F. No. 06/25/2026-DGTR
Government of India
Department of Commerce
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Directorate General of Trade Remedies
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Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001

Dated: 21st August 2026

To,
All interested parties

Subject: PUC and PCN methodology – Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Thermal Paper or Thermal Sensitive Paper" originating in or exported from USA, China PR and the Republic of Korea [Case No. AD(OI) – 25/2026]

1. This has reference to the initiation notification F. No. 06/25/2026-DGTR dated 24th June 2026 issued in Case No. AD(OI) – 25/2026, whereby an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Thermal Paper or Thermal Sensitive Paper" originating in or exported from USA, China PR and the Republic of Korea was initiated on the application filed by the Indian Association of Thermal Paper Manufacturers' & Allied Industries. The scope of the product under consideration was notified at paragraphs 2 and 3 of the said notification.

2. Vide paragraph 5 of the initiation notification, the interested parties were advised to furnish their comments or suggestions, if any, on the scope of the product under consideration and on the proposed PCN methodology within 15 days from the date of initiation of the investigation, duly substantiated with relevant evidence. Thereafter, vide letter dated 13th July 2026, all interested parties were advised to file their comments on the PUC and the PCNs latest by 22nd July 2026.

3. Within the timeline so prescribed, the domestic industry and the other interested parties furnished their comments on the scope of the product under consideration and on the PCN methodology.

4. A meeting was conducted on 05th August 2026 at 02:00 PM (IST) to discuss and understand the comments made by the interested parties on the scope of the PUC and the PCN methodology. Pursuant to the same, the domestic industry and the other interested parties further elaborated their submissions. The Authority has examined the submissions made by the domestic industry and the other interested parties.

5. After examining the comments made by interested parties, the scope of the PUC was adopted as same in the initiation notification.

6. The scope of the product under consideration is clarified as follows:

> *The product under consideration is "Thermal Paper or Thermal Sensitive Paper" (the terms being used interchangeably). Thermal Paper contains a transparent dye which changes to a colour (usually black) when heat is applied. In other words, thermal paper*

is a recording medium designed for thermal printers, which operate without ink by applying heat to create images or texts.

Thermal Paper consists of a base paper coated with several layers including a precoat layer and a thermal layer, containing a specialized chemical mix. Although most thermal papers produce developed images in black, other colours such as blue, red or green are also available. The product under consideration is used for ATM receipts, bus tickets, railway tickets, boarding passes, retail billing receipts, utility bills, credit/debit card machine receipts, labelling, and similar applications.

7. It is clarified that:

a. Self-Adhesive Thermal Paper Labels are outside the scope of the PUC in the present investigation;

b. Stocklot/rejected lot thermal paper remains within the scope of the PUC;

c. The expression "Thermal Paper or Thermal Sensitive Paper" covers all variants of thermal paper irrespective of the developer chemistry used (including BPA-based, BPS-based, BPA-free, BPS-free and Phenol-free thermal paper);

d. The precise manner in which duty, if any, may be levied on different variants may be decided during the course of the investigation.

8. After examination of the submissions made by the interested parties, the Authority has decided to adopt the following Product Control Number (PCN) methodology for the purpose of the present investigation:

	Description	**Code**
Thermal Paper	With Top Coating	T1
Thermal Paper	Without Top Coating	T2

9. The above PCNs have been framed considering that these product types carry a cost difference beyond 5%. The distinction is recognised in the BIS standard for thermal paper (IS 17568:2025).

10. Illustrative examples are given below:

a. A transaction pertaining to Thermal Paper with Top Coating may be codified as "T1".

b. A transaction pertaining to Thermal Paper without Top Coating may be codified as "T2".

11. 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 the investigation.

12. All interested parties are requested to file their questionnaire responses and all subsequent submissions by adopting the above Product Control Number (PCN) methodology latest by 04.09.2026.

13. All interested parties are advised to ensure that both confidential and non-confidential versions of their submissions are filed on the SETU Portal within the extended timeline, in accordance with the applicable Trade Notices.

14. Since the trade remedy investigations are time-bound in nature, no further extension of time will be granted for filing the Questionnaire Responses.

15. This issues with the approval of the Designated Authority.

Sd/-
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