

**Notice of Final Determination and Extension of Definitive Anti-Dumping Duties imposed on Dumped Imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from China**

The National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) imposed definitive anti-dumping duties in *ad valorem* terms @ 28.74 percent for individual/cooperating exporters and 29.02 percent for all others, on dumped imports of One-Side Coated Bleached Paperboard imported from China with effect from February 28, 2017 for a period of five years, which were extended for another period of five years with effect from February 28, 2022.

On March 21, 2024, the Commission received an application under Section 63 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) read with Rules 23 and 25 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the “Rules”) from M/s. Century Paper & Paperboard Mills Limited, Karachi and M/s. Bulleh Shah Packaging Private Limited, Lahore (the “Applicants”), who are manufacturers of Coated Bleached Paperboard. The Applicants have alleged that Chinese exporters are circumventing the anti-dumping duties through product modification, which undermined the remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties in terms of prices or quantities of the domestic like product. Therefore, the domestic industry is not realizing the benefits of imposition of anti-dumping duties and is suffering injury.

Upon receipt of an anti-circumvention application from the domestic industry, the Commission on May 04, 2024 initiated an anti-circumvention investigation against slightly modified product i.e., Two-Side Coated Bleached Paperboard under Section 63(4) of the Act and Rule 26 of the Rules to determine whether circumvention of anti-dumping duties is taking place, and whether remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties to the domestic industry are being undermined in terms of Section 63 of the Act read with Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules. In accordance with provisions of the Act and Rules, the Commission, after investigation, has made an affirmative final determination in this investigation as follows:

**The Product**

Product subject to anti-dumping duty is Coated Bleached Paperboard / One-Side Coated Folding Box Paperboard with White Back Manila pulp or ISC Ivory Paperboard with White Back Manila Pulp (180 g/m<sup>2</sup>-400 g/m<sup>2</sup>) excluding One-Side Aseptic Coated Paperboard (Clay Coated) and Two-Side Coated Bleached Paperboard exported by the exporters / producers from China. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff (“PCT”) codes 4810.9200 and 4810.9900. One-Side Coated Bleached Paperboard is mainly used for folding cartons of numerous consumer & industrial products like cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food and spices etc.

Slightly Modified Product for the purpose of this anti-circumvention investigation is the Two-Side Coated Bleached Paperboard having a coating of 20 g/m<sup>2</sup> or above with glossy/ matt finish for better printability on one side and any other coating of less than 20 g/m<sup>2</sup> of any substance such as starch, China clay or calcium carbonate etc. on the other side. Slightly Modified Product is mainly used for folding cartons of numerous consumer and industrial products like cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food and spices etc.

**Period of Investigation**

The period of investigation for this anti-circumvention investigation is January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2023 to determine whether circumvention is undermining the remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties.

### **Determination of Circumvention**

The Act and the Rules provides that the Commission, while making the determination, analyze all available known factors to see whether circumvention has taken place or not. These factors include but not limited to assessment of slight modification of the product subject to anti-dumping duties, change in trade pattern, economic justification, and remedial effects that are being undermined. The Commission has also examined the other factors of circumvention used by other investigating authorities.

### **Extension of Definitive Anti-dumping Duties**

The Commission is satisfied that the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of One - Side Coated Bleached Paperboard from China into Pakistan are being circumvented and it has undermined the remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties in terms of the prices or quantities of the domestic like product. Therefore, the Commission has decided to extend the existing anti-dumping duty @ of 29.02 % as applicable on “all other exporters/ producers” on imports of Two – Side Coated Bleached Paperboard having a coating of 20 g/m<sup>2</sup> or above on one side and any other coating of less than 20 g/m<sup>2</sup> of any substance such as starch, China clay or calcium carbonate etc. on the other side, classified under PCT codes 4810.9200 and 4810.9900 from China in accordance with Section 63 of the Act w.e.f. the date of this notification till February 27, 2027. The validity of the anti-dumping duty on slightly modified product would be co-terminus with anti-dumping duty on product subject to anti-dumping duties. Investigated product originated in/and or imported from sources other than China shall not be subject to the above-mentioned antidumping duty.

In accordance with Section 51(1)(ea) of the Act, extension of antidumping duty on product under investigation will not be levied on imports of the product under investigation 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).

Extension of antidumping duty on Two – Side Coated Bleached Paperboard would be in addition to other taxes and duties leviable on its imports under any other law. The extension of antidumping duty on Two – Side Coated Bleached Paperboard shall be collected in the same manner as customs duty is collected under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) and shall be deposited in Commission’s Non-lapsable PLD Account No 187 maintained under the head account “G-11217”, PLA with Federal Treasury Office, Islamabad.

### **Further Information**

A non-confidential version of the detailed report of final determination is issued in accordance with Rule 30 of the Rules and is placed in the Public File established and maintained by the Commission. The same is also posted on the Commission official website [www.ntc.gov.pk](http://www.ntc.gov.pk)

### **Authority under Law**

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