

A.D.C No. 55/2019/NTC/CRC
Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission

Notice of Preliminary Determination on Dumped Imports of Cold Rolled Coils/Sheets/Strips in to Pakistan Originating in and/ or Exported from Canada and the Russian Federation

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an antidumping investigation on May 9, 2019 under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") concerning dumping of the flat-rolled products of iron or non- alloy steel, cold rolled (cold- reduced), not clad, plated or coated ("CR Coils/Sheets/Strips"), of prime and secondary quality, of a thickness ranging from 0.15 mm to 3.00 mm, originating in and/or exported from Canada and the Russian Federation (the "Exporting Countries") into Pakistan and material injury caused by such dumped imports to the domestic industry manufacturing CR Coils/Sheets/Strips. The application for this investigation was lodged by Aisha Steel Mills Limited, Karachi and International Steel Limited, Karachi (the "Applicants"). The Applicants are producers of CR Coils/Sheets/Strips. The Commission after investigation in accordance with provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2001 (the "Rules") has determined the following on a preliminary basis:

Investigated Product:

The investigated product is flat-rolled products of iron or non- alloy steel, cold rolled (cold- reduced), not clad, plated or coated ("CR Coils/Sheets/Strips"), of prime and secondary quality, of a thickness ranging from 0.15 mm to 3.00 mm, originating in and/or exported from the Exporting Countries to Pakistan (the "investigated product"). The investigated product is falling under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Nos. 7209.1510, 7209.1590, 7209.1610, 7209.1690, 7209.1710, 7209.1790, 7209.1810, 7209.1890, 7209.1891, 7209.1899, 7209.2510, 7209.2590, 7209.2610, 7209.2690, 7209.2710, 7209.2790, 7209.2810, 7209.2890 and 7211.2920.

Period of Investigation ("POI"):

For investigation of dumping: From January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
For investigation of injury: From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018

Determination of Dumping: The Commission has not received any information from any of the exporter/ foreign producer from the Exporting Countries in this investigation. Dumping margins for all exporters of investigated product imported from the Exporting Countries are, therefore, determined on the basis of best information available in terms of Section 32 of the Act.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission in accordance with the part VI of the Act, has determined that the domestic industry suffered material injury on account of significant increase in volume of dumped imports, price undercutting, price suppression, decline in: market share, sales, capacity utilization, profits, profitability, return on investment, productivity; negative effects on: inventories, cash flows and ability to raise capital. Further, there was a causal link between dumped imports of the investigated product and material injury to the domestic industry during the POI.

Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duty: In reaching the preliminary affirmative determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported at dumped prices. Therefore, imposition of provisional antidumping duty on dumped imports of the investigated product is needed in accordance with Section 43 of the Act to prevent injury being caused to the domestic industry during the course of this investigation. For the purpose of imposition of lesser duty in accordance with Section 43(1) of the Act, the Commission has calculated injury margin to ascertain whether a lower duty would be adequate to remove injury being suffered by the domestic industry due to dumped imports of investigated product. The injury margin works out 13.94 percent, which is lower than the dumping margins determined for the Exporting Countries i.e. 25.99 percent of the C&F price for Canada and 19.27 percent of the C&F price for Russian Federation. Therefore, provisional antidumping duty at the rate of **13.94**

percent *ad valorem* of the C&F price is hereby imposed on the dumped imports of the investigated product importable from the Exporting Countries for a period of four months effective from September 20, 2019.

Hearing: Any party registered as an interested party in this case may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice by contacting the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9202839, Fax No.+92-519221205.

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 of preliminary determination is placed on the public file established and maintained by the Commission. The same is also posted on the Commission website www.ntc.gov.pk.

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

(Khizar Hayat)
Secretary
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