
- ii. Aluminium Foil up to 80 microns (It is clarified that “Aluminium composite panel stock” or “ACP mill finish” and Clad with compatible non-clad Aluminium Foil are included in the scope of this investigation); and*
- iii. Lithograde Aluminium Coils of width above 1150 mm.*

4. The present investigation, being a sunset review investigation, the scope of the product under consideration remains the same as defined in the original investigation.

5. The PUC is classified in Chapter 76 of Schedule I to the Act, under tariff headings 7606 and 7607. The tariff headings are only indicative and not binding, as the product may be imported under different tariff headings.

6. The applicant has proposed that the Authority adopt the same Product Control Numbers (“PCNs”) that were adopted in the original investigation for a fair comparison of the different types of products. The PCN suggested by the applicant is as follows:

S.No	PCN	Thickness Range (mm)	Width Range (mm)	Temper	Alloy Series	Length Range (mm)	Primary Application
1.	ACP Stock / ACP Mill Finish (ACP)	0.12 to 0.98	760 to 1550	H12, H14, H16, H22, H24, H28	1xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx,	-	Aluminium composite panels, for façade, Partitions, Signage etc.
2.	Colour Coated	0.12 to 1.63	760 to 1550	H12, H14, H16, H18, H22, H24, H28, H4X	1xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx,	1000 to 7000 (for Sheet)	Aluminium composite panel, for façade, insulation, roofing/ cladding

S.No	PCN	Thickness Range (mm)	Width Range (mm)	Temper	Alloy Series	Length Range (mm)	Primary Application
3.	Fin Stock	0.04 to 1.5	10 to 1220	O, H12, H14, H16, H18, H19, H22, H24, H26, H28, & F	1xxx, 3xxx, 8xxx		HVAC applications for automotive/transport, industrial heat exchanger and air conditioning
4.	Clad	0.045 to 4.0	10 to 1200	O, H12, H14, H16, H18, H19, H22, H24, H26, H28, & F	3xxx, 4xxx, 5xxx, 7xxx	500 to 4500 (for Sheet)	HVAC applications for automotive/transport
5.	Circles	0.6 to 7.25	102 to 1350 (Diameter)	O, H12, H14, H16, H18, H24, T6	1xxx, 3xxx, 4xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 8xxx		Pressure Cooker & Cookwares
6.	Foil Stock	More than 0.08 to 0.60	540 to 1940	H14, H16, H18, H24 & F	1xxx, 3xxx, 8xxx,		Packaging
7.	Hard Alloys	0.20 to 5	20 to 1900	O, H12, H14, H16, H18, H19, H22, H24, H26, H28, H32, H34, H36, H38, T4, T5, T6	2xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 7xxx	500 to 6000	Industrial, Construction and Defense Applications
8.	Lithographic Aluminium	0.20 to 0.35	600 to 1460	H18	1xxx		Printing plates
9.	Plates	5 to 300	140 to 1900	T6, F, O, H111	1xxx, 2xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 7xxx, 8xxx	500 to 6000	Defense and Industrial Applications
10.	Closure Stock	0.13 to 0.52	38 to 1940	O, H14, H16, H18, H34, H36, H39	1xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx, 8xxx	425 to 1300	PP Caps and Packaging
11.	Applications including General Engineering and Industrial Applications (which may be called GEQ)	0.07 to 5	10 to 1950	O, H12, H14, H15, H16, H18, H19, H22, H24, H26, H28, F, H2X, H3X, H4X, T4, T6	1xxx, 3xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 8xxx	600 to 6000	Industrial, Automotive, Construction, Durables, Insulations etc.

7. Interested parties may file comments on the scope of the PUC and PCNs, if any, within 15 days from the date of this notification.

C. Like Article

8. The applicant claims that there are no known differences between the subject goods exported from the subject country and the like domestic article produced by the domestic industry. Both goods are comparable in terms of physical and chemical characteristics, functions and uses, distribution and marketing, and tariff classification. The two are technically and commercially substitutable. Consumers have used and are using the two interchangeably. The goods produced by the applicant are “like articles” to the subject goods that are imported from the subject country. Therefore, for the purpose of the present investigation, the goods produced by the applicant in India are being treated as ‘like article’ to the subject goods being imported from the subject country.

D. Domestic Industry and Standing

9. The application has been filed by Hindalco Industries Limited, and is supported by Virgo Aluminium Limited, Inalco Alloys Limited and Bharat Aluminium Company Limited. The applicant has not imported the subject goods from the subject country. The applicant has submitted data regarding the total domestic production in India, and the same is considered appropriate at this stage.

