

A.D.C No. 61/2021/NTC/SA
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation on Alleged Dumped Imports of Disodium Carbonate (Soda Ash) into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the Republic of Turkey

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application on February 16, 2021 under Section 20 of Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") from M/s. ICI Pakistan Limited, Lahore and M/s. Olympia Chemical Limited, Lahore (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producer of Disodium Carbonate, popularly known as "Soda Ash". The Applicants have alleged that Soda Ash is being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from Republic of Turkey ("Turkey"), which has caused and are causing injury to the domestic industry producing domestic like product.

Upon initial examination and assessing accuracy and adequacy of the evidence and information provided in application in accordance with Section 23 of the Act, the Commission is satisfied that the evidence and information provided in the application is sufficient to justify initiation of an investigation into the matter.

Initiation of Investigation: The Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Act. The investigation will determine whether Soda Ash originating in and/or exported from Turkey is dumped into Pakistan and whether such dumping has caused and /or is causing injury to the domestic industry within the meaning of provisions of the Act. The Commission, during the course of this investigation, will call further information/data from the interested parties deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

Product under Investigation: The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is Disodium Carbonate, popularly known as Soda Ash, having chemical formula Na_2CO_3 , imported from Turkey (the "investigated product"). Soda Ash is a white, crystalline, water-soluble material. The investigated product falls under HS/Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") No. 2836.2000. The investigated product is used in the manufacture of detergents, soaps, cleaning compounds, sodium based chemicals, float glass, container, tableware and specialty glasses, silicates and other industrial chemicals. It is also widely used in paper, metallurgical industries and desalination plants.

Period of Investigation (POI): For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping:	From July 01, 2020 to December 31, 2020
For determination of injury:	From January 01, 2018 to December 31, 2020

Interested Parties: Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, are requested to identify themselves to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9202839 Fax: +9251-9221205 not later than 10 days after publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission in this Review should submit; the name of the company, its line of business, name of authorized person, address, telephone number, email and fax number.

All interested parties are invited to make their views/comments known to the Commission, and to submit information and documents (if any) not later than 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan. All written submissions provided by interested parties on a confidential basis must be marked "Confidential" and in accordance with Section 31 of the Act, shall be accompanied by a non-confidential version/summary, which will be placed in the public file. All data and information in this regard should be submitted to the Director General (Investigation-II), National Tariff Commission, Statelife Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Tel: +92 51 9218961, Fax: +92 51 922 1205. Email: Khizar.ntc@gmail.com

Investigation Schedule:

Date of initiation of investigation: The date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

Date of preliminary determination: Not earlier than 60 days and not later than 180 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.

Date of final determination: Within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of preliminary determination in the press in Pakistan

Public File: In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules, the Commission has established and shall maintain a public file at its office, which shall be available to interested parties for review and copying from Monday to Thursday between 1100 hours to 1300 hours (except public holidays) throughout the review.

Further Information: For further information please contact, Mr. Khizar Hayat, Director General, Tel: +92-51-9218961, Fax: +92-51-9221205, Email: khizar.ntc@gmail.com. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk

By order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary (NTC)
March 30, 2021