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INITIATION NOTIFICATION

SETU Case ID: AD/AC/006/2026

Subject: Initiation of an anti-circumvention investigation concerning alleged circumvention through Malaysia, Japan and Thailand of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of “Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin – whether or not further processed into compound” originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP

A. BACKGROUND

1. **F. No. 7/29/2026-DGTR:** DCW Limited, Epigral Limited and Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as the “Applicants”) have filed an application before the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”) in accordance with the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”), alleging that the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of “Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin – whether or not further processed into compound” (hereinafter referred to as the “product under consideration” or “PUC” or “subject goods”), originating in from China PR and Korea RP, is being circumvented through exports of the subject goods from Japan, Malaysia and Thailand (hereinafter referred to as the “subject countries”).
2. The original anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of the product under consideration originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP was initiated by the Authority vide Notification No. 06/03/2019-DGTR dated 28th March 2019. The Authority issued its preliminary findings vide Notification No. 06/03/2019-DGTR dated 12th July 2019, pursuant to which the Central Government imposed provisional anti-

dumping duty vide Notification No. 33/2019-Customs (ADD) dated 26th August 2019. Thereafter, the Authority issued its final findings vide Notification No. 06/03/2019-DGTR dated 19th February 2020, recommending imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty, which was imposed by the Central Government vide Notification No. 05/2020-Customs (ADD) dated 7th March 2020. Subsequently, the Authority initiated a sunset review investigation vide Notification No. 07/28/2023-DGTR dated 29th December 2023 and, vide final findings dated 25th May 2024, recommended continuation of the anti-dumping duty with modification in the form of the measure. Pursuant thereto, the Central Government extended the anti-dumping duty vide Notification No. 15/2024-Customs (ADD) dated 23rd August 2024.

B. PRODUCT UNDER CONSIDERATION (PUC)

3. The product under consideration in the present investigation is same as defined in the original investigation, that is, “Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin- whether or not further processed into compound” (hereinafter referred to as ‘product under consideration’ or ‘PUC’ or ‘subject goods’). It is used in hot and cold-water plumbing distribution both at residential and commercial areas, fire protection, reclaimed water piping, chilled water piping, hydronic piping and distribution (radiators, fan coils, etc.) and is used in many industrial piping applications.

C. PRODUCT UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI)

4. The product under investigation, which is alleged to be circumventing the anti-dumping duty in force on imports of the product under consideration from the subject countries, is “Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) Resin – whether or not further processed into compound” exported by M/s Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia, M/s EBC Corporation from Japan, and M/s Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand (hereinafter referred to as the “product under investigation” or “PUI”). The PUI is classified under tariff items 3904 90 10 and 3904 90 90 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. However, the customs classification is indicative only and is not binding on the scope of the investigation.

D. DOMESTIC INDUSTRY

5. The application has been filed by DCW Limited, Epigral Limited and Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited. DCW Limited and Epigral Limited were producers of the product under consideration during the period of investigation, whereas Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Private Limited commenced commercial production of CPVC Resin subsequent to the period of investigation. On the basis of the information available on record, the Authority is satisfied that the application has been made by or on behalf of the domestic industry in terms of Rule 2(b) read with Rule 26(1) of the Rules.

E. EXISTING MEASURES

6. The existing anti-dumping measure, recommended vide Final Findings Notification No. 07/28/2023-DGTR dated 25th May 2024 and continued by the Central Government vide Notification No. 15/2024-Customs (ADD) dated 23rd August 2024, is allegedly being circumvented.

F. GROUND FOR ALLEGED CIRCUMVENTION

7. The application for anti-circumvention investigation has been filed seeking extension of existing anti-dumping duty levied on PUC vide Notification No. 15/2024-Customs (ADD) dated 23rd August 2024; to PUI exported by EBC Corporation from Japan, exported by Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia and Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand, which is allegedly circumventing the existing anti-dumping duty. The applicants have furnished reasons/ evidence for seeking anti-circumvention investigation which, *inter alia*, includes:
 - a. CPVC in resin form is being exported from China to Malaysia and Japan which is then exported to India as CPVC in resin form.
 - b. CPVC in resin or compound form is being exported from China to Thailand which is then being exported as CPVC in resin or compound form by Sekisui Specialty Chemicals.
 - c. The request contains sufficient *prima facie* evidence that the price of the product under investigation is dumped.
 - d. While the imports have increased, the domestic industry is operating with idle capacities.
8. The Authority on the basis of *prima facie* evidence provided by the applicants, notes that there is a change in the pattern of trade wherein imports of PUI from Japan, Malaysia and Thailand have increased to significant level without any sufficient cause or economic justification thereby undermining the remedial effects of the existing anti-dumping measure imposed on imports of PUC from China PR.

G. INITIATION OF AN ANTI-CIRCUMVENTION INVESTIGATION

9. On the basis of the duly substantiated application filed by the Applicants, the information and evidence placed on record, and the analysis undertaken, the Authority is satisfied that sufficient *prima facie* evidence exists regarding the circumstances referred to in Rule 25 and that the imports alleged to be circumventing the anti-dumping duty are found, *prima facie*, to be dumped. Accordingly, the Authority hereby initiates an anti-circumvention investigation in accordance with Section 9A(1A) of the Act read with Rules 25 and 26 of the Rules to determine the existence and effect of the alleged circumvention of the existing anti-dumping duty on the product under consideration through exports by M/s

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Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia, M/s EBC Corporation from Japan and M/s Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand.

H. PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION

10. The period of investigation (POI) for the present investigation is 01 April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (12 months), and the injury period will cover 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and POI.

