

A.D.C. No. 70/2025/NTC/PTA
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

**Notice of Preliminary Determination of Anti-Dumping Investigation and Levy of
Provisional Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Imports of Pure Terephthalic Acid (PTA) into
Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China**

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on August 16, 2025, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application filed by M/s Lotte Chemical Pakistan Ltd., Karachi (the "Applicant") was in accordance with Section 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation is being conducted against alleged dumped imports of Pure Terephthalic Acid ("PTA") into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China ("China") and whether such imports have caused material injury to the Pakistan's domestic industry producing PTA. 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 under investigation is Pure Terephthalic Acid ("PTA") imported from China, which is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Code 2917.3610. The investigated product is a raw material for Pakistan's Textile and Packaging industries and is primarily used in the manufacturing of Polyester Staple Fiber ("PSF"), Polyester Filament Yarn ("PFY"), and Polyethylene Terephthalate ("PET") Resin.

Period of Investigation (POI) For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping:

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

For determination of injury:

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2025

Determination of Dumping The Commission has received data/information in response to the Exporter's Questionnaires from two exporters/ foreign producers of the investigated product in China, i.e. M/s INEOS Aromatics Asia Limited (Exporter)/ M/s INEOS Zhuhai Chemical Co., Ltd (Producer) and M/s Zhejiang Dushan Energy Co., Limited. Therefore, individual dumping margins in this preliminary determination are determined for these exporters/foreign producers of the investigated product from China on the basis of the information provided by them.

Injury to the Domestic Industry Injury to the domestic industry has been determined in accordance with Part VI of the Act. The Commission has established on preliminary basis that the domestic industry has suffered material injury on account of significant increase in the volume of dumped imports, price undercutting, price depression, price suppression, decline in sales, market share, production, productivity, profits and profitability, capacity utilization, and negative effects on inventory, salaries and wages, returns on investment, growth, and ability to raise capital.

Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duties The Commission has determined on preliminary basis that PTA has been exported from China to Pakistan at dumped prices.

Therefore, imposition of provisional antidumping duties on dumped imports of the investigated product are needed in accordance with Section 43 of the Act to prevent injury being caused to the domestic industry during the course of this investigation. However, the Commission, in terms of Section 43 (1) of the Act, has decided to impose lesser duty equal to the injury margin as lesser duties would be adequate to remove injury suffered by the domestic industry due to dumped imports of investigated product. The Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred under Section 43 of the Act, has imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on dumped imports of the investigated product classified under PCT code 2917.3610 for a period of four months with effect from the publication of this notice, at the following rates:

| Sr. No. | Exporter Name | Provisional Anti-Dumping Duty Rates (%) |
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| 1 | M/s INEOS Aromatics Asia Limited (Exporter)/M/s INEOS Zhuhai Chemical Co., Ltd (Producer) | 2.63 |
| 2 | M/s Zhejiang Dushan Energy Co., Limited | 9.50 |
| 3 | All other exporters/foreign producers | 9.50 |

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. +92-51-9202839, Email: secretary@ntc.gov.pk.

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 under Rule 7 of the Rules. The same shall also be available 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.

(Khizar Hayat)
Secretary, NTC
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