

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF INQUIRY

THERMAL PAPER ROLLS

Notice was received by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on September 10, 2025, from the Director General of the Trade and Anti-dumping Programs Directorate at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), stating that preliminary determinations had been made respecting the dumping and subsidizing of thermal paper rolls in nominal widths up to and including 15 centimetres, with a nominal paper weight of 70 grams per square meter (“gsm”) or less and a thermal active coating on one or both sides comprised of a dye and a developer that react and form an image when heat is applied, excluding thermal paper rolls with an adhesive backing, originating in or exported from the People’s Republic of China.

Pursuant to section 42 of the *Special Import Measures Act* (SIMA), the Tribunal has initiated an inquiry to determine whether the dumping and subsidizing of the above-mentioned goods have caused injury or retardation or are threatening to cause injury, to make inquiries with respect to massive importations, and to determine such other matters as the Tribunal is required to determine under that section.

Each person or government wishing to participate in the inquiry and at the hearing as a party must file [Form I—Notice of Participation](#) with the Tribunal, on or before **September 25, 2025**. Each counsel who intends to represent a party in the inquiry and at the hearing must file [Form II—Notice of Representation](#) and [Form III—Declaration and Undertaking](#) with the Tribunal, on or before **September 25, 2025**.

On **October 30, 2025**, the Tribunal will issue a list of participants. Counsel and self-represented participants are required to serve their respective submissions on each other on the dates outlined below. Public submissions are to be served on counsel and those participants who are not represented by counsel. Confidential submissions are to be served only on counsel who have access to the confidential record, and who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking with the Tribunal. This information will be included in the list of participants. **One complete electronic version** of all submissions must be filed with the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will hold a hearing relating to this inquiry commencing on **December 8, 2025**, to hear evidence and representations by interested parties. The type of hearing will be communicated at a later date.

Written submissions, correspondence and requests for information regarding this notice should be addressed to the Registry, Secretariat to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, at citt-tcce@tribunal.gc.ca. The Registry can also be reached by telephone at 613-993-3595.

Ottawa, September 11, 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 10, 2025, the Tribunal received notice from the Director General of the Trade and Anti-dumping Programs Directorate at the CBSA, stating that preliminary determinations have been made respecting the dumping and subsidizing of thermal paper rolls in nominal widths up to and including 15 centimetres, with a nominal paper weight of 70 grams per square meter (“gsm”) or less and a thermal active coating on one or both sides comprised of a dye and a developer that react and form an image when heat is applied, excluding thermal paper rolls with an adhesive backing, originating in or exported from the People’s Republic of China.

Pursuant to section 42 of SIMA, the Tribunal will now determine whether the dumping and subsidizing of the above-mentioned goods have caused injury or retardation or are threatening to cause injury, make inquiries with respect to massive importations, and determine such other matters as the Tribunal is required to determine under that section. More information is available in the Tribunal’s [Preliminary and final injury inquiries guidelines](#).

The Tribunal has sent the notice of commencement of inquiry, as well as a letter outlining the details of the procedures and the inquiry schedule, to known interested parties, such as domestic producers, importers, foreign producers, certain purchasers, trade associations, and any trade unions that represent persons employed in the domestic industry. Some interested parties have been requested to complete questionnaires.

All [questionnaires](#) are bilingual and can be downloaded from the Tribunal’s website.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

The Tribunal’s [Guidelines on product exclusion requests](#) describe the procedure for filing requests for specific product exclusions. They also include links to the [form](#) for filing requests for product exclusions and to a [response form](#) for any party that opposes such requests. Please see the filing deadlines for the product exclusion process in the attached Inquiry Schedule.

REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC INTEREST INQUIRY

In the event of an injury finding, a request for a public interest inquiry may be made by any party to the injury inquiry, or by any other group or person affected by the injury finding. Such a request must be filed with the Tribunal within 45 days of an injury finding. A public interest inquiry and an injury inquiry are completely separate proceedings. The Tribunal does not seek nor does it accept submissions on public interest issues during an injury inquiry.

