

**Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation against Alleged Dumped Imports of Phthalic Anhydride into Pakistan Originating in and / or Exported from China, Chinese Taipei, Korea and Russia.**

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has received an application under Sections 20 and 24 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") on October 08, 2019 from M/s Nimir Chemicals Pakistan Limited, Lahore (the "Applicant"). The Applicant has alleged that Phthalic Anhydride ("PA") is being exported to Pakistan at dumped prices from the People's Republic of China ("China"), Chinese Taipei, the Republic of Korea ("Korea") and the Russian Federation ("Russia") (the "Exporting Countries") which has caused and is causing material injury to Pakistan's domestic industry producing PA.

**Product Under Investigation:** The product allegedly being dumped into Pakistan is Phthalic Anhydride imported from the Exporting Countries, classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Heading No. 2917.3500 (the "investigated product"). Basic raw material used for the production of the investigated product is Ortho-xylene. Phthalic Anhydride is an industrial input used in Plasticizers, Alkyed Resins, Polyester Resins, Dyes and Pigments, etc.

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

For determination of dumping:	From July 01, 2018 to June 30, 2019
For determination of Injury:	From July 01, 2016 to June 30, 2019

**Investigation Schedule**

Initiation date:	Date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.
Preliminary determination:	Not earlier than 60 days and not later than 180 days from the date of initiation.
Final determination:	Within 180 days of the date of publication of notice of preliminary determination in the press.

**Interested Parties:** Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, are requested to identify themselves not later than 15 days after publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission 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 and to submit information and documents (if any) to the Commission not later than 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the press in Pakistan.

**Public File:** A public file has been established and maintained at the office of the Commission in this investigation, 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 investigation.

**Further Information:** For further information please contact, Director General, Directorate of Investigation -I Tel: +92-51-9207680, Fax: +92-51-9221205. General information may also be obtained by visiting the Commission's official website [www.ntc.gov.pk](http://www.ntc.gov.pk).

By the order of the Commission.

(Khizar Hayat)  
Secretary  
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