

Receipt of Sunset Review Application under Section 58 of the Antidumping Duties Act, 2015 concerning continuation of Antidumping Duties levied in ADC No. 42/2016/NTC/CUWP on Dumped Imports Of “Certain Uncoated Writing / Printing Paper” into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from Brazil, China, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand.

The National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) received an application under Section 58(3) of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) on February 10, 2023, from M/s. Bulleh Shah Packaging (Pvt.) Limited, Lahore, domestic producer of Certain Uncoated Writing/Printing Paper (“Certain Paper”). This application has been made following the publication (published in national press and official Gazette on December 28, 2022) of a notice of impending expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Certain Paper into Pakistan originating in and/or exporting from Federative Republic of Brazil (“Brazil”), People’s Republic of China (“China”), the Republic of Indonesia (“Indonesia”), State of Japan (“Japan”) and Kingdom of Thailand (“Thailand”) (the “Exporting Countries”). The Applicant has stated that the expiry of anti-dumping duties would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping of Certain Paper, and injury to the domestic industry.

Anti-dumping Duties In-force

The Commission imposed anti-dumping duties with effect from March 30, 2018, for a period of five years on Certain Paper originated in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries vide notice of final determination and levy of definitive antidumping duties (ADC No. 42/2016/NTC/CUWP) published in the official Gazette and the national press on March 30, 2018.

Initiation of Review

In terms of Section 58(3) of the Act, the Commission is required to initiate the review before the date of expiry of definitive anti-dumping duties i.e., March 29, 2023, to determine whether expiry of such duties would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury and the anti-dumping duties imposed shall remain in force pending the outcome of such a review.

Presently, the Commission is not constituted as per Section 4 (1) of the Act as the posts of Chairman and Members of the Commission are vacant. Due to such vacancies, the decision whether to initiate sunset review or otherwise is pending. It is notified to all interested parties that the application filed by the domestic industry for initiation of sunset review will be processed upon appointment of the Commission by the Federal Government.

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Secretary
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