PRODUCT REPORT

# PET Resin (Bottle Grade)

HS Code 3907.61 | Export market guide: Pakistan to Canada | October 2026

### Key facts at a glance

| Indicator | Value | Source |
|---|---|---|
| Canada's imports of PET resin, viscosity number ≥ 78 ml/g (HS 390761), 2025 | USD 103.82 million (−5.7% vs 2024) | Trade Data Online |
| Canada's imports from Pakistan, 2025 | USD 12.20 million (11.75% share; −51.7% vs 2024) | Trade Data Online |
| Pakistan's rank among suppliers | 4th in 2025, after the United States, India and China; 1st in 2021 and 2022 | Trade Data Online |
| **Pakistan in 2026 so far** | January–August 2026: USD 14.21 million (+34.9%), a 18.79% share; total imports +11.0% | Trade Data Online |
| Pakistan's world exports, FY2025-26 | USD 152.7 million / 150.9 thousand tonnes to 21 destinations; Canada 4th market | TIPP |
| Canadian import duty | Free from all origins (MFN, GPT, LDCT and all FTAs) | CBSA Customs Tariff 2026 |
| Anti-dumping duties (in force since 2025) | PET resin from Pakistan: 18.8% for Novatex Limited, 100.6% for all other Pakistani exporters. China: 100.6% plus countervailing duty | CBSA (SIMA); CITT finding of 15 October 2025 |
| Key product rules | Food-packaging safety (Food and Drug Regulations B.23.001); voluntary Health Canada Letter of No Objection; WHMIS if classified as hazardous | Health Canada |
| Quebec labelling (Bill 96) | French rules apply to products sold in Quebec; resin for processing that is not sold at retail is exempt | Charter of the French Language / OQLF |
| Major Canadian importers (2024) | 6 importers account for 79.8% of imports (CAD 150.8 million); only one has a Canadian address. Pakistan importer list not published by CID | Canadian Importers Database |

*Trade values from Trade Data Online and TIPP are in US dollars. Canadian Importers Database values are in Canadian dollars. Pakistan's data follows its fiscal year (July–June); Canada's data follows the calendar year. HS 3907.61 is mainly bottle-grade PET resin used to make preforms for water, soft-drink and food bottles.*

## 1. Introduction

**HS 3907.61** covers "Poly(ethylene terephthalate)" in primary forms "having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher". In Canada's 2026 Customs Tariff the tariff item is 3907.61.00.00 (unit: kilograms). High-viscosity PET is mainly bottle-grade resin, sold as pellets (chips) to companies that mould preforms and blow them into bottles for water, soft drinks, juices, edible oils and household products, and to makers of PET sheet and thermoformed food containers.

Products outside this code, which exporters should classify separately:

- PET with a viscosity number below 78 ml/g, typically fibre, filament and film grades: HS 3907.69.
- PET waste, parings and scrap, including recycled flake: HS 3915.90.
- PET preforms, bottles and other finished articles: HS 3923; PET film and sheet: HS 3920.62.

Canada has a domestic producer of PET resin, Compagnie Alpek Polyester Canada in Montréal, whose complaint led to the anti-dumping case described in Sections 7 and 8. Imports are bought by bottle and preform makers, sheet extruders and resin distributors, mostly in Ontario and Quebec.

In Pakistan, bottle-grade PET resin is produced on a large scale. TIPP records exports almost entirely under the national line 3907.6120 "bottle grade". Novatex Limited is the Pakistani exporter named in the CBSA's anti-dumping decision.

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[1] CBSA, Customs Tariff 2026, Chapter 39, tariff item 3907.61.00: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2026/html/00/ch39-eng.html

[2] CBSA, The CBSA launches investigations into the alleged dumping of PET resin from China and Pakistan (19 March 2025): https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2025/03/the-cbsa-launches-investigations-into-the-alleged-dumping-of-polyethylene-terephthalate-pet-resin-from-china-and-pakistan-and-its-subsidization-by-.html

[3] CBSA, Notice of final decisions, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2 (PETR2 2025): https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/i-e/petr22025/petr22025-nf-eng.html

[4] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major Canadian importers (2024): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng


## 2. Pakistan's Exports (Production)

The Trade Information Portal of Pakistan (TIPP) reports exports under three national tariff lines: 3907.6110 yarn and film grades, 3907.6120 bottle grade and 3907.6190 other. Bottle grade makes up more than 99% of the value. The table shows the total of the three lines by fiscal year (July–June).