PROCEDURE FOR E-FILING WITH THE TRIBUNAL

The public, counsel and self-represented participants may file documents electronically with the Tribunal through its [Secure E-filing Service](#). The information is fully encrypted from the sender to the Tribunal.

Form I—Notice of Participation, Form II—Notice of Representation and Form III—Declaration and Undertaking should all be filed electronically through the Tribunal’s Secure E-filing Service.

Following receipt of completed forms I, II and II, the Tribunal will send to counsel and self-represented participants a letter with information on the E-registry Service and the filing of documents.

CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSIONS PROJECT

The Tribunal will be conducting a project in the context of this inquiry aiming to further prevent inadvertent disclosure of confidential information. Public and confidential submissions will go through a review process, 24 hours before the filing deadline with the Tribunal, among counsel of record who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking. All counsel of record to this inquiry who filed a Form III will be required to participate in the project. Additional information concerning the project and its deadlines will be communicated to counsel and self-represented participants following the receipt of completed forms I, II and III. The schedule appended to this notice has also been updated to take into account the deadlines for service among counsel who signed a Form III.

HEARING

The Tribunal will hold a hearing relating to this inquiry commencing on December 8, 2025, to hear evidence and representations by interested parties. The type of hearing will be communicated at a later date.

INTERPRETATION AT THE HEARING

To facilitate management of interpretation requirements:

- 25 days prior to the hearing, parties are to advise the Tribunal and all parties, in writing, which language(s) their counsel and witnesses will be using.
- 20 days prior to the hearing, parties are to advise the Tribunal and all parties, in writing, which interpretation services they and/or their witnesses require for the hearing and advise if the interpretation service is required for the entirety of the hearing or for specific testimonies and/or arguments.

OTHER INFORMATION

The [Canadian International Trade Tribunal Rules](#) govern these proceedings.

In accordance with section 46 of the [Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act](#), a person who provides information to the Tribunal and who wishes some or all of the information to be kept confidential must, among other things, submit a non-confidential edited version or summary of the information designated as confidential, or a statement indicating why such a summary cannot be made. Please consult the Tribunal's [Confidentiality Guidelines](#) for more information.

Written and oral communication with the Tribunal may be in English or in French.

In order to observe and understand production processes, the Tribunal, accompanied by its staff, may conduct plant visits.

At the end of these proceedings, the Tribunal will issue a decision supported by a summary of the case, a summary of the arguments and an analysis of the case. The decision will be posted on its website and distributed to counsel and self-represented participants, as well as to organizations and persons registered to receive decisions of the Tribunal.

INQUIRY SCHEDULE

September 11, 2025	Distribution of Notice of Commencement of Inquiry and Schedule Questionnaires available on Tribunal's website
September 25, 2025	Notices of participation and representation, declarations and undertakings
October 2, 2025	Replies to all questionnaires
October 30, 2025	Distribution of Tribunal exhibits, including the investigation report
November 6, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for product exclusions
November 12, 2025, by noon, ET	Requests for information (RFIs) Submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
November 13, 2025	Identification of language(s) to be used at the hearing
November 17, 2025, by noon, ET	Objections to RFIs
November 17, 2025	Requests for interpretation services during the hearing
November 18, 2025, by noon, ET	Responses to requests for product exclusions
November 20, 2025	Tribunal decisions on RFIs
November 21, 2025, by noon, ET	Submissions of parties opposing a finding of injury
November 26, 2025, by noon, ET	Replies to responses to requests for product exclusions
December 1, 2025, by noon, ET	Replies to RFIs
December 2, 2025, by noon, ET	Reply submissions of parties supporting a finding of injury
December 8, 2025	Hearing
January 8, 2026	Finding issued
January 23, 2026	Statement of reasons issued

February 17, 2026	If not appealed or there are no applications for judicial review, certificates of destruction for the preliminary (PI) and final injury (NQ) from counsel of record who have filed Form III—Declaration and Undertaking
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