

**ADC No. 28/2012/NTC/PA
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan**

**Notice of Initiation
Anti-dumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of
Phthalic Anhydride into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the Italian Republic, Islamic
Republic of Iran and Kingdom of Thailand.**

National Tariff Commission (Commission) has received an application under Section 20 of Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance) on July 06, 2012 from Nimir Chemicals Pakistan Limited., Office No. 01,7th Floor, Shaheen Complex, Egerton Road, Lahore (Applicant). The Applicant is a producer of Phthalic Anhydride (PA). The Applicant has alleged that PA is being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the Italy, Iran and Thailand (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Exporting Countries").

Application by the Domestic Industry: The Applicant has alleged dumping of the PA into Pakistan by exporters from the Exporting Countries. It is further alleged that the imports of PA from the Exporting Countries has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry. The dumped imports are also posing threat of injury to the domestic industry.

Initiation of Investigation: The Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether PA originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries is being dumped into Pakistan and whether such dumping has caused and/or is causing material injury to the domestic industry. The Commission will, during the course of this investigation, call for any further information/ data deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Phthalic Anhydride imported into Pakistan from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under PCT Heading No. 2917.3500. Investigated product is mainly used in production of plasticizer used for production of plastics from vinyl chloride. Investigated product is also used in Alkyd Resins (Glyptal) and Synthetic Resins.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For investigation of dumping: From April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
For investigation of injury: From April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

Investigation Schedule:

Date of initiation of investigation: The date of publication of this notice in the newspapers in Pakistan.
Date of preliminary determination: Not earlier than 60 days and not later than 180 days from the date of initiation of the investigation.
Date of final determination: Will be notified in notice of preliminary determination.

Interested Parties: Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Ordinance, are requested to make themselves known to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9202839 Fax: +9251-9221205 not later than 10 days after the publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission in this investigation 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 further invited to make their views/comments known to the Commission, and to submit information and documents (if any) not later than 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan. All data and information regarding this investigation should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission.

Public File: In accordance with Rule 7 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001, the Commission shall maintain a public file at the offices of the Commission, which shall be available to the interested parties for review and copying from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays) between 1100 hours to 1300 hours throughout the investigation.

Further Information: For further information please contact, Mr. Abdul Khaliq, Director General, Tel: +9251-9208019, Fax: +9251-9221205, Email: akhaliq@ntc.gov.pk. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk

By order of the Commission.

(Muhammad Shahid)
Secretary
August 17, 2012