**Pakistan's exports of PET resin, viscosity number ≥ 78 ml/g (PCT 3907.61)**

| Fiscal year | World (USD million) | World (thousand tonnes) | Unit value (USD/kg) | Canada (USD million) | Canada (thousand tonnes) | Canada rank / share | Destinations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021-22 | 171.23 | 109.8 | 1.56 | 50.06 | 25.5 | 2nd / 29.2% | 32 |
| FY2022-23 | 93.75 | 84.9 | 1.10 | 13.07 | 11.0 | 2nd / 13.9% | 27 |
| FY2023-24 | 222.45 | 228.3 | 0.97 | 26.12 | 27.5 | 3rd / 11.7% | 27 |
| FY2024-25 | 231.86 | 238.8 | 0.97 | 27.58 | 24.8 | 2nd / 11.9% | 26 |
| FY2025-26 | 152.66 | 150.9 | 1.01 | 17.76 | 14.6 | 4th / 11.6% | 21 |
| FY2026-27 (Jul–Sep) | 28.80 | 21.4 | 1.35 | 6.53 | 4.7 | 2nd / 22.7% | 13 |

*Quantities are in kilograms as recorded by TIPP, shown here in thousand tonnes. FY2026-27 covers July–September 2026 only. In FY2025-26 the largest markets were the United States (USD 37.7 million), Italy (36.8), Bulgaria (22.2), Canada (17.8) and the United Arab Emirates (7.4). Canada was Pakistan's 2nd market in three of the five full years shown, and is 2nd again so far in FY2026-27.*

> **Insight:** Pakistan's PET resin exports swing with world prices and capacity: they rose from USD 93.7 million in FY2022-23 to USD 231.9 million in FY2024-25, then fell 34.2% to USD 152.7 million in FY2025-26. Canada is a core market: shipments to Canada were USD 17.8 million in FY2025-26 and USD 6.5 million in the first quarter of FY2026-27 alone (22.7% of exports). The average value to Canada (USD 1.22/kg) is above the world average (USD 1.01/kg).

### References


[1] Trade Information Portal of Pakistan (TIPP), Export Trade Data dashboard, PCT 3907.6110, 3907.6120 and 3907.6190, filtered by fiscal year (FY2021-22 to FY2026-27), all countries, values in USD and quantities in kg; data accessed 9 October 2026: https://tipp.gov.pk/index.php?r=site/display&id=305

## 3. Canada's Imports (Consumption)

### Canada's imports of PET resin (viscosity number 78 ml/g or higher) (HS 390761), USD million

| From | 2020 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Change 2024–25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total imports** | **59.10** | **149.81** | **99.45** | **110.06** | **103.82** | **−5.7%** |
| United States | 20.27 | 44.22 | 31.02 | 23.54 | 22.73 | −3.4% |
| India | 3.20 | 5.57 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 21.51 | new / small base |
| China | 6.91 | 30.80 | 37.71 | 48.05 | 19.70 | −59.0% |
| Thailand | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.31 | 0.45 | 6.92 | new / small base |
| Colombia | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 1.77 | 5.20 | +194.4% |
| Taiwan | 0.15 | 0.22 | 3.85 | 1.92 | 3.87 | +101.2% |
| **Pakistan** | 20.255 | 45.261 | 17.195 | 25.264 | 12.203 | −51.7% |

*2020 is shown as a benchmark year. 2025 values are the sum of the 12 monthly values in Trade Data Online, because the annual 2025 column had not yet been filled in when the data was accessed. Year to date: total imports in January–August 2026 were USD 75.63 million (+11.0% on the same months of 2025, USD 68.14 million); imports from Pakistan were USD 14,211,773 (+34.9% on USD 10,534,148), a 18.79% share. The 2016 column is blank in Trade Data Online for this code, so 2016 is not shown for Pakistan.*

