

**ADC No. 16/2008/NTC/TP
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan**

Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of Secondary Quality Tinplate into Pakistan Originating in and / or Exported From Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and USA.

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an antidumping application under Section 20 of the Antidumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") on November 17, 2008 from Siddiqsons Tin Plate Limited, D-53, Textile Avenue, S.I.T.E., Karachi-75700, Pakistan, (the "Applicant"), a domestic producer of Tinplate of thickness of less than 0.5mm and of width of 600mm or more, (the "domestic like product") alleging that Secondary Quality Tinplate is being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the Kingdom of Belgium, Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and the United States of America (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Exporting Countries"), which has caused and is causing material injury to Pakistan's domestic industry producing domestic like product.

Product under Investigation

The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is Secondary Quality Tinplate (originating in and/or exported from the exporting countries and is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff classification number. 7210.1210 the "investigated product"). Basic raw material used for the production of the investigated product is "Tin Mill Black Plate (TMBP)", which is a steel based product. It has a wide range of applications e.g. packaging of edible oils, foodstuff, paints, petroleum products etc.

Application

The Applicant has alleged dumping of the investigated product into Pakistan by the exporters from the Exporting Countries. It is further alleged that the imports of investigated product in Pakistan has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry, mainly, by way of: price undercutting; decline in market share; capacity utilization; profits; return on investment; and negative effects on cash flow.

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 /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, 2007 to June 30, 2008
For determination of material injury:	From July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008

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: +9251-9205944 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 shall maintain a public file at its offices, 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, Director, National Tariff Commission, Tel: +9251-9218963, 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.

(Omer Moin Chaudhry)
Director
Islamabad January 16, 2009