

**F. No. 01(1)/2016/Dir. (Inv-1V)/NTC**  
**National Tariff Commission**  
**Government of Pakistan**

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Islamabad, February 12, 2016

**Public Notice**

Subject :- **Waiver of Regulatory Duty on Raw Material of Razor Blades Carbon Steel Strip.**

1. Treet Corporation Limited Lahore (the "Applicant"), sole manufacturer of Double Edge Shaving Blades, Safety Razors and Disposable Razors in Pakistan catering the demand of local and international market has approached the National Tariff Commission (NTC) for Waiver of regulatory duty on its raw material for razor blades i.e., Carbon Steel Strip. The Applicant import highly precise Cold Rolled Steel Strip for manufacturing of shaving blades/razors, having thickness of 0.0098mm and width of 22.2mm. However, in Pakistan Custom Tariff, the Carbon Steel Strips are treated at par with general category of Cold Rolled Steel Coils having 600mm width like iron steels, plates of alloy steel classified under PCT No. 7226.9200. It is only due to non-availability of separate PCT heading for the Carbon Steel Strips for razor blades. The Applicant requested the NTC for:
  - i. Reduction in custom duty on carbon steel strips having width of 22.2mm and thickness of 0.098mm from 10% to 5%, as it is not locally manufactured;
  - ii. Abolishing regulatory duty @ 17.5% imposed on Carbon Steel Strip having width of 22.2mm and thickness of 0.098mm;
  - iii. Removal of tariff anomaly in duty structure applicable to the double edge shaving blades as presently the import duties on import of the finished product PCT No. 8212.2000 are 25% i.e. custom duty 20% plus 5% regulatory duty, whereas, import duties on import of its main raw material i.e. Carbon Steel Strip having width of 22.2mm and thickness of 0.098mm PCT No. 7226.9200 is 27.5% (10% Customs Duty + 17.5% Regular Duty); and
  - iv. Creation of separate PCT sub-heading at eight digit level to classify Carbon Steel Strip having width of 22.2mm and thickness of 0.098mm used in the manufacturing of shaving blades.
2. Accordingly, NTC 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 manufacturing, marketing, exports, imports and use of Carbon Steel Strips in Pakistan. Views/suggestions may be sent within fifteen days of publication of this public notice to the Secretary, NTC, 4th Floor, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad.
3. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled to be held on Thursday February 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of NTC, 11th Floor, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. All interested parties can 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 Carbon Steel Strips are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by February 16, 2016 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 In-charge (Inv.-IV) at 051-9218963. All interested parties may submit their comments and suggestions in writing. The comments and suggestions may be supported with requisite, 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.

Secretary NTC