### Pakistan in Canada's imports

| Indicator | 2016 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Imports from Pakistan (USD million) | – | 20.25 | 28.09 | 45.26 | 17.20 | 25.26 | 12.20 |
| Share of Canada's imports | – | 34.27% | 32.12% | 30.21% | 17.29% | 22.95% | 11.75% |
| Rank among suppliers | – | 2nd | 1st | 1st | 3rd | 2nd | 4th |

**Insight:** Canada imports about USD 100–150 million a year of high-viscosity PET resin (USD 103.82 million in 2025, −5.7%). Pakistan was the largest supplier in 2021 and 2022 (USD 45.3 million in 2022) but fell to 4th place in 2025 (USD 12.20 million, −51.7%), the year Canada opened its anti-dumping case. In January–August 2026, after final duties were set, imports from Pakistan recovered +34.9% to USD 14.21 million (18.79% share), while imports from China, which faces a 100.6% duty, almost stopped.

### Where demand is: imports by province (USD)

| Province | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | Share 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ontario | 97,212,223 | 84,149,310 | 87,913,535 | 79.9% |
| Quebec | 46,738,374 | 12,337,155 | 17,420,404 | 15.8% |
| Manitoba | 2,107,041 | 1,261,871 | 2,272,335 | 2.1% |
| British Columbia | 3,117,326 | 1,293,448 | 1,257,790 | 1.1% |
| Alberta | 245,287 | 272,087 | 518,257 | 0.5% |
| Saskatchewan | 344,159 | 98,866 | 474,580 | 0.4% |
| New Brunswick | 46,786 | 21,260 | 206,997 | 0.2% |

Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba together accounted for 97.8% of imports in 2024. Provincial figures show the province where goods were cleared, which is usually where the importer or its distribution centre is located, not necessarily where the product is sold.

### References

[1] Trade Data Online (ISED / Statistics Canada), Canadian imports, HS 390761, all countries (detailed), complete years, USD; accessed 9 October 2026: https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9999&countryList=DET&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=10%7CComplete+Years&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

[2] Trade Data Online, HS 390761, monthly trends (September 2024 – August 2026), used to total calendar 2025 and the 2026 year to date: https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9999&countryList=DET&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=24%7CMonthly+Trends&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

[3] Trade Data Online, HS 390761, imports by province, complete years: https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9998&countryList=ALL&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=5%7CComplete+Years&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

## 4. Import Market Analysis

### Supplier shares of Canada's imports of high-viscosity PET resin (%)

| Supplier | 2020 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | 34.3% | 29.5% | 31.2% | 21.4% | 21.9% |
| India | 5.4% | 3.7% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 20.7% |
| China | 11.7% | 20.6% | 37.9% | 43.7% | 19.0% |
| Thailand | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 6.7% |
| Colombia | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 1.6% | 5.0% |
| Taiwan | 0.2% | 0.1% | 3.9% | 1.7% | 3.7% |
| **Pakistan** | 34.27% | 30.21% | 17.29% | 22.95% | 11.75% |

- **United States (21.9%)** is the largest supplier, duty-free under CUSMA, with a 25.46% share in January–August 2026.
- **India (20.7%)** returned to the market in 2025 after almost no sales in 2023–2024, and grew a further 58.3% in January–August 2026 (22.60% share). India is not covered by the 2025 anti-dumping duties.
- **China (19.0%)** was the largest supplier in 2023 and 2024 (37.9% and 43.7%), but its imports collapsed after provisional duties were imposed in mid-2025, to a 0.17% share in January–August 2026.
- **Pakistan (11.75%)** regained ground in 2026 (18.79% share), helped by the lower 18.8% rate for Novatex.
- **Other suppliers:** Thailand (6.7%), Colombia (5.0%), Taiwan (3.7%), Türkiye (3.3%) and Vietnam (2.5%) are filling part of the gap left by China.
- **Market concentration:** the top three suppliers held 61.6% of imports in 2025. Buying is very concentrated: the Canadian Importers Database lists only 6 major importers, which account for 79.8% of imports (CAD 150.8 million in 2024), and the top three hold 69.5%. Five of the six are US-based resin producers or traders.

