

A.D.C No. 33/2015/NTC/PSF/NCR/2023
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Initiation of Newcomer Review to Determine Individual Dumping Margin and Rate of Anti-Dumping Duty for M/s Huzhou Zhonglei Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd., an Exporter of Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application on October 26, 2023 under Section 60 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") and Rule 34 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules 2022 (the "Rules") from Huzhou Zhonglei Chemical Fiber Co., Ltd. (the "Applicant"), China to initiate a newcomer review to determine individual dumping margin and anti-dumping duty rate for its exports of Polyester Staple Fiber ("PSF") from the People's Republic of China ("China") to Pakistan. The Applicant is a manufacturer and exporter of PSF and has claimed that it did not export PSF to Pakistan during the original Period of Investigation ("POI") i.e., from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014, as well as during period of sunset review i.e., from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020. The Applicant has submitted an undertaking that it is not related to any exporters or producers who are subject to anti-dumping duties.

Product under Newcomer Review: The product subject to the antidumping duty is polyester staple fiber, not exceeding 2.0 denier and excluding colored and regenerated polyester staple fiber ("PSF"), which is classified under PCT Heading No. 5503.2010 exported by the exporters / producers from China. It is generally used in the production of blended yarn and pure polyester sewing thread. The blended yarn is used to produce woven and knitted fabrics.

Period for Newcomer Review ("POR"): The newcomer review would be conducted on the basis of information from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Basis for Newcomer Review: The Applicant have claimed that it is a manufacturer and exporter of PSF from China, and it did not export PSF to Pakistan during the original POI and POR of the sunset review. The Applicant has further stated that it is not related to any exporters or producers who are subject to anti-dumping duties. The application for newcomer review contains sufficient information and evidence in accordance with provisions of the Act and the Rules for the purposes of the newcomer review.

Initiation of Newcomer Review: Upon initial examination of the information and evidence provided in application, the Commission is satisfied that, *prima facie*, the application meets requirements of Section 60 of the Act and Rule 34 of the Rules. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates a Newcomer Review pursuant to Section 60 of the Act to determine individual dumping margin and definitive anti-dumping duty rate for the exports of PSF by the Applicant.

Cash Deposit for Imports of the PSF Exported by the Applicant: In terms of Section 60(3) of the Act, no anti-dumping duty will be imposed on imports from the Applicant while the newcomer review is being carried out. However, a cash deposit equal to the residual anti-dumping duty rate currently applicable to the Applicant i.e., 11.51 percent *ad valorem* will be imposed in accordance with proviso of sub-section (3) of Section 60 of the Act to ensure that, should the determination of review results in an affirmative dumping margin, anti-dumping duty can be levied retroactively from the date of initiation of the review.

Schedule of Newcomer 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 six months from its initiation and, in any event, no later than 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, if so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of 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.

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(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary (NTC)
November 24, 2023