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National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan

Notice of Initiation of Sunset Review of Definitive Anti-Dumping Duties levied on Dumped Imports of Formic Acid 85% and Above into Pakistan Originating in and / or Exported from China and South Korea

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an application for review under Section 58(3) of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") on December 13, 2016 from Tufail Chemicals Pakistan Limited, (the "Applicant"), a domestic producer of Formic Acid 85% and above ("FA"). This application was made following the publication (published in national press and official Gazette on October 28, 2016) of a notice of impending expiry of definitive anti-dumping duties levied on dumped imports of FA into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China and Republic of South Korea. The Applicant has alleged that expiry of anti-dumping duties on FA would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping of FA and injury to the domestic industry producing FA.

Product under Review

The product under review is Formic Acid 85% and Above (FA) originating and/or exported from China and South Korea. It is classified under PCT No. 2915.1100. The product under review is mainly used as an input by leather industry (for leather softening, tanning), in textile industry (as neutralizing agent in yarn & fabrics dyeing), in food industry (in antiseptic, disinfectants, preservatives), and in pharmaceutical industry (as synthesis of vitamin B, in alkaloids etc).

Anti-dumping Duties in force

The Commission imposed anti-dumping duties against dumped imports of FA from China and South Korea into Pakistan on February 10, 2012. The definitive anti-dumping duties ranging from 3.48% to 44.10% in *Ad val* terms on dumped imports of FA were imposed for period of for a period of five years.

Application/Basis for Review

The Applicant has claimed that there is likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping of FA into Pakistan by the dumped sources.

Initiation of Review

The Commission hereby initiates a review pursuant to Section 58(3) of the Act to determine whether the expiry of the anti-dumping duties imposed on FA would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury, or not.

Continuation of Anti-dumping Duties

In terms of Section 58(3) of the Act, the anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of FA from China and South Korea will remain in-force pending the outcome of the review.

Period for Review (POI)

The Sunset Review would be conducted on the basis of information of last five years. i.e October 01 2011 to September 30, 2016.

Schedule of Review

Date of Initiation of Review: The date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

Date of Conclusion of Review: within twelve month of the date of publication of notice of initiation of review

Interested Parties

Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, are requested to identify themselves 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 publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission in this review 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.

Hearing

Any party as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 45 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

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 its offices, which shall be available to interested parties for review and copying from Monday to Thursday between 1100 hours to 1300 hours (except public holidays) throughout the sunset review.

Further Information

For further information please contact, Director, National Tariff Commission, Tel: +9251-9218968, Fax: +92-51-9221205. General information may also be obtained by accessing the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk.

By the order of the Commission

(Muhammad Anwar)
Secretary
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