> **Insight:** The 2025 anti-dumping duties have reshaped the market. China is effectively out, and Pakistan's main producer can still sell at an 18.8% duty, while other Pakistani exporters face 100.6%. The opportunity is real but narrow: it depends on Novatex and on a handful of resin traders and distributors, and India, the United States and Southeast Asian suppliers are competing for the same space.

### References

[1] Trade Data Online, HS 390761 (shares calculated from import values): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9999&countryList=DET&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=10%7CComplete+Years&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

[2] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major importers (2024): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng

[3] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

# 5. Quality, Packaging and Labelling Requirements

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## 5.1 Quality requirements

| Requirement | What it means for Pakistani exporters | Authority / legal basis |
|---|---|---|
| Food-packaging safety | No person may sell food in a package that may transfer to its contents any substance that may be harmful to the consumer. Responsibility rests with the food seller, so bottlers ask resin suppliers for evidence that the resin is safe for food contact. | Food and Drug Regulations, s. B.23.001 (Health Canada) |
| Letter of No Objection (voluntary) | A resin supplier may voluntarily submit its resin to Health Canada's Food Directorate for a chemical safety assessment. A favourable result is a Letter of No Objection (LONO), which customers use as evidence that the resin is acceptable for the stated food-packaging uses. It is not a legal approval and does not expire while the composition and use stay the same. | Health Canada, Food Directorate |
| Recycled content | Recycled PET used in food packaging is subject to the same regulations as virgin PET, and suppliers should follow Health Canada's guidance on recycled plastics for food packaging. | Health Canada |
| Special foods | Packaging for infant formula, foods for special dietary use and novel foods requires specific information to be provided to Health Canada. | Health Canada |

## 5.2 Packaging requirements

- There is no Canadian packaging standard for PET resin. It is shipped as pellets in bulk bags, lined boxes or bulk containers, as agreed with the buyer.
- Each bag or lot should carry the grade, lot number and net weight so the buyer can trace it and match it to the certificate of analysis.

## 5.3 Labelling requirements

| Label element | Requirement |
|---|---|
| Consumer labelling | The Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act applies to prepackaged products sold to consumers, so it does not apply to resin sold in bulk to manufacturers. |
| Hazard labelling (WHMIS) | If a product meets the criteria of a hazardous product under the Hazardous Products Act, the supplier must provide a WHMIS label and safety data sheet in English and French. PET pellets are not usually classified as hazardous (inferred), but buyers normally ask for a safety data sheet. |
| Country of origin | Origin must be shown on customs documents. Resin in bulk is not among the consumer goods listed in the Marking of Imported Goods Order (inferred from the Order's list), but marking the bags "Product of Pakistan" is good practice. |

### 5.4 Quebec: French-language rules (Charter of the French Language, as amended by Bill 96)

Quebec cleared 15.8% of Canada's imports of this resin in 2024. Because PET resin is sold to manufacturers for processing and not at retail, the Charter's exception for products for incorporation or processing will usually apply, but the rules below apply to anything that reaches Quebec consumers. On top of the federal bilingual rules, products sold in Quebec must follow the Charter of the French Language. Bill 96 (Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec, S.Q. 2022, c. 14) amended the Charter, and new product-labelling rules under the Regulation respecting the language of commerce and business took effect on 1 June 2025.

