

A.D.C No. 36/2015/NTC/CCB
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Preliminary Determination on Dumped Imports of Continuous Casting (Steel) Billets (CC Billets) into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an antidumping investigation on August 05, 2015 under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") concerning dumping of the CC Billets originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China ("China") into Pakistan and material injury caused by such dumped imports to the domestic industry manufacturing CC Billets. The application for this investigation was lodged by M/s Amreli Steels Limited Karachi, M/S Agha Steel Industries, Ltd. Karachi and M/S ASG Metals Ltd. Karachi (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producers of CC Billets. The Commission after investigation in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules") has determined the following on a preliminary basis:

Investigated Product:

The investigated product is C.C. Billets originating in and/or exported from China to Pakistan. It is a semi-finished product of iron and non-alloy steel, and alloy steel. Billets are used by the re-rolling mills in production of Steel Bars, Wire Rods, Beams, Channels and T-iron etc. It is imported under Pakistan Customs Tariff (PCT) Heading Nos. 7207.1110, 7207.1190, 7207.1210, 7207.1290, 7207.1910, 7207.1920, 7207.1990, 7207.2010, 7207.2020, 7207.2090, 7224.1000, and 7224.9000..

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For investigation of dumping: From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

For investigation of injury: From April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015

Determination of Dumping: The Commission has not received any information from any of the exporter/ foreign producer in this investigation. The dumping margin for all exporters of investigated product imported from China is, therefore, determined on the basis of best information available in terms of Section 32 of the Act.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission has on preliminary basis established that the domestic industry suffered material injury on significant increase in volume of dumped imports, significant price undercutting by the dumped imports, significant price suppression, decline in market share, decline in sales, decline in return on Investment, negative effects on; inventories, profits, employment, and magnitude of the dumping margin.

Non-Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duty: In reaching this preliminary affirmative determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported at dumped prices. However the honorable Sindh High Court has restrained the Commission from taking any coercive action in this case. Further, 15 percent regulatory duty has been imposed on imports of CC Billets with effect from January 14, 2015. Therefore, no provisional antidumping duty has been imposed on imports of the investigated product.

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this case may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9202839, Fax No.+92-51-9221205.

Final Determination: In terms of Section 39 of the Ordinance, the Commission is required to make final determination within 180 days of publication of notice of Preliminary Determination

Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Muhammad Shahid)
Secretary
April 26, 2016