

Notice of Final Determination in Anti-dumping Investigation on Dumped Imports of Offset Printing Ink into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on December 07, 2015, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application lodged by M/s DIC Pakistan Limited, Lahore (the "Applicant"), on behalf of domestic industry producing Offset Printing Ink in the form of paste also known as paste ink or oil based Offset Printing Ink, but does not include water based, UV based, solvent based, flexographic rotogravure and other inks in liquid, powder or solid form ("Offset Printing Ink") in accordance with Section 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation concerns dumping of Offset Printing Ink, originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea (the "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused therefrom to the domestic industry producing Offset Printing Ink. In accordance with provisions of the Act and Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules"), the Commission has, after investigation, determined the following:

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Offset Printing Ink in the form of paste also known as paste ink or oil based Offset Printing Ink, but does not include water based, UV based, solvent based, flexographic rotogravure and other inks in liquid, powder or solid form ("Offset Printing Ink") falling under PCT Heading Nos. 3215.1110, 3215.1190, 3215.1910, 3215.1990 (the "Investigated Product"). Investigated product is mainly used for printing of packaging material, POS printing, text book printing, publishing etc.

Period of Investigation (POI): For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping:	From October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
For determination of injury:	From October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015

Exporters and Foreign Producers: The Applicant identified thirty nine exporters/producers involved in the dumping of Offset Printing Ink from the Exporting Countries. List of exporters/producers that responded to the Commission's request for information/data on Exporter's Questionnaire and provided requisite data / information on Exporter's Questionnaire for the purposes of this investigation is in the report of final determination placed at the NTC website www.ntc.gov.pk

Determination of Dumping: Individual dumping margins in this final determination are determined for the sampled exporters/producers of the investigated product from the Exporting Countries on the basis of the information provided by them.

Dumping margin for the cooperating exporters/producers who were not selected in the sample from China is determined on the basis of the weighted average of dumping margin of Shanghai Silian Printing Ink Chemical Company Limited, China and Jinan Crown Ink Company Limited, China.

Dumping margin for the cooperating exporters/producers who were not selected in the sample from Korea is determined on the basis of the weighted average of dumping margin of Dong Yang Ink Company Limited, Korea and Daihan Ink Company Limited, Korea.

Residual dumping margin for non-cooperating exporters/producers from the Exporting Countries has been determined as the highest dumping margin of the exporter/producer from the respective country.

Injury to the domestic industry: Injury to the domestic industry has been determined in accordance with Part VI of the Act. The Commission has determined that there was no material injury to the domestic industry as the consequential impact were not significant and volume effect alone cannot be termed as material injury in the absence of material consequential effects. The absence of consequential effects weakens causal relationship between dumped imports of the investigated product and the injury faced by the Applicant during the POI.

Non-imposition of Definitive Anti-Dumping Duty: As the Commission has determined in this investigation that there is no causal relationship between dumped imports of the investigated product and material injury suffered by the domestic industry during the POI, therefore, keeping in view provisions of the Act, the Commission has concluded this investigation without imposition of anti-dumping duties on dumped imports of the investigated product.

Refund: The Commission had imposed provisional antidumping duty ranging from zero (0%) to 19.12 percent on the investigated product vide official gazette (extra ordinary) dated December 21, 2016 for a period of four months. In terms of Section 55(2) of the Act, if definitive antidumping duty is lower than the amount of provisionally determined antidumping duty, the difference shall be refunded by the Commission. As no definitive antidumping duty is imposed on the imports of the investigated product, therefore, importers of the investigated product may request for refund of the provisional antidumping duty (if any) paid on imports of the investigated product from the Exporting Countries to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad within a period of *thirty* days of the publication of notice of this final determination.

Disclosure meeting: Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Rules, the exporters/producers of the investigated product may request for a disclosure meeting within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the report of final determination shall be placed on public file established and maintained by the Commission. It shall also be posted on the Commission's website: www.ntc.gov.pk

Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 42 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary
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