

F.NO.1(03)/2020/(Inv. I/A)/NTC/Photopolymer Plates
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, February 16, 2021

Public Notice

Subject: **Study for Tariff Protection/Assistance to Indigenous Industry Manufacturing Flexographic Photopolymer Printing Plates (HS Code 3701.3090).**

M/s Digital Process Pvt. Limited (the “Applicant”), a manufacturer of Flexographic Photopolymer Printing Plates, has approached the National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) with request for reduction of customs duty (CD) from 20% to 10%, removal of 7% additional customs duty (ACD) and removal of 5% regulatory duty (RD) on the import of raw material i.e. Photopolymer Printing Plates imported under HS Code: 3701.3090. Flexographic Printing is done through Photopolymer plates and it is the fastest growing printing process today. It is used for printing on a variety of different materials including film, foil, plastic, paper and board, using a wide range of inks, printing with high speeds. These photopolymer Printing Plates are not manufactured locally. This will help the domestic industry to grow and operate on full capacity, primarily engaged in-offering high quality.

2. The Commission has initiated an enquiry and would welcome views/suggestions and proposals from all parties having interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, exports, manufacturing, marketing and use of raw Photopolymer Plates imported under HS Code: 3701.3090. Views/suggestions may be sent within 10 days of issuance of the Public Notice, to the Secretary, NTC,4th Floor, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad.

3. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held online on February 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Application (Zoom link will be generated and sent to the interested parties who registered themselves for hearing).

4. Further, all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the import, export, manufacturing, marketing and use of raw Photopolymer Plates imported under HS Code: 3701.3090 are hereby advised to get themselves registered with the Commission latest by February 21, 2021 for participation in the public hearing by providing names of the participants with their telephone numbers (Cell/Land Line),email addresses and fax numbers to the Secretary NTC on the Fax No. 051-9221205. For any further inquiry please contact Assistant Director (Inv-I) at 051-9244490. All interested parties may submit their comments and suggestions in writing. The comments and suggestions may be supported with requisite information and documentary evidence(s), which must be brought to the public hearing. The views not supported with reliable documentary evidence (s) shall not be considered.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary, NTC

