## Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission \*\*\*\*\*

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## PRESS RELEASE

## Subject: - Seminar on Bi-lateral Safeguards Under Pak – China FTA and Trade Remedial Measures

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission) conducted a seminar at Lahore on March 15, 2022, on the above subject. Ms. Aliya Hamza Malik, Parliamentary Secretary for Textile, Commerce, Industries & Production and Board of Investment graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mrs. Anjum Assad Amin, Member NTC and Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Khan Rajput, Director General, Trade Development Authority were also present. Mr. Shahzad Ahmad Khan Rajput welcomed the participants in his opening remarks. The seminar aimed to create the awareness among Lahore based domestic manufacturers of Engineering, Textiles, Electrical Equipment and Chemical Sectors regarding bilateral safeguards under second phase of China – Pak Free Trade Agreements (CPFTA) which provide the domestic industry a level playing filed against unforeseen surge in imports from China.

2. Mrs. Anjum Assad Amin, Member NTC and Technical Officers of the Commission steered the seminar to highlight the following:

(i) Unfair Trade Practices and Trade Remedy Laws,

(ii) Bilateral safeguards under second phase of China – Pak FTA,

(iii) The role of NTC in implementing Safeguards provisions,

(iv) Monitoring of imports to Pakistan from China by NTC and the future steps.

3. The presentation was followed by interactive discussion and question answer session.

4. Ms. Aliya Hamza Malik, the Parliamentary Secretary for Textile, Commerce, Industries & Production and Board of Investment, who joined the seminar appreciated Commission's initiative of reaching out to the industry and stakeholders on the subject. She advised that the NTC may organize similar seminars across Pakistan for creating awareness amongst the domestic industry.