## A.D.C No. 49/2016/NTC/SA/SSR/2025 Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission

# Notice of Initiation of Second 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.

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an application on April 07, 2025, under Section 58 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") and Rule 32 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules") from M/s Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi and M/s Ittehad Chemical Limited, Lahore (the "Applicants") for Review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid ("Sulphonic Acid") into Pakistan originating in and/or exported 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 Applicants are the domestic producers of Sulphonic Acid. The application is filed in response to the Commission's notice of impending expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on Sulphonic Acid from the Exporting Countries. The notice of impending expiry was published in the official Gazette and national press on February 21, 2025.

## **Product under Review:**

The product for which this Review is initiated is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid ("Sulphonic Acid"), originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries to Pakistan (the "product under Review"). The said product is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading No.3402.3100. The product under review is used for sulphonation of many substances, such as paraffin in preparation of detergents. It is used in production of detergent powder, dish washing liquid and other industrial cleaning applications.

### Period of Review ("POR"):

The sunset review would be conducted on the basis of information for the last three years i.e. from January 01, 2022, to December 31, 2024.

### **Basis for Review:**

The Applicants have claimed that there is a likelihood of recurrence of dumping of the product under review into Pakistan by the exporters/foreign producers from the Exporting Countries which may lead to recurrence of injury to the domestic industry. The Applicants have provided in the application information and evidence in accordance with provisions of the Act and Rules.

### **Initiation of Review:**

Upon initial examination of the information and evidence provided in the application, the Commission is satisfied that the application *prima facie* justify for initiation of the Review under Section 58 of the Act. Therefore, the Commission has decided to initiate a sunset review pursuant to Section 58 of the Act to determine whether the expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Sulphonic Acid from the Exporting Countries would be likely to lead to the recurrence of dumping of the product under review and injury to the domestic industry, or not.

## Continuation of Anti-dumping Duty:

The anti-dumping duties on the dumped import of Sulphonic Acid from the Exporting Countries are currently enforced till May 24, 2025. In terms of Section 58(3) of the Act, the anti-dumping duties will remain enforced pending the outcome of the Review.

### Schedule of Review:

Date of initiation of the Review: Date of conclusion of Review: The date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan Within 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 Email: khizar.ntc@gmail.com not later than 15 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 the 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) <u>not later than 60 days of the date of publication of this</u> <u>notice</u> 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 of the data/information submitted on confidential basis, which will be placed in the Public File. All data and information in this regard should be submitted to the Director (Investigation-II), National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Tel: +92-51-9204118, Fax: +92-51-9221205. Email: aamir.ntcpk@gmail.com

## Hearing:

Any interested party as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act may request for a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by sending written request to the Secretary, National Tariff 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 Shehzad, Director (Inv-II), Tel: +92-51-9204118, Fax: +92-51-9221205, Email: aamir.ntcpk@gmail.com. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk

By order of the Commission.

-sd-(Khizar Hayat) Secretary (NTC) May 23, 2025