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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, June 11, 2015

Public Notice

Subject :- Protection/Assistance to the Indigenous Industry Producing/Manufacturing Pure Terephthalic Acid.

1. M/s Lotte Chemical Pakistan Ltd. (Applicant), a manufacturer of Pure Terephthalic Acid (PTA), (PCT No.2917.3610) has approached the National Tariff Commission (NTC) and requested to increase the customs duty on the import of PTA from 4% to 5%. The Applicant's request is based on the following grounds:-
 - i. The Applicant is the only manufacturer of PTA in Pakistan. At present PTA is subject to customs duty of 4%, which does not provide the required protection to the domestic industry, as the Landed cost of imported PTA has decreased during 2014;
 - ii. The industry margins at international prices of PTA and its raw materials have significantly declined due to huge oversupply of PTA in Asia;
 - iii. New production capacities installed in China, India and other countries are based on the latest technology and have much lower cost of production, which have contributed towards in reduction in industrial margins which are not likely to return to previous level in the short term; and
 - iv. On the other hand, the conversion cost of the PTA has increased due to increase in the energy cost.
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 exports, manufacturing, marketing and use of PTA. 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 June 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room on 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 PTA are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by June 19, 2015 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.-II) at 051-9201846. 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