I. COUNTRIES AND EXPORTERS UNDER INVESTIGATION

11. The present anti-circumvention investigation is limited to the product under investigation exported to India by M/s Sasia Chlorine Polymers Sdn. Bhd. from Malaysia, M/s EBC Corporation from Japan, and M/s Sekisui Specialty Chemicals (Thailand) Co. Ltd. from Thailand. The investigation does not extend to exports of the product under consideration from Malaysia, Japan or Thailand by other producers/exporters.

J. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

12. All information, questionnaires, and submissions for this investigation must be filed through the SETU Portal only within the deadlines specified in this notification. The Authority may not consider submissions sent via email or any other mode.
13. In order to participate in the investigation, all interested parties are required to register themselves on the SETU Portal (<https://setu.dgtr.gov.in>). In case of any difficulty in registering as an interested party, the DGTR's SETU Helpdesk may be contacted through the details provided at <https://setu.dgtr.gov.in/help-desk>. All communications and submissions from interested parties must be filed through the SETU Portal under their registered name and the corresponding Case ID mentioned above. Interested parties are required to ensure that the narrative part of the submissions is filed in searchable PDF/MS Word format, while data files must be submitted in MS Excel format with properly linked calculations.
14. The known producers/exporters in the subject countries, the governments of the subject countries through their embassies in India, and the importers and users in India known to be concerned with the subject goods are being informed separately to enable them to file all relevant information in the form and manner prescribed within the time limits 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.
15. Parties interested in the investigation are hereby advised to intimate their interest, including the nature of interest, in the present investigation and file their questionnaire responses/submissions within the time limits mentioned in this initiation notification.

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16. Any interested party may make submissions relevant to the present investigation in the form and manner prescribed within the time limits specified in this notification. Any party making any confidential submission before the Authority is required to simultaneously file a non-confidential version of the same. The non-confidential version should be a replica of the confidential version.
17. Interested parties are further directed to regularly visit the official website of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (<https://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 stay apprised of further developments in the subject investigation and remain informed regarding notices that may be issued from time to time regarding questionnaire formats, PCN methodology, PCN discussions/meeting schedule, notice for oral hearing, disclosure, corrigendum, amendment notifications, final finding and other such information.

K. TIME LIMIT

18. The confidential version (CV) and the non-confidential version (NCV) of the questionnaire responses/submissions shall be uploaded in the respective designated sections of the SETU Portal within 37 days from the date on which the notice calling for information is sent by the Authority or transmitted to the appropriate diplomatic representatives of the countries concerned, in terms of Rule 6(4) read with Rule 26(5) of the Rules. If no information is received within the prescribed time limit, or the information received is incomplete, the Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available on record in accordance with the Rules.
19. Any party wishing to register as an interested party in the present investigation must register through the SETU Portal and file its questionnaire responses and submissions strictly within the time limits mentioned above in this Initiation Notification.
20. Any request for extension must be submitted by the concerned party through the SETU Portal at least 3 days before the original deadline. Requests submitted after this time will not be considered.

L. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS

21. Any party making confidential submissions or providing information on a confidential basis before the Authority is required to simultaneously submit a non-confidential version of the same 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. Failure to adhere to the above may lead to rejection of the response/submissions.
22. The parties making any submission, including questionnaire responses and appendices/annexures attached thereto, before the Authority are required to file

confidential and non-confidential versions separately in the designated sections of the SETU Portal.

23. The parties making submissions before the Authority shall ensure that:
- i. two separate versions are uploaded, one marked as confidential and the other marked as non-confidential;
 - ii. where the submission contains multiple parts or annexures, an index table listing all such parts and annexures is provided; and
 - iii. every page of the submission is properly page-numbered.
24. Where the original document is in a language other than English or Hindi, the interested party shall provide a true translation thereof in English or Hindi along with the original document.
25. The confidential or non-confidential submissions must be clearly marked as “confidential” or “non-confidential” at the top of each page. Any submission made without such marking shall be treated as non-confidential by the Authority, and the Authority shall be at liberty to allow other interested parties to inspect such submissions.
26. The confidential version shall contain all information which is, by nature, confidential and/or any other information which the supplier of such information claims as confidential. For information claimed as confidential, whether by nature or for any other reason, the supplier of such information is required to provide a good cause statement along with the information supplied, explaining why such information cannot be disclosed.
27. The non-confidential version of the information filed by interested parties is required to be a replica of the confidential version, with the confidential information preferably indexed or blanked out where indexation is not possible. Such information must be appropriately and adequately summarised, depending upon the information on which confidentiality is claimed.
28. 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, where the party submitting confidential information considers that such information is not susceptible to summary, such party may so indicate and provide a statement of reasons containing sufficient and adequate explanation as to why such summarisation is not possible, to the satisfaction of the Authority.
29. Interested parties may offer their comments on the confidentiality claims made by other parties within 7 days from the date of circulation of the non-confidential version of the documents.

30. The Authority may accept or reject the request for confidentiality after examination of the nature of the information submitted. If the Authority is satisfied that 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 a generalised or summary form, the Authority may disregard such information.
31. Any submission made without a meaningful non-confidential version thereof or without a sufficient and adequate cause statement in terms of Rule 7 of the Rules and the relevant trade notices issued by the Authority shall not be taken on record by the Authority.
32. Where the Authority is satisfied that the request for confidentiality is warranted, it shall not disclose such information to any party without the specific authorisation of the party providing such information.

M. INSPECTION OF PUBLIC FILE

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

N. NON-COOPERATION

34. In case 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 significantly impedes the investigation, the Authority may declare such party as non-cooperative and record its findings on the basis of the facts available on record and make such recommendations to the Central Government as it deems fit.

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Designated Authority