

ADC No. 30/2013/NTC/Tiles
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of Wall and Floor Tiles into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from Iran, Malaysia, Spain and UAE

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application under Sections 20 and 24 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") on July 09, 2013 from Organization for Advancement and Safeguard of Industrial Sector (OASIS), on behalf of M/s. Master Tiles & Ceramic Industries Limited, Gujranwala and M/s. Shabbir Tiles & Ceramics Limited, Karachi (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producers of wall and floor Tiles, which includes ceramic, porcelain, vitrified, granite wall and floor tiles in glazed/unglazed, polished/unpolished finish ("Tiles"). The Applicants have alleged that Tiles are being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the Republic of Indonesia ("Indonesia"), Islamic Republic of Iran ("Iran"), Malaysia, Kingdom of Spain ("Spain") and United Arab Emirates ("UAE"), which has caused and is causing material injury in terms of Sections 15 and 17 of the Ordinance to Pakistan's domestic industry producing Tiles.

Upon initial examination and assessing accuracy of the evidence and information in accordance with Section 23 of the Ordinance, the Commission is satisfied that the evidence and information provided in application are sufficient to justify an investigation into the matter. However, examination of the information shows that the volume of alleged dumped imports of the Tiles from Indonesia is below the negligible threshold set out in Section 41(3) of the Ordinance, therefore, no investigation can be initiated on alleged dumping of Tiles from Indonesia.

Product under Investigation: The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is Tiles imported from Iran, Malaysia, Spain and UAE (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Exporting Countries"). It is imported under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") heading nos. 6907.1000, 6907.9000, 6908.1000, 6908.9010 and 6908.9090.

Initiation of Investigation: The Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether the investigated product originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries is being dumped into Pakistan and whether such dumping has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry within the meaning of the Ordinance.

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

For determination of dumping	From July 01, 2012 to June 30, 2013
For determination of Injury	From July 01, 2010 to June 30, 2013

Investigation Schedule

Initiation date:	Date of publication of this notice in the press
Preliminary determination:	Not earlier than 60 days and not later than 180 days from initiation.
Final determination:	Within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of preliminary determination in the press.

Interested Parties: Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Ordinance, are requested to identify themselves not later than 10 days after publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission should submit; the name of the company, its line of business, name of authorized person, address, telephone number and fax number. All interested parties are invited to make their views/comments and to submit information and documents (if any) to the Commission not later than 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

Hearing: Any interested party, if it so wishes, request a hearing within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting DG Investigation-III, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9218961, Fax No.+92-51-9221205.

Public File: A public file has been established and maintained at office of the Commission in this case, 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, DG Investigation-III or visit www.ntc.gov.pk.

By order of the Commission.

(Muhammad Shahid)
Secretary
July 30, 2013