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### FINAL ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES IMPOSED ON ELECTROLYTIC TINPLATE FROM CHINA, KOREA, JAPAN, AND INDIA - MINISTRY OF INVESTMENT, TRADE AND INDUSTRY AFFIRMATIVE FINAL DETERMINATION

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On 9 May 2025, the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (“**MITI**”) issued its Affirmative Final Determination in the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of electrolytic tinplate from the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the Republic of India. This follows an extensive investigation initiated in response to a petition filed by Perusahaan Sadur Timah Malaysia (Perstima) Berhad (“**Perstima**”) on 28 June 2024.

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## **Brief Facts**

The petition, submitted pursuant to the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and its accompanying Regulations, alleged that exporters from the four named countries were selling electrolytic tinplate into Malaysia at prices significantly lower than those in their respective domestic markets, thereby causing material injury to the Malaysian industry.

Electrolytic tinplate is a flat-rolled product of iron or non-alloy steel plated with tin, widely used in the manufacturing of cans and closures for food, beverages, aerosols, paints, and other consumer goods. It is a critical raw material in the packaging industry, particularly for preserving shelf-stable food and drink products. Perstima remains the sole domestic producer of electrolytic tinplate in Malaysia and thus represents the entire domestic industry.

## **Final Determination**

Following a nine-month investigation involving verification visits abroad, engagement with foreign producers, and the review of voluminous documentary and pricing data, MITI has now concluded that dumping occurred in respect of all four countries. The dumped imports have caused material injury to the domestic industry, and definitive anti-dumping duties are necessary to restore fair trade.

Accordingly, MITI has imposed **definitive anti-dumping duties**<sup>1</sup> on imports from the following producers and/or exporter from the respective countries:

Country	Producer/Exporter	Duty Rate (%)
China	Baoshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	4.78%
	GDH Zhongyue (Qinhuangdao) Tinplate Industrial Co., Ltd.	4.48%
	GDH Zhongyue (Zhongshan) Tinplate Industry Co., Ltd.	4.48%
	Hesteel Group Hengshui Strip Processing Co., Ltd.	16.44%
	Shougang Jingtang United Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	19.48%
	All other exporters	20.42%

[1] See the Federal Government Gazette P.U (B) 187/2025 here:  
[https://lom.agc.gov.my/act-view.php?type=pua&no=P.U.%20\(B\)%20187/2025&status=PRINCIPAL](https://lom.agc.gov.my/act-view.php?type=pua&no=P.U.%20(B)%20187/2025&status=PRINCIPAL)

<b>Republic of India</b>	All producers or exporters	27.88%
<b>Japan</b>	Nippon Steel Corporation	15.74%
	All other exporters	36.80%
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	KG Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd.	21.60%
	All other exporters	35.43%

The import duties shall take effect from 11 May 2025 and remain in force until 10 May 2030.

### **Concluding Thoughts**

This decision marks an important affirmation of Malaysia's commitment to upholding fair trade and protecting domestic industries from the adverse effects of unfair pricing practices. It reinforces the effectiveness of the country's trade remedy framework under the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and ensures that Malaysian manufacturers are not placed at a structural disadvantage in their own market.

The imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties will help restore competitive balance, provide relief to the domestic tinplate industry, and serve as a reminder that Malaysia is prepared to act decisively against injurious trade practices in accordance with international law.

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