

**ADC No. 09/2005/NTC/FA
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan**

Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of Formic Acid (“FA”) into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the Republic of Finland and the Federal Republic of Germany

The National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) received an antidumping application under Section 20 of the Antidumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the “Ordinance”) on July 30, 2005 from Tufail Chemical Industries Ltd., Mezzanine Floor, Progressive Centre, 30-A, Block-6, PECHS, Karachi (the “Applicant”), on behalf of the domestic industry producing Formic Acid (“FA”) alleging dumping into Pakistan of FA originating in and/or exported from Republic of Finland (“Finland”) and Federal Republic of Germany (“Germany”).

Product under Investigation

The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is FA originating in and/or exported from Finland and Germany (the “investigated product”) and is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading No. 2915.1100. The investigated product is used as an input by leather industry (for leather softening, tanning), pharmaceutical industry (as synthesis of vitamin B, in alkaloids etc), food industry (in antiseptic, disinfectants, preservatives), in textile industry (as neutralizing agent in yarn & fabrics dyeing).

Application

The Applicant has alleged dumping of the investigated product into Pakistan by the following two exporters from Finland and Germany:

- i) Kamira Chemicals OYJ, Parkkalankatu 3, 00101 Helsinki, Finland.
- ii) BASF Aktiengesellschaft,
CZB/SM-100, D-67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany.

It is further alleged that the import of investigated product has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry, mainly, by way of: price undercutting, price suppression, decline in profit, market share, and negative effect on inventory.

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 Finland and Germany is being dumped into Pakistan and whether such dumping has caused and/or is causing material injury to the domestic industry. The Commission may also, during the course of this investigation, call for any further information/ data deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

Period of Investigation (POI)

For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping:	From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005
For determination of material injury:	From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2005

Investigation Schedule

Date of initiation of investigation:	The date of publication of this notice in the press 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:	Within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of preliminary determination in the press in Pakistan

Interested Parties.

Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Ordinance, 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 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 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.

Use of Best Information Available

Where any interested party refuses or otherwise does not provide the required information within the prescribed time limit or significantly impedes the investigation, preliminary and final determination by the Commission will be made on the basis of best information available in accordance with Section 32 of the Ordinance and the Schedule appended thereto.

Public File

In accordance with Rule 7 of the Antidumping Duties Rules, 2001, the Commission has established and maintained 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 between 1100 hours to 1300 hours throughout the investigation.

Further Information

For further information please contact, Director General, National Tariff Commission, Tel: +9251-9218968, Fax: +9251-9221205. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk

By order of the Commission.

(Mrs. Batool Iqbal Qureshi)
Secretary
September 8, 2005