

A.D.C. No. 64/NTC/2024/CPW
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Preliminary Determination of Anti-Dumping Investigation and Imposition of Provisional Anti-Dumping Duties Against Dumped Imports of Chlorinated Paraffin Wax Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State of Qatar

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on March 31, 2024, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application filed by M/s Nimir Industrial Chemicals Limited, Lahore (the "Applicant") was in accordance with Section 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation is being conducted against dumping of Chlorinated Paraffin Wax into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the State of Qatar (the "Exporting Countries"), and whether such imports have caused and/or is causing injury to the Pakistan's domestic industry producing Chlorinated Paraffin Wax. In accordance with provisions of the Act, and Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules"), the Commission has, after investigation, determined the following on preliminary basis: -

Product under Investigation: The product being dumped into Pakistan is Chlorinated Paraffin Wax imported from the Exporting Countries (the "investigated product"), which is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Code 3824.9980. The investigated product is widely used as a secondary plasticizer in PVC, paints, sealants and adhesive industries.

Period of Investigation ("POI"): For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is from February 01, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

Determination of Dumping: One exporter namely M/s KLJ Organic, Qatar has submitted information on exporter's questionnaire. Therefore, the Commission has determined individual dumping margin for KLJ Organic, Qatar on the basis of information submitted by the company. However, the Commission did not receive requisite data/information from any of the exporters/foreign producers of Chlorinated Paraffin Wax from China and Iran. Thus, the Commission has determined dumping margins for China and Iran on the basis of best available information in terms of Section 32 of the Act.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission has, on a preliminary basis, determined that domestic industry has not yet fully established and has not achieved production level and market share that commensurate with their targets as per the feasibility report. Its establishment was materially retarded during the POI, therefore, the domestic industry has suffered injury due to dumped imports of the investigated product on account of; volume of dumped imports, price undercutting, price suppression, price depression, decline in sales and market share, profits, production, capacity utilization, return on investment, negative effects on inventories, and growth.

Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duties: On reaching affirmative preliminary determination, the Commission is satisfied that the Chlorinated Paraffin Wax originating in/and or exported from the Exporting Countries to Pakistan at dumped prices. In order to prevent injury to the domestic industry during the course of investigation, the Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred under Section 43 of the Act, has decided to impose provisional anti-dumping duties on dumped imports of the investigated product classified under PCT code. 3824.9980 w.e.f. August 04, 2024, at the following rates.

Exporter/ Foreign Producer	Provisional Anti-dumping Duty Rates (%)
<u>Qatar:</u> KLJ Organic All other exporters	15.63 15.63
<u>China:</u> All Exporters from China	18.04
<u>Iran:</u> All Exporters from Iran	38.00

However, in accordance with Section 51(ea) of the Act, provisional anti-dumping duties shall 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).

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this investigation may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9218961, Fax No.+92-519221205.

Final Determination: In terms of Section 39 of the Act, the Commission is required to make final determination within 180 days of publication of the notice of Preliminary Determination.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report of preliminary determination is issued in accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules and is placed in the public file established and maintained by the Commission. The same is also posted on the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk.

Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary, NTC
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