

Notice of Conclusion 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

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") under Section 58 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") and Chapter VI of Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules") has conducted a Review ("Sunset Review") of anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid ("Sulphonic Acid") 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 Sunset Review was initiated on May 24, 2022 upon receipt of an application under Section 58(3) of the Act from M/s Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi and M/s Tufail Multichem Industries (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi (the "Applicants"), who are domestic producers of Sulphonic Acid. The Commission had imposed anti-dumping duties ranging from 10.57% to 21.59% with effect from May 25, 2017, for a period of five years on dumped imports Sulphonic Acid imported from the Exporting Countries.

In accordance with provisions of the Act and the Rules, the Commission has conducted and concluded the Sunset Review as follows:

Product under Review: The product for which this sunset review has been requested is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid ("Sulphonic Acid") imported from the Exporting Countries. The major raw materials used in production of Sulphonic Acid are linear alkyl benzene, Sulphur and Caustic Soda. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") No. 3402.3100. The major use of Sulphonic Acid is for sulphonation of many substances, such as paraffin in preparation of detergents. It is used in the production of detergent powder, dish washing liquid and other industrial cleaning applications.

Period for Review (POR): The Sunset Review has been conducted on the basis of information for the three years i.e. from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Dumping of Product Under Review from the Exporting Countries: Based on the review investigation, the Commission has determined that there is a likelihood of recurrence and/or continuation of dumping of the product under review from the Exporting Countries if antidumping duties imposed on dumped imports of product under review 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 Chapter VI of the Rules 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 the Exporting Countries are terminated, the domestic industry would be likely to suffer material injury on account of increase in volume of dumped imports, decline in production, capacity utilization, sales, market share, profits and productivity etc.

Continuation of Definitive Anti-dumping Duties: In view of the determination of likely continuation and recurrence of dumping of the product under review from the Exporting Countries 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 the Exporting Countries. Thus, Commission has decided to continue anti-dumping duty on dumped imports of Sulphonic Acid from the Exporting Countries for a **period of three years** effective from May 25, 2022, at the following rates:

Antidumping Duties Rates

Country	Exporter / Producer Name	Antidumping Duty Rate (%)
(1)	(2)	(3)
China	All exporters from China	10.57
India	All exporters from India	11.25
Indonesia	All exporters from Indonesia	10.09
Iran	All exporters from Iran	20.24
Korea	All exporters from South Korea	21.59
Chinese Taipei	All exporters from Chinese Taipei	13.40

However, in accordance with Section 51(ea) of the Act, definitive antidumping duty will not be levied on imports of the investigated product that are used as inputs in products destined solely for exports or for use in the foreign grant-in-aid projects and are covered under any scheme exempting customs duties for exports or foreign grant-in-aid projects under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969).

The antidumping duties shall take the form of *ad valorem* duty. 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 account "G1270X", titled "National Tariff Commission fund" maintained with State Bank of Pakistan.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on the 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.

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(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary (NTC)
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