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Anti-dumping and trade defense

New Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties on Optical Fibre Cables from India

The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1135 of 10 June 2025 has introduced a definitive countervailing duty on imports of single mode optical fibre cables originating in India.

The measure applies to cables consisting of one or more individually sheathed fibres, with protective casing, whether or not containing electric conductors, and whether or not connectorised.

These products currently fall under TARIC codes 8544 70 00 10 and 8544 70 00 91.

Product Exclusions

The following products are excluded from the scope of the regulation:

- Cables shorter than 500 metres in length in which all optical fibres are individually fitted with operational connectors at one or both ends.
- Submarine-use cables, plastic insulated, containing a copper or aluminium conductor, where the fibres are housed in metal module(s).

New Duties Applied

The definitive countervailing duty rates range from 3.7% to 8.1%, applied to the net, free-at-Union-frontier price, before duty.

The regulation also amends Regulation (EU) 2024/3014 of 13 December 2024, which had imposed definitive anti-dumping duties on similar imports.

The new anti-dumping duty rates now range from 2.9% to 8.8%, also calculated on

the net, free-at-Union-frontier price, before duty.

Regulatory Coordination

The regulation introduces coordination rules between the anti-dumping and countervailing duty regimes to ensure consistency and proper enforcement.

Key Takeaway

Importers of optical fibre cables from India should review their supply chains structures to ensure compliance with the new EU duties.

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