

Notice of Non-Initiation of Safeguard Investigation of Alleged Increased Imports of Toilet Soap and Serious Injury to the Domestic Soap Noodles Manufacturing Industry

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an application under Section 7 of the Safeguard Measures Ordinance, 2002 (the "Ordinance") on July 30, 2015 from M/s Nimir Industrial Chemicals Ltd, Lahore (the "Applicant"). The Applicant is a producer of soap noodles. The Applicant alleged that increased imports of the toilet soap into Pakistan have caused and are causing serious injury to the domestic industry producing soap noodles in terms of Section 4 of the Ordinance. The Applicant requested the Commission to initiate an investigation under Section 9 of the Ordinance to determine surge in imports of toilet soap, serious injury to the domestic industry manufacturing soap noodles, and to impose 50 percent safeguards duty on imports of toilet soap for a period of 5 years.

2. Upon initial examination and assessing accuracy and adequacy of the evidence and information provided in application the Commission has concluded in accordance with Section 9 of the Ordinance that the soap noodles and toilet soap are not directly competitive products and cannot be considered as like products. Moreover, the Commission is satisfied that there is not sufficient evidence of serious injury to the domestic soap noodles manufacturing industry and there is no surge of imports of soap noodles. Therefore, the Commission has rejected the application under Section 9(2) of the Ordinance. Thus, the Commission has decided not to initiate safeguards investigation in this case. This notice is published in terms of Section 9 (5) of the Ordinance.

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By order of the Commission.

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Secretary
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