



NOTICE OF INITIATION

Suspension Poly(vinyl chloride)

Imported into the United Kingdom and originating in the United States of America

Initiation of an Investigation into Alleged Dumping

Investigation No. AD0049

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

The date of initiation of the investigation is 8 January 2024.

The decision to initiate the investigation follows an application lodged by INOVYN ChlorVinyls Ltd, represented by O'Connor and Company of Brussels (the application).

The application was made on behalf of the UK industry for suspension poly(vinyl chloride) (S-PVC) not mixed with any other substance.

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

HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE INVESTIGATION

Registration period

Anyone who wants to participate in the investigation can register their interest through the Trade Remedies Service at <https://www.trade-remedies.service.gov.uk/> by 23 January 2024.

Please contact AD0049@traderemedies.gov.uk if you have any difficulties using this service. Anyone registering their interest after 23 January 2024 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 government of the United States of America (US);
- any overseas exporter or importer of the goods concerned;
- any overseas producer of the goods concerned;
- any trade or business association of overseas 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 us that they would like to participate in the investigation.

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION

The Goods

The goods subject to investigation (the Goods Concerned) are:

“Suspension Poly(vinyl chloride) (S-PVC), not mixed with any other substance”

The Goods Concerned are subject to the following commodity codes:

39041000 15 and 39041000 80

The applicant considers that the Like Goods are considered the same as the Goods Concerned for the purposes of this investigation.

Allegations of dumping and injury

The application alleges that the Goods Concerned have been imported into the United Kingdom from the United States of America, and that the normal value is less than the export price.

The applicant claims that the alleged dumping has caused injury to industry in the United Kingdom through the effects on:

- i. Output and capacity utilisation
- ii. UK industry sales and market share
- iii. Profits
- iv. Investments
- v. Stocks

- vi. Employment and productivity
- vii. Price effects

The applicant has further alleged that imports are threatening to cause injury through the effects of:

- i. Developments in the EU
- ii. Rate of increase of dumped imports
- iii. Changes to available production capacity of the exporters
- iv. Expected price depression or price suppression effect of further imports

SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The period of investigation is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. In order to assess injury, we will examine the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.

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, and 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 visits to further assess and examine information;
- analysing information gathered;
- determining whether goods are being dumped and the dumping is causing injury (including the threat of material injury);
- determining an amount adequate to remove the injury;
- considering whether applying an anti-dumping amount would be in the economic interests of the UK;
- publishing a Statement of Essential Facts. On publication, we will set a period, 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 International 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 or reject that recommendation.

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the investigations process.

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 that Schedule that importers of the goods concerned are required to give a guarantee in respect of an estimated anti-dumping amount. We will only require a guarantee where we are satisfied that it is necessary to prevent injury being caused during the investigation to UK industry in the relevant goods, and that it meets the economic interest test.

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

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;
- overseas producers;
- 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.

Hearings

Interested parties can request a hearing during the review process using the [Trade Remedies Service](#).

For further information about hearings, please see our [Meetings, Hearings and Visits guidance](#).

Confidential information

Information provided during a review 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
- where that is not possible, a statement of reasons explaining why the information should be treated as confidential, and why it cannot be summarised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Our [Trade Remedies Guidance](#) provides more information about the review process, including our requirements for [submitting and summarising confidential information](#).

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