

A.D.C No. 48/2015/NTC/Rebars/SSR/2022

**Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission**

Notice of Conclusion of Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duty Imposed on Dumped Imports of Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars into Pakistan Originating in and/ or Exported from the People's Republic of China

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") under Section 58 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") has conducted a Sunset Review of anti-dumping duty imposed on dumped imports of Deformed Concrete Reinforcing Steel Bars ("Rebars") importable from the People's Republic of China ("China"). This Sunset Review was initiated on October 17, 2022 upon receipt of an application under Section 58(3) of the Act from M/s Amreli Steels Limited, Karachi, M/s Agha Steel Industries Limited, Karachi and M/s Mughal Iron & Steels Industries Limited, Lahore (the "Applicants") who are domestic producers of Rebars. The Commission had imposed anti-dumping duty at the rate of 19.15 percent with effect from October 23, 2017 for a period of five years on Rebars imported from China.

In accordance with provisions of the Act and the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules"), the Commission has conducted and concluded the Sunset Review as follows:

Product under Review: The product under review is Deformed Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars ("Rebars") in straight lengths, U-bends or coils. Such Rebars are in various diameters up to and including 40 mm, in various finishes including indentation, ribs, groves or other deformations excluding plain round bars, imported from China. It is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") No. 7214.2010, 7214.2090, 7214.3010, 7214.3090, 7214.9910, 7214.9990, 7215.1010, 7215.1090, 7215.5010, 7215.5090, 7215.9010, 7215.9090, 7228.2090, 7228.3090, 7228.1000, 7228.4000, 7228.5000, 7228.6000.

Period of Review (POR): The sunset review has been conducted on the basis of data/information for the last three years i.e. from July 01, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

Likelihood of Continuation of Dumping of Rebars: In terms of Section 50 of the Act read with Rule 40 of the Rules, the Commission has determined that there is likelihood of continuation and recurrence of dumping of Rebars from China, in case antidumping duty imposed on dumped imports of Rebars from China is terminated.

Likely Increase in Volume of Dumped Imports: After imposition of antidumping duty, the volume of dumped imports of Rebars has significantly decreased, which impacted positively on production, sales and prices of Rebars. As there is likelihood of continuation and recurrence of dumped imports of Rebars from China, therefore, there is likelihood of significant increase in volume of dumped imports of Rebars from China, in case antidumping duty is terminated.

Likely Continuation and Recurrence of Injury to the Domestic Industry: Likelihood of continuation and/or recurrence of injury to the domestic industry has been determined by the Commission in accordance with Section 58 of the Act and Rule 41 of the Rules. In this regard, factors and indices listed in Sections 15 and 17 of the Act for injury have been analyzed. The Commission has determined that, in case the anti-dumping duty imposed on dumped imports of Rebars from China is terminated, the domestic industry would be likely to suffer material injury on account of decline in production, capacity utilization, sales, market share, profits and productivity etc.

Continuation of Definitive Anti-dumping Duty: In view of the analysis and conclusions with regard to likely continuation of dumping of Rebars from China and likely material injury to the domestic industry, there is a need to continue imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty on

dumped imports of Rebars from China. Thus, the Commission has decided to continue definitive anti-dumping duty on Rebars from China at the rate of 19.15 percent *ad valorem* for another period of five years with effect from October 17, 2022.

In accordance with Section 51(ae) of the Act, definitive antidumping duty will not be levied on imports of Rebars which are used as inputs in products destined solely for exports and are covered under any scheme exempting customs duty for exports under the Customs Act, 1969.

In accordance with Section 51 of the Act, the antidumping duty shall take the form of ad valorm duty and shall be held in a non-lapsable Personal Ledger Account established and maintained by the Commission for the purpose. Release of the dumped imports of Rebars for free circulation in Pakistan shall be subject to imposition of such antidumping duty.

Definitive antidumping duty levied would be in addition to other taxes and duties on import of Rebars under any other law.

The definitive antidumping duty would be collected in the same manner as customs duty is collected under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) and would be deposited in the Non-lapsable PLD Account No. 187 of the Commission with Federal Treasury Office, Islamabad.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on conclusion of sunset review has been placed on public file established and maintained by the Commission for this sunset review. The report has also been posted on the Commission's website: www.ntc.gov.pk. The public file is available to the interested parties, registered with the Commission for the purposes of this sunset review, for review and copying at the office of the Commission, from Monday to Thursday (except public holidays) between 1100 hrs. to 1300 hrs.

By order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary (NTC)
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