

**ADC No. 15/2008/NTC/SN  
National Tariff Commission  
Government of Pakistan**

**Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation against Alleged Dumping of Soap Noodles  
from Malaysia**

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received a properly documented antidumping application under Section 20 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Ordinance, 2000 (the "Ordinance") on October 9, 2008 from M/s Nimir Industrial Chemicals Limited, 51-N, Industrial Area, Gulberg II, Lahore (here-in-after referred to as the "Applicant") a domestic producer of Soap Noodles alleging dumping of Soap Noodles into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from Malaysia.

**Application by the Domestic Industry:** The application fulfills the requirements of Section 24 of the Ordinance as the Applicant produced 100 percent of the total production of Soap Noodles in the country during the period from July 01, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The Applicant has alleged dumping of Soap Noodles into Pakistan by exporters/producers from Malaysia. It is further alleged that the imports of Soap Noodles from the Malaysian exporters/producers has caused and is causing material injury to the domestic industry, mainly, by way of: increase in volume of alleged dumped imports, price under-cutting, lower than projected profits, low return on investment, and less than projected cash flows. The Applicant has also alleged that there is threat of material injury to the domestic industry, as the volume of alleged dumped imports from Malaysia has significantly increased during last three financial years and there is likelihood of substantially increased importation.

**Initiation of Investigation:** In terms of Section 23 of the Ordinance, the Commission has examined the adequacy and accuracy of the information 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 investigation. Therefore, the Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Section 23 of the Ordinance. The investigation will determine whether Soap Noodles originating in and/or exported from Malaysia are 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, call for any further information/data deemed necessary for the purposes of this investigation.

**Product under Investigation:** The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is Soap Noodles originating in and/or exported from Malaysia (the "investigated product") and is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading No.3401.2000. The investigated product is used for manufacturing of toilet soaps.

**Period of Investigation ("POI"):**

For investigation of dumping: From July 01, 2007 to June 30, 2008  
For investigation of injury: From July 01, 2005 to June 30, 2008

**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:** 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: +9251-9205944 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.

**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 (Antidumping), National Tariff Commission, Tel: +9251-9218963, Fax: +9251-9221205. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website [www.ntc.gov.pk](http://www.ntc.gov.pk)

By order of the Commission.

(Omer Moin Chaudhry)  
Director  
November 18, 2008