

ADC No. 18/2009/NTC/PB
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

Notice of Initiation of Anti-dumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of One Side Coated Duplex Grey Back Paper Board from the People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Korea and Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an anti-dumping application under Section 20 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") on May 27, 2009 from Century Paper and Board Mills Limited, Karachi (the "Applicant") on behalf of domestic industry producing One Side Coated Duplex Grey Back Paper Board weighing from 230 g/m² to 400 g/m² (the "Paperboard") alleging dumping of the Paperboard into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China ("China"), Republic of Indonesia ("Indonesia"), Republic of Korea ("Korea") and Chinese Taipei ("Taiwan") (herein after collectively referred as the "Exporting Countries").

Application by the Domestic Industry: The application fulfills the requirements of Section 24 of the Ordinance as it is supported by 100 percent of the total production of the Paperboard in the country during the period from April 01, 2008 to March 31, 2009. Packages Limited, Lahore has not been considered as domestic producer of Paperboard for the purpose of this application as it was involved in imports of the Paperboard during period of investigation. The Applicant has alleged dumping of the Paperboard into Pakistan by exporters from the Exporting Countries. It is further alleged that the import of the Paperboard from the exporters 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 depression, price suppression, decline in profits, decrease in capacity utilization, decrease in return on investment, decline in productivity and cash flows, 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 on behalf of the domestic industry, (ii) there is sufficient evidence to justify initiation of investigation. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether the Paperboard 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 One Side Coated Duplex Grey Back Paper Board weighing from 230 g/m² to 400 g/m², imported from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading Nos. 4810.9200 and 4810.9900. The Paperboard is used for packaging cartons (folding cartons) of numerous consumers & industrial products like cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, spices, confectionary, food, tea, biscuit, shoe, auto parts, electric appliances, electronics & garments 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 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, Director (Investigation-I), Tel: +9251-9218961, Fax: +9251-9221205. 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
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