| Rule | What it means for PET resin bags and documents | Legal basis |
|---|---|---|
| Everything on the product must be in French | Every inscription on the product, its container or wrapping, and documents supplied with it (bag labels, certificates of analysis, safety data sheets and technical data sheets) must be in French. This includes claims printed on the product or its packaging, such as "food grade" or "bottle grade". | Charter s. 51 |
| French must not be less prominent | Another language may appear, but it must not be given greater prominence than the French or be available on more favourable terms. The OQLF explains this as meaning the other language must not be more visible than the French, and the consumer must not have to make any extra effort to get the information in French. | Charter s. 51 (amended 2022, c. 14, s. 42); OQLF guidance |
| Trademarks: descriptive words must be in French (in force 1 June 2025) | A registered trademark may stay in another language only if no French version is registered with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office. Any generic or descriptive words inside the trademark (for example "Bottle Grade" or "Hot Fill") must also appear in French on the product or on a medium permanently attached to it. The product name and company name may stay in another language. | Charter s. 51.1; Regulation C-11, r. 9, s. 7.1 |
| If a French version of the trademark is registered | It must be used on products sold in Quebec. | Charter s. 51.1; OQLF guidance |
| Transition period (until 1 June 2027) | Products with trademarks whose descriptive words are not in French may still be sold until 1 June 2027 if they were made before 1 June 2025 and no French version of the trademark had been filed by 26 June 2024. New production for Canada should already comply. | OQLF, Marques de commerce sur les produits |
| Exceptions useful to exporters | Inscriptions may be only in another language on containers used in international transport (export cartons), and on products for incorporation or processing that are not sold at retail in Quebec. The name of a firm established only outside Quebec may stay in its original language. | Regulation C-11, r. 9, ss. 3(2), 3(4), 7(1) |
| Displays count as advertising | Shelf displays and point-of-sale material are treated as commercial advertising, where French must be clearly predominant. | OQLF guidance |
| Enforcement | The Office québécois de la langue française (OQLF) handles complaints and works with businesses to bring products into compliance. The Charter provides penal fines, which are doubled for a second offence and tripled for later offences. | Charter ss. 205–207 |

> **Insight:** For resin sold only to Quebec manufacturers, English bag labels are generally acceptable under the processing exception, but WHMIS documents must still be bilingual. Supply technical and safety data sheets in both English and French to make the resin easy to approve for Quebec plants.

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[1] Health Canada, Packaging materials (food packaging safety, s. B.23.001, Letters of No Objection, recycled plastics): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/packaging-materials.html

[2] Health Canada, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/occupational-health-safety/workplace-hazardous-materials-information-system.html

[3] Competition Bureau Canada, Guide to the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act and Regulations: https://competition-bureau.canada.ca/en/guide-consumer-packaging-and-labelling-act-and-regulations

[4] CBSA, Memorandum D11-3-1, Marking of Imported Goods: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d11/d11-3-1-eng.html

[5] Government of Québec (LégisQuébec), Charter of the French Language, C-11, ss. 51, 51.1, 205–207: https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cs/c-11

[6] Government of Québec (LégisQuébec), Regulation respecting the language of commerce and business, C-11, r. 9, ss. 3, 5, 6, 7, 7.1: https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cr/C-11,%20r.%209

[7] Office québécois de la langue française, Marques de commerce sur les produits (rules in force since 1 June 2025; transition to 1 June 2027): https://www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/francisation/entreprises/marque-commerce-produits.html

[8] Office québécois de la langue française, Loi sur la langue officielle et commune du Québec, le français (Bill 96) – legislative changes: https://www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/charte/changementslegislatifs/

## 6. Technical and Safety Standards

*This section uses official government sources only (Government of Canada, Government of Québec and Government of Pakistan).*

| Aspect | Requirement | Authority / reference |
|---|---|---|
| Product definition | Classification in 3907.61 depends on a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher; lower-viscosity PET falls in 3907.69. | CBSA Customs Tariff, Chapter 39 |
| Food contact | Resin for food or beverage bottles must not make the packaged food harmful; a Health Canada Letter of No Objection is voluntary but widely requested by buyers. | Food and Drug Regulations, s. B.23.001 |
| Anti-dumping and countervailing duties | PET resin from Pakistan and China is subject to SIMA duties (see Section 7). Importers must declare the exporter so the correct rate applies. | CBSA; CITT |
| Federal Plastics Registry | Manufacturers and importers of plastic resins are among those required to report to the registry, but resin reporting is postponed until a future notice (beyond 2027). Phase 1 reporting covers packaging and certain plastic products. | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
| Workplace hazards | WHMIS labels and safety data sheets are required for products classified as hazardous. | Health Canada (Hazardous Products Act) |
| **Pakistan export clearance** | The Goods Declaration and export documents are filed electronically through Pakistan Single Window (PSW). | Pakistan Single Window |
| Customs accounting | The importer needs a CBSA business number and import-export account and must use the CARM Client Portal to account for and pay duties and taxes (GST/HST applies at import). | CBSA |