10. On the basis of information present in the application and after due examination, the Authority notes that the applicant accounts for “a major proportion” of the total domestic production of the like article in India, and the application has been filed “by or on behalf of the domestic industry”. Accordingly, the applicant qualifies as the “domestic industry” in terms of Rule 2(b), the application satisfies the requirements of Rule 23(1B) and Rule 5(3) of the Rules.

E. Subject Country

11. The subject country for the present investigation is China PR.

F. Period of Investigation

12. The period of investigation (POI) is 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2025 (18 months), and the injury investigation period will cover the periods from April 2021 to March 2022, April 2022 to March 2023, April 2023 to March 2024, and the POI.

13. It is submitted that an 18 months period of investigation would ensure that the dumping and injury analysis, and the likelihood of continuation of dumping and injury would be more comprehensively analysed over, not just one financial year, but also the first six months of the following financial year. It is also submitted that it is appropriate to cover the full financial year of 2024-25, along with the first 6 months of the financial year 2025-26 (April 2025 to September 2025), in order to ensure that the POI is representative of the import and injury trend through the entire period, such that there are no intervening periods in the injury analysis period and the POI.

G. Basis of allegations of Dumping

Normal Value China PR

14. The applicant has claimed that China PR should be treated as a non-market economy, and the normal value should be determined in terms of Paragraph 7 of Annexure I of the Rules. The domestic industry has cited Paragraph 8(2) of Annexure I to the Rules and has stated that Chinese producers should be directed to demonstrate that market economy conditions prevail in the industry producing the subject goods in terms of Paragraph 8(3) of Annexure I to the Rules. The domestic industry has claimed that the normal value for China may be determined on the basis of the “*price from such a third country to other countries, including India*”, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Annexure I to the Rules.

15. The applicant has submitted information regarding the export price from Malaysia to India and proposes that such price be considered as the normal value for the purpose of initiation of the present investigation.

16. However, the applicant has not sufficiently justified the basis of considering Malaysia as appropriate third country. Accordingly, for the purpose of the present initiation, normal value has been determined as per the price payable in India, based on adjusted cost of production of the applicant, duly adjusted for selling, general and administrative expenses and reasonable profits.

Export price

17. The net ex-factory export price as per the DG Systems transaction-wise import data has been determined after due adjustments towards of ocean freight, bank charges, port expenses, inland freight, loading and unloading charges.

Dumping Margin

18. The normal value and the export price have been compared at the ex-factory level, which *prima facie* shows that the dumping margin is above the *de-minimis* level and is significant in respect of the product under consideration imported from the subject country. There is sufficient *prima facie* evidence that the product under consideration from the subject country continues to be dumped in the domestic market of India by the exporters from the subject country.

H. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Injury and Causal Link

19. Information provided by the Applicants *prima facie* shows that the volume of dumped imports continues to remain significant and has increased during the injury period, despite the existence of anti-dumping duties. It is also noted that the performance of the domestic industry continues to remain adverse. The domestic industry’s profitability, cash profit and ROI have declined over the injury period. The market share of the domestic industry has declined, and its installed capacity is underutilised.

20. The Applicants have further claimed that there is a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury in the event of expiry of the duties, and have provided information on third country dumping, attractiveness of the Indian market, export orientation of the producers in the subject country, excess capacity and capacity expansion to substantiate their claim.

I. Initiation of the Sunset Review Investigation

21. Having examined the duly substantiated written application filed by or on behalf of the domestic industry, and having satisfied itself of the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence contained in the application, as to the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry, the Authority, in accordance with Section 9A (5) of the Act, read with Rule 23(1B) of the Rules, hereby, initiates a sunset review investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the existing duties on imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from the subject country, and to examine whether the expiry of existing duties is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

J. Submission of Information

22. All interested parties are required to register themselves on the SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>). All communications and submissions from the interested parties shall be uploaded on the SETU portal under their registered name and the corresponding case ID - AD/SSR/007/2026. It should be ensured that the narrative part of the submission is in a searchable PDF/MS Word format, and data files are in MS Excel format.

23. The known producers/exporters in the subject country, the Government of the subject country through its Embassy in India, the importers and users in India known to be concerned with the subject goods and the domestic industry are being informed separately to enable them to file all relevant information in the form and manner prescribed within the time-limit set out below. All such information must be filed in the form and manner prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority.

