

ADC No. 49/2016/NTC/SA
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

Notice of Initiation of Anti-dumping Investigation Against Alleged Dumped Imports of Sulphonic Acid into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from China, India, Indonesia, Iran, South Korea and Taiwan

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application under Sections 20 and 24 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") on October 14, 2016 from M/s. Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi (the "Applicant"). The Applicant is a producer of sulphonic Acid and has alleged that the sulphonic acid is being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the People's Republic of China, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea and Taiwan (the "Exporting Countries"). It is further alleged that the imports of sulphonic acid from the Exporting Countries have caused and is threatening to cause material injury to the domestic industry producing sulphonic acid.

Upon initial examination and assessing accuracy of the evidence and information provided in application in accordance with Section 23 of the Act, the Commission is satisfied that the evidence and information provided in the application is sufficient to justify initiation of an investigation into the matter.

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

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid ("LABSA") imported from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading No. 3402.1110. Investigated product is used in production of detergent powder, dish washing liquid and other industrial cleaning applications.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For determination of dumping: From July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016

For determination of injury: From July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2016

Interested Parties: Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, 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.

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:	Within 180 days of the preliminary determination.
Hearing:	Hearing shall be held not later than 60 days prior to the proposed date of final determination, upon request, if any, made within 30 days of the publication of notice of initiation

Further Information: For further information please contact Director General (Investigation-III), Tel: +92-51- 9218961, Fax: +92-51-9221205. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk
By order of the Commission.

(Muhammad Anwar)
Secretary
November 28, 2016