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[1] CBSA, Customs Tariff 2026, Chapter 39: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2026/html/00/ch39-eng.html

[2] Health Canada, Packaging materials: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/packaging-materials.html

[3] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

[4] Environment and Climate Change Canada, Federal Plastics Registry: https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/reduce-plastic-waste/federal-plastics-registry.html

[5] Health Canada, WHMIS: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/occupational-health-safety/workplace-hazardous-materials-information-system.html

[6] Pakistan Single Window (PSW): https://www.psw.gov.pk/

[7] CBSA, CARM: Assess and pay duties and taxes on imported commercial goods: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/services/carm-gcra/menu-eng.html

## 7. Import Tariff

| Tariff item | Description | MFN | GPT (Pakistan) | Duty-free / other access |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3907.61.00.00 | Poly(ethylene terephthalate), having a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher, in primary forms. Unit: kg | Free | Free | Free under all tariff treatments |

PET resin enters Canada free of customs duty from every origin. However, since 2025 resin from Pakistan and China is subject to anti-dumping duties under the Special Import Measures Act (SIMA). The CBSA started its investigation on 19 March 2025 after a complaint by Compagnie Alpek Polyester Canada, made final determinations on 15 September 2025, and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) found on 15 October 2025 that the dumping had caused or threatened injury.

### Anti-dumping and countervailing duties on PET resin (measures in force)

| Origin / exporter | Margin of dumping (anti-dumping duty) | Countervailing duty |
|---|---|---|
| Pakistan: Novatex Limited | 18.8% of the export price | None (Pakistan not covered) |
| Pakistan: all other exporters | 100.6% of the export price | None |
| China: all exporters | 100.6% of the export price | Yes (for example CNY 3,475.23 per tonne for exporters without a specific amount) |

The duties are paid by the importer in addition to GST/HST. SIMA findings normally stay in force for five years unless continued after an expiry review. The CBSA can also set "normal values" for individual exporters, so the duty actually payable on future shipments depends on the export price.

> **Insight:** For Pakistani exporters other than Novatex, a 100.6% duty effectively closes the Canadian market. Novatex's 18.8% rate is a disadvantage against duty-free US, Indian and Southeast Asian resin, but a large advantage over China, and imports from Pakistan rose in 2026.

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[2] CBSA, Notice of final decisions, PETR2 2025 (final margins of dumping): https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/i-e/petr22025/petr22025-nf-eng.html

[3] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

[4] CITT, Tribunal finds injury: polyethylene terephthalate from China and Pakistan (15 October 2025): https://citt-tcce.gc.ca/en/news/tribunal-finds-injury-polyethylene-terephthalate-china-and-pakistan

[5] CBSA, investigation launch announcement (19 March 2025): https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2025/03/the-cbsa-launches-investigations-into-the-alleged-dumping-of-polyethylene-terephthalate-pet-resin-from-china-and-pakistan-and-its-subsidization-by-.html

## 8. Non-Tariff Barriers

- **Anti-dumping duties:** the 2025 SIMA measures are the main barrier. Exporters without their own CBSA rate pay 100.6%, and even Novatex pays 18.8% unless its prices satisfy the normal values set by the CBSA.

- **Domestic producer and trade remedy risk:** Canada's domestic PET producer brought the 2025 case; low-priced shipments can trigger re-investigations or reviews.
- **Buyer qualification:** bottlers and preform makers test new resin grades on their lines before approving a supplier, which takes months and requires consistent viscosity, colour and acetaldehyde levels.
- **Food-contact documentation:** buyers usually ask for a Health Canada Letter of No Objection or equivalent food-contact evidence before using resin for beverage bottles.
- **Concentrated buying:** six importers handle about 80% of imports, most of them US-based producers and traders, so direct access to Canadian converters is limited.
- **Freight:** PET resin is a low-value bulk product; ocean freight from Karachi and inland transport to Ontario and Quebec take a large share of the delivered price compared with US resin delivered by truck or rail.