24. Any other interested party may also make its submissions relevant to the investigation in the form and manner prescribed by this initiation notification, the Rules, and the applicable trade notices issued by the Authority within the time limit set out below.

25. Any party making any confidential submission before the Authority is required to make a non-confidential version of the same available to other parties.

26. The interested parties are further advised to keep a regular watch on the official website of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies at www.dgtr.gov.in and the SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>) for any updated information with respect to this investigation. Interested parties are directed to regularly visit the website of the DGTR to stay apprised of further developments in the subject investigation and remain informed regarding notices that

may be issued from time to time.

K. Time Limit

27. Any communications and submissions from the interested parties shall be uploaded on the SETU portal under their registered name and the corresponding case ID - AD/SSR/007/2026. The confidential and non-confidential versions of each submission must be uploaded in the respective designated columns within 37 days from the date on which the non-confidential version of the application filed by the domestic industry would be circulated by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the exporting country as per Rule 6(4) of the AD Rules, 1995. If no information is received within the stipulated time limit or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings based on the facts available on record and in accordance with the Rules.

28. All the interested parties are hereby advised to intimate their interest (including the nature of interest) in the instant matter and file their questionnaire responses within the above time limit through the SETU portal only.

29. The 15 day period to file comments on the scope of PUC/PCN Methodology shall run concurrently with the time limit mentioned in para 26 above of this initiation Notification.

30. Extension due to Modification of PUC/PCN: An extension of time by 15 days shall be granted if the Authority, through a subsequent notice, modifies the PUC, and PCN that was not previously proposed or is different from the initiation notification. This extension of 15 days shall be granted from date of such notification of modified PUC and PCN. Extension of time by 15 days stated in this paragraph is not applicable in instances where there is no change in the PUC, and PCN methodology after initiation of investigation. Requests for a further extension of time, beyond the 15-day extension (if granted), will ordinarily not be considered except in case of exceptional circumstances, in line with the Rule 7(4) of the AD Rules.

31. Any request for an extension must be submitted by the concerned parties through the SETU portal at least one day before the original deadline specified in paragraph 26 above. Requests submitted after this time will not be considered.

L. Submission of Information on a Confidential Basis

32. Where any party to the present investigation makes confidential submissions or provides information on a confidential basis before the Authority, it is required to simultaneously submit a non-confidential version of such information in terms of Rule 7(2) of the Rules and in accordance with the relevant trade notices issued by the Authority in this regard.

33. The submissions must be clearly marked as “confidential” or “non-confidential” at the top of each page. Any submission which has been made to the Authority without such markings shall be treated as “non-confidential” information by the Authority, and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow the other interested parties to inspect such submissions.

34. The confidential version shall contain all information that is by nature confidential and/or other information which the supplier of such information claims as confidential. For information that is claimed to be confidential by nature or the information on which confidentiality is claimed because of other reasons, the supplier of the information is required to provide a good cause statement along with the supplied information as to why such information cannot be disclosed.

35. The non-confidential version of the information filed by the interested parties is required to be a replica of the confidential version, with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out (in case indexation is not feasible), and such information must be appropriately and adequately summarised depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed.

36. The non-confidential summary must be in sufficient detail to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information furnished on a confidential basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, the party submitting the confidential information may indicate that such information is not susceptible to summary, and a statement of reasons containing a sufficient explanation in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules and appropriate trade notices issued by the Authority, as to why such summarisation is not possible, must be provided to the satisfaction of the Authority.

37. The interested parties can offer their comments on the issues of confidentiality claimed in the submissions, within seven days (7 days) from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents.

38. The Authority may accept or reject the request for confidentiality on examination of the nature of the information submitted. If the Authority is satisfied the request for confidentiality is not warranted, or if the supplier of the information is either unwilling to make the information public or to authorise its disclosure in generalised or summary form, it may disregard such information.

39. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or without a good cause statement in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules and appropriate trade notices on the confidentiality claim shall not be taken on record by the Authority.

40. The Authority, on being satisfied and accepting the need for confidentiality of the information provided, shall not disclose it to any party without the specific authorisation of the party providing such information.

M. Inspection of the Public File

41. All non-confidential versions of submissions made by any interested party will be accessible to other interested parties through their respective login on the SETU portal.

N. Non-cooperation

42. In case where any interested party refuses access to or otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period or within the time stipulated by the Authority in this initiation notification or any other subsequent time period provided through a separate communication, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available to it and make such recommendations to the Central Government as it deems fit.



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