ADC No. 59/2021/NTC/PSF National Tariff Commission Government of Pakistan

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Anti-dumping Investigation on Dumped Imports of Polyester Staple Fiber Originating in and/or Exported from Chinese Taipei, Indonesia and Thailand

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on February 06, 2021 under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") concerning dumping of Polyester Staple Fiber (Not Exceeding 2.0 Denier & Excluding Colored Polyester Staple Fiber and Regenerated Polyester Staple Fiber) ("PSF") from Chinese Taipei, the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of Thailand (the "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused by such dumped imports to the domestic industry manufacturing PSF. The application for this investigation was lodged by from M/s. ICI Pakistan Limited and M/s Ibrahim Fibres Limited (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are the producers of PSF in Pakistan. The Commission after investigation in accordance with provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules") has determined the following on a preliminary basis:

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is PSF imported from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading No. 5503.2010. Investigated product is used for blended yarn and pure polyester sewing thread. The blended yarn is used to produce woven and knitted fabrics.

Period of Investigation:

For determination of dumping:	From October 01, 2019 to September 30, 2020
For determination of injury:	From October 01, 2017 to September 30, 2020

Determination of Dumping: Individual dumping margins in this preliminary determination are determined for exporters/producers of the investigated product (who cooperated with the Commission) on the basis of information / data provided by them and for non-cooperated exporters / producers from the Exporting Countries dumping margins have been determined on the basis of Best Information Available in terms of Section 32 of the Act and Article 6.8 and Annex II of the Agreement on Anti-dumping.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission, on preliminarily basis has determined that the volume of dumped imports of the investigated product increased significantly in absolute terms and relative to the production of the domestic like product during the POI. Dumped imports of the investigated product undercut the prices of the domestic like product throughout the POI. Market share of the dumped imports increased whereas domestic industry lost market share during the POI. The domestic industry also suffered injury during the POI on account of decline in: sales, profits, production, productivity, capacity utilization and the magnitude of margin. In addition, the domestic industry suffered injury during the POI on account of negative effect on salaries and wages per MT. Dumped imports of the investigated product have caused material injury to the domestic industry during the POI. Main reasons for material injury to domestic industry were the volume and prices of the dumped imports of the investigated product, as both happened simultaneously in the POI. Thus, there was consequential adverse/negative effects of volume and prices of the dumped imports on other injury factors such as sales, production, market share,

capacity utilization, profits & profitability and productivity etc. Further, there were no other factors which caused injury to the domestic industry during the POI.

Non-Imposition of Provisional Anti-Dumping Duty: In reaching this preliminary determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported from the Exporting Countries at dumped prices. However, the Commission is of the view that the imposition of provisional antidumping duty on dumped imports of the investigated product is not necessary to prevent injury being caused to the domestic industry during the course of investigation in accordance with Section 43 of the Act.

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this case may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9202839, Fax No.+92-519221205.

Final Determination: In terms of Section 39 of the Act, the Commission is required to make final determination within 180 days of publication of notice of Preliminary Determination.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report of preliminary determination is placed on the public file established and maintained by the Commission. The same is also posted on the Commission website www.ntc.gov.pk. Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah) Secretary August 04, 2021