Trade Remedies Authority

NOTICE OF INITIATION

Suspension Polyvinyl Chloride (S-PVC) originating in China, Mexico and South Korea

Investigation into alleged dumping

Investigation no. AD0092

The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) makes the following Notice pursuant to paragraph 9(5)(d) of Schedule 4 to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (the Act) to initiate an investigation into alleged dumping.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by INOVYN ChlorVinyls Limited, chemical company (the Application).

A non-confidential copy of the Application is available on our public file relating to this investigation.

The date of initiation of the investigation is 4 August 2026.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The exporting country or territory

The investigation concerns the goods subject to investigation (Goods Concerned) originating in China, Mexico and South Korea.

The goods

The Goods Concerned are:

> Suspension polyvinylchloride (S-PVC), not mixed with any other substance.

The Goods Concerned are subject to the following commodity codes:

> 3904 1000 15
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> 3904 1000 80

The like goods for the purposes of this investigation are:

> Suspension polyvinylchloride (S-PVC), not mixed with any other substance

UK industry

The Application was made on behalf of the UK industry, INOVYN ChlorVinyls Limited, who are the sole producer of S-PVC within the United Kingdom.

Allegations of dumping and injury

The Application alleges that the Goods Concerned originating in China, Mexico and South Korea have been imported into the United Kingdom, and that data analysis indicates that the export price of the Goods Concerned is lower than the normal value and that the alleged dumping has caused injury to the UK industry in S-PVC through:

- Actual decline in price; profitability; production; capacity and capacity utilisation.
- Actual negative effects on employment; productivity and investments.

Sampling

Depending on the number of parties registering an interest in the investigation, we may consider it appropriate to limit examination to a sample of:

- overseas exporters;
- importers;
- categories of goods;
- UK producers;
- transactions for the purchase of the like goods in the UK; or
- anything else we consider it appropriate to sample.

Period of investigation

The period of investigation is 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The investigation will involve the following process:

- inviting parties to register their interest in the investigation;
- issuing questionnaires, where practicable, to:

  - all interested parties (other than the government of the foreign country or territory) who have registered an interest in the investigation;
  - all contributors who have registered an interest in the investigation;
  - all UK producers, importers, overseas exporters and overseas producers identified in the Application; and
  - any trade or business association of UK producers, importers and overseas exporters identified in the Application.
- carrying out verification to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;
- determining whether goods are being dumped and the dumping is causing injury to UK industry;
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interest of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period of time, which will be no longer than 30 days, during which parties will be able to comment on the Statement of Essential Facts; and
- at the end of the investigation, we will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade (the Secretary of State) which may include provision for an anti-dumping amount to be applied. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to accept, reject or request that the TRA reassess the recommendation. If our recommendation is rejected, the Secretary of State may decide to apply an alternative remedy.

Provisional affirmative determination

If, at any time during the investigation, we are satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for recommending imposition of an anti-dumping amount, we may make a provisional affirmative determination under paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 to the Act and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, under paragraph 13 of Schedule 4 to the Act, that importers of the relevant goods are required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated anti-dumping amount. We will only recommend the requirement to give a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to a UK industry in the relevant goods.

Parties are invited to comment on the issue of making a provisional affirmative determination and requiring a guarantee throughout the investigation.

Confidential information

Information provided during an investigation may be treated as confidential. Anyone requesting that information be treated as confidential must demonstrate why and provide:

- a non-confidential summary of that information; or
- in exceptional circumstances, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

Non-cooperation

Please be aware that we may disregard information supplied by an interested party where we determine that the party has failed to cooperate with an investigation or has otherwise significantly impeded the progress of an investigation. We may decline to accept information supplied outside any applicable time limit and may make determinations on the basis of information obtained from secondary sources, provided we do so with special circumspection and verify such information from independent sources (where practicable).

Further information

Our Trade Remedies Guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process) provides more information about the investigations process, including our requirements for submitting and summarising confidential information, on non-cooperation and on our use of information and facts available.

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

TRA address and registration period

Anyone who wants to participate in the investigation and make their views known can register their interest through the Trade Remedies Service by 21 August 2026.

Please contact AD0092@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service.

Anyone registering their interest after 21 August 2026 may not be able to participate fully in the investigation process.

Interested parties and contributors

Once registered, interested parties and contributors can submit comments on any issues relevant to the investigation through the Trade Remedies Service.

Interested parties may include:

- the Governments of China, Mexico and South Korea;
- any overseas exporter or importer of the Goods Concerned;
- any overseas producer of the Goods Concerned;
- any trade or business association of producers, overseas exporters or importers of the Goods Concerned;
- any producer of the like goods in the UK; and
- any trade or business association of UK producers of the like goods.

Contributors are those, other than interested parties, who have notified the TRA that they would like to participate in the investigation.

Hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing by using the Trade Remedies Service at https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/.

For further information about hearings during an investigation, please see our Meetings, Hearings and Visits Guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-trade-remedies-investigations-process/the-tras-investigation-process#Meetings).