

A.D.C No. 48/2016/NTC/Rebars
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

Notice of Initiation of Anti-dumping Investigation against Alleged Dumped Imports of Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application under Sections 20 and 24 of Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") on October 14, 2016 from M/s Amreli Steels Limited Karachi, M/s Agha Steel Industries Ltd., Karachi and M/s Abbas Engineering Industries, Karachi (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producers of Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars ("Rebars"). The Applicants have alleged that Rebars are being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the People's Republic of China ("China"). It is further alleged that the imports of Rebars from China has caused and is threatening to cause material injury to the domestic industry producing Rebars.

Upon initial examination and assessing accuracy of the evidence and information provided in application in accordance with Section 23 of the Act, the Commission is satisfied that the evidence and information provided in application are sufficient to justify an investigation into the matter.

Initiation of Investigation: The Commission hereby initiates an investigation under Section 23 of the Act. The investigation will determine whether Rebars originating in and/or exported from China are being dumped into Pakistan and whether such dumping has caused and/or is threatening to cause 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 Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars ("Rebar") in straight lengths, U-bends or coils. Such deformed steel concrete reinforcing bars are in various diameters upto and including 40 MM, in various finishes including indentation, ribs, groves or other deformations excluding plain round bars. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading Nos. 7214.2010, 7214.2090, 7214.3010, 7214.3090, 7214.9910, 7214.9990, 7215.1010, 7215.1090, 7215.5010, 7215.5090, 7215.9010, 7215.9090, 7228.2090, 7228.3090, 7228.1000, 7228.4000, 7228.5000, 7228.6000. Rebars are most commonly used to reinforce concrete and masonry structures.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For determination of dumping: From July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016

For determination of injury: From July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2016

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 preliminary determination.

Interested Parties: Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, are requested to make themselves known to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9202839 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 further 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.

Further Information: For further information please contact Director General (Investigation-III), 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.

(Muhammad Anwar)
Secretary
November 26, 2016