

F.No.03 (15)/2015/NTC/D(Inv-II)NTC
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, June 17, 2015

Public Notice

Subject :- **Protection/Assistance to the Indigenous Industry Manufacturing Seamless Pipe/ Tubes..**

1. M/s Huffaz Seamless Pipe Industries Limited, Karachi (Applicant), a manufacturer of seamless pipes/ Tubes (PCT No. 7304.0000) has approached the National Tariff Commission (NTC) and requested that customs duty on import of its major inputs i.e. special steel round bars and other raw materials may be reduced to 0% and customs duty on its finished product, seamless pipes/tubes may be increased to 25%. In addition, the applicant has requested for withdrawal of RD @ 15% on its inputs and removal of seamless pipes/tubes from Pak-China FTA. The Applicant's request is based on the following grounds:-
 - i. The Applicant is the only manufacturer of seamless pipes/tubes in Pakistan and the major raw material viz special steel round bars are not manufactured locally and Pakistan Steel Mills has issued NOC to the applicant for importing this raw material.
 - ii. There is a customs duty @ 5% and RD @ 15% on import of special steel round bars that has increased the cost of the output, much higher than the cost of similar finished goods imported from China.
 - iii. In Pak-China FTA, the effective customs duty on seamless pipes/tubes is 11.52% as against 15% MFN rate.
 - iv. Besides FTA with China, import duty on these pipes has been reduced to (0%, 5%, 10% and 15%) under various SROs of concessionary regime. These SROs must be withdrawn and MFN rate of 25% shall be applied in all cases.
2. Accordingly, NTC has initiated an inquiry and 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 seamless pipes/tubes. 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, June 25, 2015 at 11:30 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 seamless pipes/tubes are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by Tuesday, June 23, 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