

F. No. 01(05)/2025/Dir-II/NTC/Blankets
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Initiation of Inquiry for Review of Tariff Structure on Blankets and its Raw Materials.

National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) has received the applications under Section 9 of the National Tariff Commission Act, 2015 (the “Act”) and Rule 4 of the National Tariff Commission (Procedure) Rules, 2023 (the “Rules”) from M/s HBK Blanket Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. and M/s Pak Xuri Blanket Textile Mill (Pvt.) Ltd. (the “Applicants”) for review of tariff structure on Blankets (PCT No, 6301.9000), Semi Finished Blankets (PCT. No. 6001.9290) and its raw materials i.e. White Fabric for Blanket manufacturing (PCT No. 6001.9990). The Applicants are the domestic producers of Blankets.

Applicants Request:

The Applicants have requested to reduce customs duty on its raw material (White Fabric for Blanket manufacturing PCT No. 6001.9990) or increase tariff on semi-finished blankets (PCT. No. 6001.9290). The Applicants have based their requests on the following:

- a. At present, the applicable tariff rates on both semi-finished blanket fabric (classified under the relevant HS Code 6001.9290) and raw material in the form of white fabric for blanket manufacturing (under the HS Code 6001.9990) are identical, with a Customs Duty (CD) of 11% and an Additional Customs Duty (ACD) of 2%. This uniform tariff structure discourages local manufacturing, as it incentivizes importers to procure finished blankets from abroad rather than investing in domestic production or sourcing from locally manufactured goods.
- b. The domestic producers of blankets (PCT No, 6301.9000) have sufficient capacity to meet local demand.

Product under Investigation:

The products for which this Inquiry is initiated are Blankets, classified under PCT No, 6301.9000, Semi Finished Blankets (PCT. No. 6001.9290) and its raw materials i.e. White Fabric for Blanket manufacturing (PCT No. 6001.9990) (the “product under investigation”). Blankets are used in the household and hospitality industry while Semi Finished Blankets (PCT. No. 6001.9290) and its raw materials i.e. White Fabric for Blanket (PCT No. 6001.9990) are used for Blanket manufacturing.

Initiation of Investigation:

The Applicants have filed properly documented applications. Upon initial examination of the information and evidence provided in the applications, the Commission has decided to initiate an investigation pursuant to Rule 5(1) of the Rules.

Schedule of Investigation:

Date of Initiation of Investigation: The date of publication of this notice in the press or official gazette in Pakistan

Date of conclusion of Investigation: Minimum two months and maximum four months after the initiation of the investigation.

Interested Parties:

Interested parties 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 7 days after publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission in this inquiry 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) not later than 10 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 Rule 13(3) of the Rules, shall be accompanied by a non-confidential version/summary, which will be placed in the public file, established and maintained under Rule 15 of the Rules. 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: +92-51-92041188, Fax: +92-51-9221205, Email: aamir.ntcpk@gmail.com.

Hearing:

In accordance with Rule 8(4) of the Rules the Commission may hold a hearing so that all stakeholders participating have an adequate opportunity to present their views. A hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held on June 19, 2025, at 11.00 a.m. in the Committee Room of National Tariff Commission, 11th Floor, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad.

Public File:

In accordance with Rule 15 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 Investigation.

Further Information:

For further information please contact, Director (Inv-II), Tel: +92-51-9204118, Fax: +92-51-9221205. General information and detailed notice of initiation of inquiry is also available on Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk.

By order of the Commission.

(Khizar Hayat)
Secretary (NTC)
June 12, 2025