

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

National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) under Section 58 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) has conducted a Sunset Review of anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard from the People’s Republic of China. This Sunset Review was initiated on February 25, 2022 upon receipt of an application under Section 58(3) of the Act received from M/s. Century Paper & Board Mills Ltd. and M/s Bulleh Shah Packaging (Pvt.) Ltd. (the “Applicants”), who are domestic producers of Coated Bleached Paperboard. The Commission had imposed anti-dumping duties from 28.74% to 29.02% with effect from February 28, 2017 for a period of five years on Coated Bleached Paperboard imported from China.

In accordance with provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the “Rules”), the Commission has conducted and concluded the Sunset Review as follows:

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) Pakistan excluding One Sided Aseptic Coated Paperboard (Clay Coated) and Two-Sided Coated Bleached Paperboard (classified under PCT Headings Nos. 4810.9200 & 4810.9900) exported by the exporters / producers from China.

The product under review is generally used for folding cartons of consumer & industrial products like cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, tissue boxes, cosmetics, food and spices etc.

Period for Review (POR): The Sunset Review has been conducted on the basis of information for the last three years i.e. from from Oct 01, 2018 to Sep 30, 2021.

Likelihood of Continuation of Dumping of Product under Review: Based on the review investigation, the Commission has determined that there is likelihood of recurrence/continuation of dumping of the product under review from China if antidumping duties imposed on dumped imports of product under review from China are terminated.

Likely Volume of Dumped Imports: After imposition of antidumping duties the volume of dumped imports of the product under review declined significantly, which impacted positively on production sales and prices of the domestic like product. As there is likelihood of continuation and recurrence of dumped imports of the product under review from China, therefore, there is likelihood of significant increase in volume of dumped imports of the product under review from China if antidumping duties are terminated.

Likely Continuation and Recurrence of Injury to the Domestic Industry: Likelihood of continuation and/or recurrence of injury to the domestic industry has been determined by the Commission in accordance with Section 58 (3) of the Act. In this regard factors and indices listed in Sections 15 and 17 of the Act for injury analysis have been analyzed. The Commission has determined that, in case the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of the product under review from China are terminated, the domestic industry would be likely to suffer material injury on account of decline in domestic industry’s production, capacity utilization, sales, market share, profits and productivity etc.

Continuation of Definitive Anti-dumping Duties: In view of the analysis and conclusions with regard to likely continuation of dumping of the product under review from China and likely material injury to the domestic industry, there is a need to continue imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on dumped imports of the product under review from China. Thus, the Commission has decided to continue definitive anti-dumping duties on the product under review from China as per rates given in the following table for another period of 5 years with effect from February 28, 2022.

Definitive Anti-Dumping Duty Rates

Exporter/Foreign Producer from China	Antidumping Duty Rates (%)
(1)	(2)
Ningbo Asia Pulp & Paper Co Ltd.	28.74
Ningbo Zhonghua Paper Co., Ltd	
Guangxi Jingui Pulp & Paper Co Ltd	
Gold East (Hong Kong) Trading Co., Ltd	
All others	29.02

In accordance with Section 51(e) of the Act, definitive antidumping duties will not be levied on imports of product under review which are used as inputs in products destined solely for exports and are covered under any scheme exempting customs duty for exports under the Customs Act, 1969.

In accordance with Section 51 of the Act, the antidumping duties shall take the form of ad valorem duty and be held in a non-lapsable personal ledger account established and maintained by the Commission for the purpose. Release of the dumped imports of the product under review for free circulation in Pakistan shall be subject to imposition of such antidumping duties.

Definitive antidumping duties levied would be in addition to other taxes and duties leviable on import of the product under review under any other law.

The definitive antidumping duties would be collected in the same manner as customs duty is collected under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) and would be deposited in Commission's Non-lapsable PLD account No. 187 with Federal Treasury Office, Islamabad.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on conclusion of Sunset Review has been placed on public file established and maintained by the Commission for this Sunset Review. The report has also been posted on the Commission's website: www.ntc.gov.pk. The public file is available to the interested parties, registered with the Commission for the purposes of this Sunset Review, for review and copying at the offices of the Commission, from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays) between 1100 hrs. to 1300 hrs.

By order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary (NTC)
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