### References


[1] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

[2] CITT, Tribunal finds injury: polyethylene terephthalate from China and Pakistan: https://citt-tcce.gc.ca/en/news/tribunal-finds-injury-polyethylene-terephthalate-china-and-pakistan

[3] Health Canada, Packaging materials (Letters of No Objection): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/packaging-materials.html

[4] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major importers (2024): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng


## 9. Distribution Channels

PET resin reaches Canadian users through the channels below. The company examples are taken from the Canadian Importers Database list of major importers of HS 390761 (2024).

| Channel | Role | Examples of major importers (CID, 2024) |
|---|---|---|
| Resin distributors | Hold stock in Canada and sell to small and medium converters | Ravago Canada (Toronto, ON) |
| Resin producers' North American sales arms | Import resin from their own or partner plants for large customers | Alpek Polyester USA (Charlotte, NC); AlphaPet (Decatur, AL) |
| International resin traders | Buy from Asian and other producers and resell to Canadian converters | Vinmar Polymers America (Houston, TX); Marco Polo International (Melville, NY); G-PAC Corporation (Atlanta, GA) |
| End users (converters) | Preform, bottle and sheet makers that may import directly | Bottle and preform makers and thermoformers in Ontario and Quebec |

Ontario cleared 79.9% of imports in 2024 and Quebec 15.8%. For a Pakistani exporter, the practical routes are: (1) international traders and distributors that already handle Asian resin; and (2) direct supply to large converters, once the grade has been qualified on their lines.

### References


[1] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major Canadian importers (2024): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng

[2] Trade Data Online, HS 390761, imports by province: https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9998&countryList=ALL&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=5%7CComplete+Years&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

## 10. Pricing

| Level | Basis | Price | Source |
|---|---|---|---|
| Export (FOB Pakistan), all markets | Average value of Pakistan's exports of PCT 3907.61, FY2025-26 | USD 1.01 per kg (FY2024-25: USD 0.97) | TIPP |
| Export (FOB Pakistan), to Canada | Average value of exports to Canada, FY2025-26 | USD 1.22 per kg (FY2024-25: USD 1.11) | TIPP |
| Export (FOB Pakistan), to Canada | Average value of exports to Canada, July–September 2026 | USD 1.40 per kg | TIPP |

PET resin is not sold at retail, so no retail prices apply. Export unit values are calculated from TIPP value and quantity. A Canadian importer adds ocean and inland freight, brokerage and any anti-dumping duty (18.8% or 100.6% of the export price for Pakistani resin). Prices follow crude oil, paraxylene and monoethylene glycol costs, and contracts are often linked to published market indices.

### References

[1] TIPP, Export Trade Data, PCT 3907.61 (values and quantities used to calculate unit values): https://tipp.gov.pk/index.php?r=site/display&id=305

[2] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

## 11. Reasons for Pakistan's Low/High Share

### Why Pakistan has a strong position

- Large bottle-grade capacity: Pakistan exports USD 90–230 million of bottle-grade PET resin a year, and Canada is consistently one of its top markets.
- History in Canada: Pakistan was Canada's largest supplier in 2021 and 2022.
- Lower duty than China: Novatex's 18.8% rate compares with 100.6% for China, which has almost disappeared from the market.

### Why the share fell

- Anti-dumping case: imports from Pakistan fell 51.7% in 2025 while the investigation and provisional duties were under way.
- Duty-free competitors: the United States, India and Southeast Asian suppliers pay no duty and are not covered by the measures.
- Reliance on one producer: other Pakistani exporters face a 100.6% duty.

### References

[1] Trade Data Online, HS 390761 (Canadian imports by country): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/tdo/runRpt.html?grouped=GROUPED&searchType=KS_CS&areaCodes=&naArea=9999&countryList=DET&toFromCountry=CDN&reportType=TI&timePeriod=10%7CComplete+Years&currency=US&productType=HS6&hSelectedCodes=%7C390761&lang=eng

[2] CBSA, Notice of final decisions, PETR2 2025: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/i-e/petr22025/petr22025-nf-eng.html

[3] TIPP, Export Trade Data, PCT 3907.61: https://tipp.gov.pk/index.php?r=site/display&id=305

## 12. Recommendations

- **Price within the CBSA normal values.** Exporters with an individual rate should work with their Canadian importers and trade counsel so that export prices stay at or above normal values and the duty actually payable is kept low.

