

F No.3(01)/2018-D(Inv-II)NTC/CP
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, the December 24, 2018

PRESS RELEASE

Subject:- **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF FISCAL ANOMALY IN THE IMPORT OF CO-POLYAMIDE & CO- POLYESTER AND REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON IMPORT OF CO-POLYESTER**

Tradimpex Services, Lahore (Applicant), a manufacturer of Interlining/ Bukram, approached the National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") for removal of sales tax on imports of its raw materials i.e. Co-Polyamide (PCT No. 3908.9000) & Co-Polyester (PCT No. 3907.9900) used in manufacturing of Interlining/ Bukram. The Applicant has also requested to reduce customs duty from 20% to 3% on import of Co-Polyester (PCT No. 3907.9900). The Applicant's request is based on the following grounds:

- The Applicant is the domestic manufacturer of Interlining/Bukram for which above mentioned items are used as raw material/input;
 - Co-Polyamide and Co-Polyester are being used as a textile raw materials and the duties and taxes i.e. Sales tax levied on import of said products @17% should be according to the textiles raw material rules; and
 - The higher customs duty on input i.e. Co-Polyester of Interlining/Bukram makes the industry uncompetitive.
2. The Commission has initiated an inquiry and would welcome views, suggestions and proposals from all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing and marketing of Co-Polyamide, Co-Polyester and Interlining/Bukram. Views / suggestions may be sent within fifteen days of publication of this press release in newspapers, to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, 4th Floor, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad.
 3. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held on January 16, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. in the Committee Room of National Tariff Commission, 11th Floor, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad.
 4. Further, all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing and marketing of Co-Polyamide, Co-Polyester and Interlining/Bukram are hereby advised to get themselves registered with the Commission latest by January 11, 2019 for participation in the public hearing by providing names of the participants with their telephone numbers (Cell/LL) and fax numbers to the Director General (Inv-II) on fax No. 051-9221205. For any further inquiry please contact 051-9215447. All interested parties may submit their comments and suggestions in writing. The comments and suggestions may be supported with essential facts, information and documentary evidence(s), which must be brought to the public hearing. The views not supported with reliable documentary evidence(s) shall not be considered.

(Naeem Anwar)
Secretary