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Government of Pakistan  
National Tariff Commission

## **Notice of Non-Initiation of Safeguard Investigation against Increased Imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard**

National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") received an application under Section 7(1) of the Safeguard Measures Ordinance, 2002 (the "Ordinance") and Rule 3 of the Safeguard Measures Rules, 2003 (the "Rules") on May 16, 2024 from M/s Century Paper & Paperboard Mills Limited, Karachi and M/s Bulleh Shah Packaging Private Limited, Lahore (the "Applicants") manufacturers of Coated Bleached Paperboard. The Applicants have alleged that there is a sudden surge in volume of imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard in absolute as well as relative to production of the domestic like and/or directly competitive product, which has caused and is causing serious injury to the domestic industry of Coated Bleached Paperboard. The Applicants, therefore, requested for imposition of a safeguard duty at the rate of 25 percent ad valorem on imports of Coated Bleached Paperboard for a period of one year.

2. The Commission has examined the application in detail as per provisions of the Sections 3, 4 and 7 of the Ordinance read with Rule 3 the Rules. The Commission has concluded that the application filed by the Applicants is not compliant with the requirements of Section 7(2) of the Ordinance read with Rule 3 of the Rules on the following grounds:

- a) The information and evidence as per sub-rules 2(e) and 2(g) of the Rule 3 of the Rules were not provided even though the Applicants were given full opportunity to submit the requisite information in accordance with Section 9(3) of the Ordinance for meeting the statutory requirements.
- b) As required under Section 3 of the Ordinance, the application does not contain sufficient evidence and information on 'unforeseen developments' and the 'effect of WTO obligations assumed by Pakistan' that resulted into increase in volume of imports of the Coated Bleached Paperboard.

3. The Commission has, therefore, decided not to initiate a safeguard investigation in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Ordinance.

4. **Further Information:** A non-confidential version of the report in this regard is placed in the public file in accordance with Section 9(5) of the Ordinance. The same is also available on the Commission's official website [www.ntc.gov.pk](http://www.ntc.gov.pk).

5.. **Authority under Law:** This notice is published pursuant to Section 9(5) of the Ordinance by order of the Commission.

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