

Notice of Termination of Investigation against Dumped Imports of One Side Coated Duplex Grey Back Paper Board imported into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from China, Indonesia, South Korea and Taiwan

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an antidumping investigation on June 26, 2009 under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") after establishing that the application lodged by Messrs Century Paper and Board Mills Limited, Karachi (the "Applicant") was in accordance with Sections 20 and 24 of the Ordinance. The investigation concerns dumping of Paper Board, originating in and/or exported from China, Indonesia, Korea and Taiwan (cumulatively referred as "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused thereof to the domestic industry manufacturing Paper Board.

The importers of Paper Board filed an appeal before Antidumping Appellate Tribunal (the Tribunal) against the final determination of the Commission dated December 27, 2012. The Tribunal, on July 25, 2014 has set aside determination of the Commission on the basis of *coram non-judice* and the case was remanded to the Commission to proceed afresh on the application filed by the domestic industry in May 2009 strictly in accordance with provisions of the law. In view of the decision of the Tribunal, the applicant (domestic industry) was required to furnish latest information on dumping of the investigated product for the period from July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2014 and for injury to the domestic industry for the period from July 01, 2011 to June 30, 2014, so that fresh proceedings may be initiated. The domestic industry was conveyed to submit latest information of both dumping and injury wide Commission's letters dated October 29, 2014 and November 26, 2014. However, the applicant has not furnished requisite information and has reiterated that the information provided in original application should be used for proceeding afresh and the period of investigation should not be changed.

Product Under Investigation: One Side Coated Duplex Grey Back Paper Board weighing from 230 g/m² to 400 g/m², originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries is the product under investigation ("investigated product"). It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Nos. 4810.9200 and 4810.9900.

The Commission has analyzed and considered this case at length and has reached at the conclusion that requirements of the law, particularly Section 36 of the Ordinance, can only be met with updated period of investigation. Therefore, the Commission has decided not to initiate afresh proceedings as applicant is not willing to furnish updated information for dumping for the period from July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2014 and for injury to the domestic industry for the period from July 01, 2011 to June 30, 2014. Thus antidumping investigation against alleged dumping of paperboard exported from China, Indonesia, Korea, and Taiwan stands terminated.

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(Muhammad Shahid)
Secretary
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