

F.No.4 /2019-D(Inv-II) NTC
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
National Tariff Commission

Islamabad, September 23, 2019

Press Release

Subject: - **Removal of Tariff/ Fiscal Anomaly pertaining to the Tariff Structure of Baby & Children Nutrition Formulae.**

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") has initiated an inquiry under Section 8(1)(d) of The National tariff Commission Act. 2015 on the request of M/s ICI Pakistan Limited (the Applicant), a domestic producer of Baby & Children Nutrition Formulae. The Applicant is of the view that the Baby & Children Nutrition Formulae is being produced by using Gum Based Powder (PCT No. 1901.9090) and Demineralized Whey (PCT No. 0404.1010) as major raw materials. The statutory custom duty on Baby & Children Formulae is 20% and duties under preferential regime range between 0% to 20%. At the same time the statutory duty rate on its primary inputs Gum Based Powder (PCT No. 1901.9090) at 5% and Demineralized Whey (PCT No. 0404.1010) at 20%. The Regulatory Duty on Gum Based Powder (PCT No. 1901.9090) is at 5% and Demineralized Whey (PCT No. 0404.1010) is at 20% with additional custom duty of 0% and 7% respectively. The Applicant has requested for removal of tariff/ fiscal anomaly from above tariff structure.

2. The Commission would welcome views, suggestions and proposals from all parties having an interest in the business relating to or associated with the imports, manufacturing, marketing and use of Baby & Children Nutrition Formulae. Views/suggestions may be sent within fifteen days of publication of this public notice in newspapers, 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 October 09, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room on 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 imports, manufacturing, marketing and use of Children & Baby Formulae are hereby advised to get themselves registered with NTC latest by October 2, 2019 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 051-9218961. 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.

(Khizar Hayat)
Secretary NTC