

DUMPING NOTICE NO. 001/A.D/2002

**INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION AGAINST ALLEGED DUMPING
OF TIN-PLATE FROM REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Investigation Authority: **The National Tariff Commission, Ministry of Commerce,
Government of Pakistan** (the Commission)
Applicant Name M/s Siddiqsons Tinplate (Pvt.) Ltd, Karachi
Product Name: Electrolytic Tin-plate (ETP), of a width of 600mm or more, of a
thickness of less than 0.5mm, classified under Pakistan Customs
Tariff Code 7210.1200 (the product).

As required under section 27 of the Antidumping Duties Ordinance 2000 (hereafter “the Ordinance”), the Commission hereby gives notice of the initiation of an antidumping investigation No.001/2002/TP/SA to determine whether, within the meaning of the Ordinance:

- a) tin-plate of a width of 600mm or more, of a thickness of less than 0.5mm, classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Code 7210.1200 (and used chiefly in packing of edible oils, foodstuffs, paints, petroleum products etc), is dumped into Pakistan from Republic of South Africa; and
- b) the alleged dumped imports have caused material injury to domestic industry.

The date of initiation of investigation would be the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

Background

This investigation is being instituted in response to an application filed on February 2, 2002 by M/s Siddiqsons Tinplate (Pvt.) Ltd. The application alleges that tin-plate has been exported to Pakistan at prices less than the normal value of the product and that such dumping has caused material injury to the Pakistani industry through:

- price undercutting;
- loss in market share;
- loss of sales volume;
- operating losses;
- reduced capacity utilization; and
- reduced cash flows

Investigation Schedule

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| 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, under Section-37 of the Ordinance. |
| Date of final determination: | Within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of preliminary determination in the press in Pakistan, under Section- 39 of the Ordinance. |

Participation of Interested Parties in the Investigation (prior to preliminary determination)

Interested parties, defined in Section 2(j) of the Ordinance, are requested to identify themselves to the Secretary to the Commission not later than ten days after the publication of this

notice in the press in Pakistan. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission should submit the name of the company, address, telephone number, and fax number to the Commission.

All the interested parties may submit their opinions on the matter under investigation supported by appropriate evidence. Submissions should be lodged in duplicate and those that are confidential must be marked as "confidential". A non-confidential summary of all confidential matters must also be submitted. All such information and any written arguments must be submitted not later than 45 days after the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

Interested parties are allowed access to the information on the investigation available in the public file in the Commission, except for that classified as confidential by the Commission.

All data and information regarding the investigation should be submitted to:

Mr. Muhammad Saeed,
Secretary to the Commission
National Tariff Commission
State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area Islamabad, Pakistan
Tele: +92-51-9202839, Fax: +92-51-9221205

Acquisition of Information by the Commission

In order to obtain information on the fact of dumping and injury under Section 35 of the Ordinance and Rule 8 of the Antidumping Duties Rules 2001, the Commission will send questionnaires to the importers and to the government of exporting country/exporters, soon after the notification of the initiation of investigation.

Use of Best Information Available

In cases where an interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide, required information within the time limit, or significantly impedes the investigation, the preliminary or final determination may be made on the basis of best information available in accordance with section 32 of the Ordinance and the schedule attached to the Ordinance.

Hearing of Interested Parties (after preliminary determination)

The Commission shall, upon request by an interested party, made not later than thirty days after publication of a notice of preliminary determination (in accordance with Rule 14 (1) of Antidumping Duties Rules 2001), hold a hearing at which all interested parties may present information and arguments on the matter under investigation.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing should, not later than thirty days after publication of a notice of preliminary determination, contact Mr. Muhammad Saeed, Secretary, NTC (tele: +92-51-9202839, fax +92-51-9221205) in order to arrange for their appearance. Interested parties intending to appear at a hearing shall notify the Commission of the names of representatives and witnesses who shall appear at a hearing at least seven days before the date of the hearing.

For further information: Contact: Muhammad Abdul Khaliq (Chishti), Director General, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area Islamabad, (Pakistan) at phone number +92-51-9218968, fax +92-51-9221205. General information concerning the Commission may be obtained by accessing its website (<http://www.ntc.gov.Pk>).

Authority under Ordinance This investigation is being conducted under the authority of Antidumping Ordinance No. LXV of 2000; this notice is published pursuant to section 27 of the Ordinance 2000

By order of the Commission.

(Mohammad Saeed)
Secretary