

ADC No. 4/2004/AT
National Tariff Commission
Government Of Pakistan

**NOTICE OF INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION AGAINST ALLEGED
DUMPING OF ACRYLIC TOW ORIGINATING IN AND/OR EXPORTED FROM UZBEKISTAN**

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an antidumping application on January 31 2004 from Dewan Salman Fibre Limited (the "Applicant") by and or behalf of the domestic industry producing Acrylic Tow alleging dumping of Acrylic Tow originating in and/or exported from Uzbekistan.

Product under Investigation The product allegedly being dumped is Acrylic Tow originating in and/or exported from Uzbekistan (the "investigated product") and is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading No. 5501.3000. The major uses of the investigated product are in woolen and carpet industry.

Application The application was lodged by the Applicant on January 31 2004 alleging dumping of the investigated product into Pakistan by i) Pumice Trading Corporation, Uzbekistan; ii) Pouya Tarabar, Uzbekistan; and East Sea Sail Co., Uzbekistan, has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry, mainly, by way of; price under-cutting, price suppression, loss in market share, decline in sale, decline in wages, decline in capacity utilization, decline in return on investments. Resultantly the domestic industry has incurred losses on its operations.

Initiation of Investigation The Commission hereby initiates the investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether the investigated product originating in and/or exported from the said exporters in Uzbekistan 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, request for any further information/ data deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

Period of Investigation

For investigation of dumping: From 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2003
For investigation of injury: From 1st July 2000 to 31st December 2003

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 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: +9251-9202839 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 invited to make their views/comments, submit information and documents (if any) not later than 45 days of the publication of this notice. 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 and the Schedule to the Ordinance.

Public File In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules, the Commission has established and maintained 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 between 1100 hours to 1300 hours through out the investigation.

Further Information For further information contact, Director General (AD), National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5 Blue Area Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9218968, Fax: +9251-9221205. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's website www.ntc.gov.pk

By order of the Commission.

(Mrs. Batool Qureshi)
Secretary