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**Government of Pakistan**  
**Ministry of Commerce**  
**National Tariff Commission**  
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Islamabad, August 09, 2017

**Press Release**

**Subject:- Protection/Assistance to the Indigenous Industry Manufacturing Ball Point Pens and Gel Pens**

M/s Sayyed Engineers Limited (the "Applicant") has submitted an application, in the National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") for imposition of 35% Regulatory Duty on import of finished Ball Point Pens and Gel Pens and its components to protect the domestic industry against cheaper imports.

2. The Applicant's request is based on the following ground:-

i. The finished products are imported at zero percent sales tax while the raw materials for the product are charged 17% sales tax which makes the domestic industry uncompetitive against the cheaper import. This creates anomaly in the sales tax regime for domestic industry. In order to remove this anomaly, 35% regulatory duty on import of finished product in addition to statutory custom duty of 20% will enable the domestic industry to compete against imports.

3. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the NTC, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. All interested parties may attend the public hearing with prior information.

4. Further, all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing, marketing and use of Ball Point Pens and Gel Pens are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by Friday, August 11, 2017 for participation in the public hearing by providing names of the participants with their telephone numbers (Cell/LL) and fax numbers to the Secretary NTC on fax No.051-9221205. For any further inquiry please contact Director General (Inv.-I) at 051-9218963. All interested parties may submit their comments and suggestions in writing. The comments and suggestions may be supported by requisite, information and documentary evidence, which must be brought to the public hearing. The views not supported with reliable documentary evidence shall not be considered.

Secretary NTC