

Notice of Initiation of Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duties Imposed on Dumped Imports of Sulphonic Acid Imported from People’s Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea and Chinese Taipei

National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) has received an application on March 16, 2022 under Section 58 of Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) from M/s Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi and M/s Tufail Multichem Industries (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi (the “Applicants”) for review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (“SA”) importable from the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea and Chinese Taipei (the “Exporting Countries”). The application is filed in response to the notice of impending expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on SA from the Exporting Countries. The notice of impending expiry was published in the official Gazette and national press on January 31, 2022.

Product under Review: The product for which this Review has been requested is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (“SA”) imported from the Exporting Countries. The major raw materials used in production of SA are linear alkyl benzene, Sulphur and Caustic Soda. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff (“PCT”) No. 3402.1110. Major use of SA is for sulphonation of many substances, such as paraffin in preparation of detergents. It is used in production of detergent powder, dish washing liquid and other industrial cleaning applications.

Period for Review (POR): The sunset review would be conducted on the basis of information for the last three years i.e. from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

Basis for Review: The Applicants have claimed that there is likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping of the product under review into Pakistan by the exporters/foreign producers from the Exporting Countries which may lead to continuation or recurrence of injury to the domestic industry. The Applicants have provided in application sufficient information and evidence in accordance with provisions of the Act.

Initiation of Review: Upon initial examination of the information and evidence provided in application, the Commission is satisfied that the application *prima facie* qualifies as a duly substantiated request under Section 58 of the Act. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates a Review pursuant to Section 58 of the Act to determine whether expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of SA from the Exporting Countries would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping of the product under review and injury to the domestic industry, or not.

Continuation of Anti-dumping Duties: In terms of Section 58(3) of the Act, the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of SA from the Exporting Countries will remain in-force pending the outcome of the review.

Schedule of Review:

Date of initiation of the review: The date of publication of this notice in the press 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 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 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

Hearing: Any party as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act may, so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 ("the Rules") within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting Secretary of the Commission.

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. Aamir Shahzad, Deputy Director, Tel: +92-51-9204118, 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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