

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

Notice of Final Determination and Imposition of Definitive 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 anti-dumping investigation on November 23, 2016, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application lodged by M/s Tufail Chemical Industries Limited, Karachi (the "Applicant") was in accordance with Section 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation concerns dumping of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (LABSA), originating in and/or exported from China, India, Indonesia, Iran, South Korea and Chinese Taipei (the "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused therefrom to the domestic industry producing LABSA. The Commission made a preliminary determination in this case in terms of Section 37 of the Act on May 25, 2017. In accordance with the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules"), the Commission has made its affirmative final determination as follows:

Product under Investigation: The investigated product is Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid imported from the Exporting Countries and is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff Heading No. 3402.1110.

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

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

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

Exporters and Producers: The Applicant identified 19 exporters/producers involved in the dumping of LABSA from the Exporting Countries, however, one exporter from China responded to the Commission's request for information/data and furnished information for the purposes of this investigation.

Determination of Dumping: Individual dumping margin in this final determination is determined for one exporter of LABSA from China on the basis of the information provided by it. Dumping margins for non-cooperating exporters/producers from the Exporting Countries has been determined on the basis of best information available.

Injury to the domestic industry: Injury to the domestic industry has been determined in accordance with Part VI of the Act. The Commission has established that the domestic industry suffered material injury on account of increase in volume of dumped imports, decline in market share, profits, cash flows, return on investment, production, sales, capacity utilization and negative effect on inventories. The Commission has also examined factors other than dumped imports under Section 18(2) and Section 18 (3) of the Act, which could at the same time cause injury to the domestic industry. Analysis showed that the domestic industry has not suffered material injury due to other factors.

Imposition of Definitive Anti-Dumping Duties: In reaching this affirmative final determination, the Commission is satisfied that LABSA has been imported from the Exporting Countries at dumped prices. In order to prevent material injury to the domestic industry, the Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred upon it under Section 50 of the Act, has decided to impose definitive anti-dumping duties at the rates mentioned below on C&F value in *ad val.* terms on imports of LABSA, PCT heading No. 3402.1110 importable from the Exporting Countries for a period of five years effective from May 25, 2017, however, it would not be levied in terms of

Section 51(1) (e) of the Act on imports that are to be used as inputs in products destined solely for exports:

Definitive Antidumping Duty Rates

Country	Exporter/ Producer Name	Definitive Antidumping Duty Rate
China	Jintung Petrochemical Corp. Ltd., China	10.57%
	All others from China	10.57%
India	All exporters from India	11.25%
Indonesia	All exporters from Indonesia	10.09%
Iran	All exporters from Iran	20.24%
Korea	All exporters from South Korea	21.59%
Chinese Taipei	All exporters from Chinese Taipei	13.40%

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 50 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary
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