ADC No. 40/2015/NTC/OPI Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission

Notice of Preliminary Determination in Anti-dumping Investigation against Dumped Imports of Offset Printing Ink into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on December 07, 2015, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application lodged by M/s DIC Pakistan Limited, Lahore (the "Applicant"), on behalf of domestic industry producing Offset Printing Ink in the form of paste also known as paste ink or oil based Offset Printing Ink, but does not include water based, UV based, solvent based, flexographic rotogravure and other inks in liquid, powder or solid form ("Offset Printing Ink") was in accordance with Section 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation concerns dumping of Offset Printing Ink, originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea (the "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused therefrom to the domestic industry producing Offset Printing Ink. In accordance with provisions of the Act and Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules"), the Commission has, after investigation, determined the following on preliminary basis:

<u>Product under Investigation</u>: The investigated product is Offset Printing Ink in the form of paste also known as paste ink or oil based Offset Printing Ink, but does not include water based, UV based, solvent based, flexographic rotogravure and other inks in liquid, powder or solid form ("Offset Printing Ink") falling under PCT Heading Nos. 3215.1110, 3215.1190, 3215.1910, 3215.1990 (the "Investigated Product"). Investigated product is mainly used for printing of packaging material, POS printing, text book printing, publishing etc.

<u>Period of Investigation (POI):</u> For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping: From October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 For determination of injury: From October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015

<u>Exporters and Foreign Producers:</u> The Applicant identified thirty nine exporters/producers involved in the dumping of Offset Printing Ink from the Exporting Countries. List exporters/producers that responded to the Commission's request for information/data on Exporter's Questionnaire and provided requisite data / information on Exporter's Questionnaire for the purposes of this investigation is at paragraph 17 of the report of preliminary determination placed at the NTC website www.ntc.gov.pk

<u>Determination of Dumping</u>: Individual dumping margins in this preliminary determination are determined for the sampled exporters/producers of the investigated product from the Exporting Countries on the basis of the information provided by them.

Dumping margin for the cooperating exporters/producers who were not selected in the sample from China is determined on the basis of the weighted average of dumping margin of Shanghai Silian Printing Ink Chemical Company Limited, China and Jinan Crown Ink Company Limited, China. Residual dumping margin/duty rate for non-cooperating exporters/producers from China has been determined as the highest dumping margin of the exporter/producer of China.

Dumping margin for the cooperating exporters/producers who were not selected in the sample from Korea and residual dumping margin/duty rate for non-cooperating exporters/producers from Korea is determined as the dumping margin of Dong Yang Ink Company Limited, Korea.

<u>Injury to the domestic industry</u>: Injury to the domestic industry has been determined in accordance with Part VI of the Act. The Commission has on preliminary basis established that the domestic industry suffered material injury on account of increase in volume of dumped imports, price undercutting, price suppression, decline in market share, profits, sales, capacity utilization, and negative effect on inventories, productivity and salaries & wages. The Commission has also examined factors other than dumped imports under Section 18(2) and Section 18 (3) of the Act, which could at the same time cause injury to the domestic industry. Analysis showed that the domestic industry has not been suffered material injury due to others factors.

Imposition of Provisional Anti-Dumping Duty: In reaching this preliminary determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported from the Exporting Countries at dumped prices. For the purpose of imposition of lesser duty in terms of Section 43 (1) of the Act, the Commission has calculated injury margin to ascertain whether a lower duty would be adequate to remove injury being suffered by the domestic industry due to dumped imports of investigated product from the Exporting Countries. In order to prevent material injury during the course of this investigation, the Commission after taking into account dumping and injury margin, pursuant to the powers conferred upon it under Section 43 of the Act, has decided to impose provisional anti-dumping duty at the rates mentioned below on C&F value in *ad val.* terms on imports of Offset Printing Ink importable from the Exporting Countries for a period of four months effective from the date of publication of notice in the press, on the following exporters/producers, however, it would not be levied in terms of Section 51(1) e of the Act on imports that are to be used as inputs in products destined solely for exports:

Country	Exporter/ Producer	Provisional Antidumping Duty Rate (%)
China	Exporters selected in sample;	
	i. Jinan Crown Ink Co. Ltd.	19.12
	ii. Shanghai Silian Printing Ink Chemical Co. Ltd.	9.70
	Cooperated Exporter;	
	iii. Shanghai Peony Printing Ink Co., Ltd.	14.41
	Others	19.12
Korea	Exporters selected in sample;	
	i. Daihan Ink Co. Ltd	0.00
	ii. Dong Yang Ink Co. Ltd.	9.64
	Cooperated Exporter;	
	iii.Kwang Myung Ink Co. Ltd	9.64
	iv. Joeun Ink and Chemical Co. Ltd	9.64
	v. Korean Printing Ink Co. Ltd.	9.64
	Others	9.64

<u>Hearing:</u> Any party registered as an interested party in this investigation may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9202839, Fax No.+92-51-9221205.

<u>Authority under Law:</u> This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Muhammad Anwar) Secretary December 21, 2016