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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, February 17, 2020

Press Release

Subject: - **Removal of Tariff Anomaly in the Tariff Structure of Printing Industry**

M/S. Pakistan Association of Printing & Graphics Art Industry (PAPGAI) has approached the National Tariff Commission (“NTC”) for removal of tariff anomaly in the tariff structure of printing industry. The applicant stated that the printing industry raw material i.e. paper & paperboard, is taxed higher as compared to cumulative tax on the finished product (printed books and articles). This indicates a clear tariff anomaly in the tariff of printing industry and therefore, the applicant has requested for rationalizing of tariffs applicable to printing industry and removal of tariff anomaly.

2. As per the Public Notice dated February 17, 2020, NTC has initiated a study and would welcome views, suggestions and proposal from all parties having interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, exports, manufacturing, marketing and use of printed materials (printed books and articles). Views/suggestions may be sent within four days of publication of this press release, 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 February 24, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of NTC, 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 import, export, manufacturing, marketing and use of printed materials (printed books and articles) are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by February 21, 2020 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 the Fax No. 051-9221205. For any further inquiry please contact Director In charge (Inv-I) 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.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary, NTC