

ADC No. 19/2009/NTC/HRC
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

**Notice of Initiation of Anti-dumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of
Hot Rolled Coil Originating in and/or Exported from the Kingdom of Belgium,
Japan, the Russian Federation (Russia), Ukraine and the United States of America (USA)**

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an anti-dumping application under Section 20 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") on July 21, 2009 from Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation (Pvt) Limited, Bin Qasim, Karachi-75000 (the "Applicant"), a domestic producer of Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, of a thickness ranging from 2mm to 12mm, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated ("HRC") alleging dumping of HRC into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the Kingdom of Belgium ("Belgium"), Japan, the Russian Federation ("Russia"), Ukraine and the United States of America ("USA") (hereinafter referred to as the "Exporting Countries").

Application by the Domestic Industry: According to the Applicant, it is the only producer of HRC in Pakistan. Thus, the application fulfills requirements of Section 24 of the Ordinance as it represents by 100 percent of the total production of HRC in the country during the period from April 01, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The Applicant has alleged dumping of the HRC into Pakistan by exporters from the Exporting Countries. It is further alleged that the import of HRC from the Exporting Countries has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry, mainly, by way of: increase in volume of alleged dumped imports, price undercutting, price suppression, decline in profits, decrease in capacity utilization, decrease in return on investment, decline in productivity and cash flows, decline in productivity, increase in wages and salaries and negative effects on inventories.

Initiation of Investigation: In terms of Section 23 of the Ordinance, the Commission has examined the adequacy and accuracy of the information and evidence provided in the application and is satisfied that (i) the application has been made by the domestic industry, (ii) there is sufficient evidence to justify initiation of an investigation. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether HRC 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 will, during the course of this investigation, call for any further information/ data deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, of a thickness ranging from 2mm to 12mm, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, imported into Pakistan from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading Nos. 7208.1010, 7208.1090, 7208.2510, 7208.2590, 7208.2610, 7208.2690, 7208.2710, 7208.2790, 7208.3710, 7208.3790, 7208.3810, 7208.3890, 7208.3910, 7208.3990, 7208.4010, 7208.4090, 7208.5210, 7208.5290, 7208.5310, 7208.5390, 7208.5410, 7208.5490, 7208.9010 and 7208.9090. Investigated product is mainly used for manufacturing of seam welded pipes (for oil/ gas/water etc), storage tanks/containers, fabricated sections/structures and wheel rims for vehicles etc.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For investigation of dumping: From April 01, 2008 to March 31, 2009
For investigation of injury: From April 01, 2006 to March 31, 2009

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: Will be notified in notice of preliminary determination

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.

Limiting Examination to the largest Percentage of Volume of Exports: Keeping in view large number of exporters/foreign producers involved in exports of the investigated product from the Exporting Countries to Pakistan, the Commission may limit the investigation in terms of Section 14(2) of the Ordinance to the exporters representing largest percentage of volume of exports.

Use of Best Information Available: Where any interested party refuses to or otherwise does not provide the required information within the prescribed time limit or significantly impedes the investigation, preliminary and/or 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 Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001, the Commission has established and shall maintain 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 (except public holidays) between 1100 hours to 1300 hours throughout the investigation.

Further Information: For further information please contact, Mr. Khizar Hayat, Director, Tel: +9251-9218961, Fax: +9251-9221205, Email: khizar@ntc.gov.pk. 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
September 4, 2009