- **Exporters without a rate should consider a review.** A Pakistani producer that did not take part in the investigation can ask the CBSA about a re-investigation or normal-value review to obtain its own rate; until then the 100.6% rate makes Canada uneconomic.
- **Get food-contact documentation ready.** A Health Canada Letter of No Objection for each bottle grade speeds up approval by Canadian bottlers.
- **Work through distributors and traders.** Ravago Canada and the North American resin traders listed in Section 9 control most imports and can introduce new grades to converters.
- **Offer supply security.** With China out of the market, converters want reliable second sources; offer term contracts and stock in Canada.

### Trade shows (Canada)

| Show | Dates | Location | Focus |
|---|---|---|---|
| PLAST-EX and PACKEX Toronto (with Advanced Manufacturing Toronto) | 9–11 November 2027 (dates listed by trade-show directories; confirm with the organizer) | Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto, ON | Plastics processing and packaging: resin suppliers, converters and packaging buyers |

#### References


[1] PLAST-EX (Advanced Manufacturing Toronto), official website: http://admtoronto.com/plastex

[2] CBSA, Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin 2: Measures in force: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/mif-mev/petr2-eng.html

[3] Health Canada, Packaging materials: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/packaging-materials.html


## 13. Pakistani Exporters

Canadian buyers looking for Pakistani suppliers of PET resin with a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher can use these official sources:

- Pakistan Exporters Directory (TDAP), search by HS code 3907.
- CBSA anti-dumping decisions name Novatex Limited as the Pakistani exporter with an individual rate (18.8%).

TIPP data shows that Pakistani exporters shipped PET resin to 21 destinations in FY2025-26. Because of the anti-dumping duties, buyers should check which exporter supplies the goods before ordering.

#### References


[1] Pakistan Exporters Directory (TDAP), search by HS code: https://pakistanexportersdirectory.gov.pk/searchbyhscode?product_code=3907

[2] TDAP, Pakistan Exporters Directory information page: https://tdap.gov.pk/pakistan-exporters-directory/

[3] CBSA, Notice of final decisions, PETR2 2025: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/sima-lmsi/i-e/petr22025/petr22025-nf-eng.html

[4] TIPP, Export Trade Data, PCT 3907.6110, 3907.6120 and 3907.6190, FY2025-26 (destinations): https://tipp.gov.pk/index.php?r=site/display&id=305


## 14. List of Canadian Importers

The table below lists major Canadian importers of PET resin with a viscosity number of 78 ml/g or higher (HS 390761). The complete list of importers can be obtained from the Canadian Importers Database at **https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng**.

| Company | City, Province | Postal code | Phone | Website |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RAVAGO CANADA | Toronto, Ontario | M9W 6A9 | 416-977-5457 | ravagocanada.com |

*Contact details checked on 10 October 2026 (YellowPages.ca lists Ravago Canada Co, plastic resins distributor, at 180 Attwell Dr, Etobicoke, M9W 6A9; ravagocanada.com does not allow automated access, and the group site ravago.com was confirmed). Ravago Canada is the only one of the six major importers listed in the CID with a Canadian address. The other five are US companies that import into Canada: Alpek Polyester USA (Charlotte, NC), AlphaPet (Decatur, AL), G-PAC Corporation (Atlanta, GA), Marco Polo International (Melville, NY) and Vinmar Polymers America (Houston, TX). The CID does not publish a list of importers of this product from Pakistan. The CID gives company names and addresses only, not contact persons or import values; the importer is not necessarily the end user of the product.*

## References

[1] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major Canadian importers (all countries, 2024): https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/productReport.html?hsCode=390761&lang=eng

[2] Canadian Importers Database, HS 390761, major importers by country of origin: https://ised-isde.canada.ca/app/ixb/cid-bdic/exportingCountries.html?hsCode=390761

[3] YellowPages.ca business search (phone numbers and websites), accessed 9 October 2026: https://www.yellowpages.ca/

[4] Ravago (group website): https://www.ravago.com/

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