

Notice of Initiation of Sunset Review of Anti-dumping Duties Imposed on Dumped Imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard/ Folding Box Paperboard with White Back into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from China

The National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) received an application under Section 58(3) of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) on January 17, 2022 from M/s. Century Paper & Board Mills Ltd. and M/s Bulleh Shah Packaging (Pvt.) Ltd. (the “Applicants”) for sunset review of anti-dumping duties levied on dumped imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard/ Folding Box Paperboard with White Back (“Bleached Paperboard”) from China following the notice of impending expiry of definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard published in national press and official Gazette on November 23, 2021.

Product under Review

The product under review is Coated Bleached Paperboard/ One Side Coated Folding Box Paperboard with White Back Manila pulp or ISC Ivory Paperboard with White Back Manila Pulp (180gsm-400gsm) excluding One Sided Aseptic Coated Paperboard (Clay Coated) and Two-Sided Coated Bleached Paperboard exported by the exporters / producers from China. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading Nos. 4810.9200 and 4810.9900.

Anti-dumping Duties in force

The Commission imposed definitive anti-dumping duty @ 28.74 to 29.02 percent ad val on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard imported from China w.e.f. February 28, 2017 for a period of five years.

Initiation of Review

The Commission has determined that there is *prima facie* likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping of the product under review from China and likely material injury to the domestic industry and there are sufficient grounds to justify initiation of a sunset review under Section 58 of the Act. Thus, the Commission hereby initiate sunset review pursuant to Sections 58(3) of the Act to determine whether expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard from China would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and likely injury to domestic industry.

Period for the Review (“POR”)

The sunset review would be conducted on the basis of information for the last three years i.e. from Oct 01, 2018 to Sep 30, 2021.

Basis for Review:

The Applicants have alleged that if the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard from China are terminated, there is likelihood that the exporters/producers from China will again start dumping into Pakistan. Pakistan’s market is more attractive for the exporters/ producers of Bleached Paperboard from China, as exporters of Bleached Paperboard

from China have continued exporting product under review to Pakistan after imposition of antidumping duties. There is also exportable surplus available with the Chinese exporters /producers of product under review. It is further stated that there is a need to continue the anti-dumping duties on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard from China, otherwise there is likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

Continuation of Anti-dumping Duties

In terms of Section 58(3) of the Act, the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Bleached Paperboard from China will remain in-force pending the outcome of the review.

Schedule of the Review

Date of initiation of the review: The date of publication of this notice in the newspapers in Pakistan
Date of conclusion of review: Within twelve months of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the review.

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 15 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 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 data and information regarding this investigation should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission.

Hearing

Any party as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act may, if so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 within 45 days of the publication of this notice by contacting Secretary, National Tariff Commission.

Further Information

For further information please contact, Director (Investigation-I), Tel: +9251-9201188, Fax: +92-51- 9221205. 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
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