

**ADC No. 49/2016/NTC/SA
National Tariff Commission
Government of Pakistan**

**Notice of Preliminary Determination and Levy of Provisional Anti-Dumping Duties
on Dumped Imports of Sulphonic Acid into Pakistan Originating in and/or
Exported from China, India, Indonesia, Iran, South Korea and Chinese Taipei**

National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) initiated an antidumping investigation on November 28, 2016 under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) concerning dumping of Sulphonic Acid originating in and/or exported from the People’s Republic of China, Republic of India, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Korea and Chinese Taipei (the “Exporting Countries”) into Pakistan and material injury caused by such dumped imports to the domestic industry manufacturing Sulphonic Acid. The application for this investigation was lodged by M/s. Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi (the “Applicant”). The Applicant is a producer of Sulphonic Acid. The Commission, 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:

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (“LABSA”) imported from the Exporting Countries. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff (“PCT”) Heading No. 3402.1110. Investigated product is used in production of detergent powder, dish washing liquid and other industrial cleaning applications.

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

Determination of Dumping: The Commission has received information from two exporters/ foreign producers of the Sulphonic Acid from China and South Korea in this investigation. The dumping margins of the investigated product for Chinese and Korean exporters/ foreign producers are determined on the basis of the information provided by the cooperating exporter/ foreign producer from these countries.

The Commission has not received any information from any of the exporter/ foreign producer from India, Indonesia, Iran, and Chinese Taipei in this investigation. Therefore, the dumping margins of the investigated product for these countries are 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 account of volume of dumped imports, decline in market share, potential decline in sales, decline in profits and profitability, and increase in inventories and significant magnitude of the dumping margin.

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. This has caused material injury to domestic industry during the POI. In order to prevent material injury during the course of this investigation, the Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred upon it under Section 43 of the Act, has decided to impose provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of the investigated product, originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries for a period of four months effective from May 25, 2017. The antidumping duty rates determined on C&F value in *ad valorem* terms are below:

Country	Exporter/ Producer Name	Duty Rates
China	Jintung Petrochemical Corp. Ltd., China	3.21%
	All others from China	3.21%
Korea	Miwon Chemicals Co. Ltd. Korea	31.26%
	All others from South Korea	31.26%
India	All exporters from India	27.95%
Indonesia	All exporters from Indonesia	28.17%
Iran	All exporters from Iran	37.51%
Chinese Taipei	All exporters from Chinese Taipei	29.68%

Provisional anti-dumping duties shall take the form of security by way of cash deposit in Commission's Non-lapsable PLD Account No. 187 with Federal Treasury Office Islamabad. Provisional anti-dumping duties would be collected in the same manner as customs duty under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969). Release of the investigated product for free circulation in Pakistan shall be subject to imposition of above mentioned antidumping duties.

Disclosure meeting: Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules, cooperating exporters/foreign producers may request for a disclosure meeting within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this case may request a hearing, if it so wishes, 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 Act, the Commission is required to make final determination within 180 days of publication of notice of Preliminary Determination

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on preliminary determination has been placed on public file established and maintained by the Commission. It has also been posted on the Commission's website: www.ntc.gov.pk. The public file shall be available to the interested parties, registered with the Commission for the purposes of this investigation, for review and copying at the offices of the Commission, from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays) between 1100 hrs to 1300 hrs.

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

(Syed Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary
May 25, 2017