F. No.1/2021/NTC/TPC/UB Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission *****

Islamabad, November 02, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: - Application for the Removal of Tariff Anomaly on Raw Material of Paint Brush Filaments (PCT Code 3907.7000/3907.9900)

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has initiated an inquiry under Section 8 of the National tariff Commission Act, 2015 for removal of tariff anomaly in the tariff structure of Paint Brushes as requested by M/s Universal Brushwares Pvt Limited (the "Applicant").

- 2. The Applicant is the local manufacturer of paint tools including brushes, rollers and accessories. The Applicant was importing paint brush filaments, which are used in production of paint brushes filaments. The Applicant has now decided to produce paint brush filaments locally and expected to start commercial production in December 2021. As per the Applicant, currently, there is 0% duty on import of paint brush filaments and 26% duty on import of polybutylene terephthalate, a raw material for manufacturing of paint brush filaments and hence the high duty rate on input creates anomaly.
- 3. The Commission would welcome views, suggestions and proposals from all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing, marketing and use of paint brushes/ paint brush filaments. Views/suggestions may be sent within fifteen days of publication of this public notice, to the Secretary, NTC, 4th Floor, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. A virtual public hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held on November 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
- 4. Further, all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing, marketing and use of paint brushes/ paint brush filaments are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC at arshad.ntc@hotmail.com or sarfraz@ntc.gov.pk latest by November 08, 2021 for participation in the public hearing by providing names of the participants with their email, telephone numbers (Cell/LL) and fax numbers. For any further inquiry please contact Director Investigation-I at 051-9201188. 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