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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON  
SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION  
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

THAILAND

*Polypropylene*

The following communication, dated and received on 8 September 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Thailand.

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A petition of a safeguard investigation pursuant to Section 13 of the Safeguard Measures on Increased Imports Act B.E. 2550 (2007) was lodged by the domestic industry (HMC Polymers Company Limited, Thai Polyethylene Company Limited, and IRPC Public Company Limited). Following due consideration of its petition, the Department of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand has issued the notification of a safeguard investigation on imports of Polypropylene, dated 29 August 2025. To this end, Thailand hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards of the above-mentioned initiation.

**1. Date of initiation**

The notification of the safeguard investigation was published in the Royal Thai Government Gazette on 3 September B.E. 2568 (2025).

**2. Product under consideration**

The product under consideration is Polypropylene. It is currently classifiable under the Thai Customs Tariff Code at subheadings: 3902.10.30.001 3902.10.30.090 3902.10.40.001 3902.10.40.090 3902.10.90.001 3902.10.90.090 3902.30.30.001 3902.30.30.090 3902.30.90.001 3902.30.90.090 and 3902.90.90.000.

**3. Reasons for the initiation of the investigation**

The investigation was initiated following a petition made by HMC Polymers Company Limited, Thai Polyethylene Company Limited, and IRPC Public Company Limited whose collective output constitutes a domestic industry of the like product in Thailand.

The petitioner has provided sufficient evidence of a surge in imports of the product concerned showing that the volume has increased in absolute terms from 228,365 tons in 2020 to 390,583 tons in 2023 or increase by 71.03%. It has continued to significantly rise up from 297,871 tons to 351,764 tons or increase by 18.09% when comparing the first three quarters of 2024 and 2025.

Meanwhile, based on a preliminary assessment on the situation of the domestic industry concerned, and the rate and amount of the increase in imports of the product under consideration, it was found that the increased imports have caused or threaten to cause serious injury to the domestic industry. Such serious injury is reflected in the form of decline in domestic market share, sales volume, production, and capacity utilization, as well as an increase in losses.

#### **4. Deadlines and procedures**

All relevant importers, exporters and any other interested parties wishing to present evidences, documents, views or comments pertaining to the investigation shall submit the aforementioned information in writing to the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, latest on 24 September 2025 before 16:30 ICT (GMT+7). Except for the exporters and any interested parties situated outside Thailand, the deadline for presentation of evidence, documents and views would be on 1 October 2025.

#### **5. Requests and contact regarding the investigation**

The copy of a non-confidential version of the petition (Thai version) and the updated information concerning the investigation are available on the website <https://thaitr.dft.go.th/en/search/SG1008>

Interested parties wishing to raise questions regarding the above-mentioned proceedings or to request for information should contact the following address:

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