

A.D.C. No. 37/2015/NTC/GC/Cirum/2024

**Government of Pakistan
National Tariff Commission**

Notice of Initiation of Alleged Circumvention of Anti-Dumping Duties Imposed on Dumped Imports of Galvanized Steel Coils/Sheets Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China.

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") imposed the definitive anti-dumping duties in *ad valorem* terms ranging from 6.09% to 40.47% on dumped imports of Galvanized Steel Coils/Sheets classified under PCT Headings Nos. 7210.4110, 7210.4190, 7210.4990, 7212.3010, 7212.3090, 7225.9200, 7226.9900 imported from China with effect from February 08, 2017 for a period of five years, which were extended for another period of five years with effect from February 08, 2022 on the conclusion of sunset review.

The Commission has received an application under Section 63 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015, (the "Act") read with Rules 23 and 25 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules") on June 28, 2024 from M/s. International Steels Limited, Karachi and M/s Aisha Steel Mills Limited, Karachi (the "Applicants"), who are manufacturers of Galvanized Steel Coils/Sheets. The Applicants have alleged that Chinese exporters are circumventing the anti-dumping duties through product modification, which undermined the remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties in terms of quantities and prices of the domestic like product. Therefore, the domestic industry is not realizing the benefits of imposition of anti-dumping duties and is suffering injury.

Initiation of Investigation:

The Commission is of the view that there is sufficient evidence which indicates that the Chinese exporters/producers are *prima facie*, circumventing anti-dumping duties imposed on dumped imports of Galvanized Steel Coils/Sheets through slight modification of the product by hot dip galvanization with zinc and aluminium as major coating elements, with or without other metals in small proportions, which is not subject to anti-dumping duties. Slight modification of the product under investigation (Galvalume Steel Coils/Sheets) *prima facie*, has not altered its essential characteristics and it is used for the same purposes as of the product subject to anti-dumping duties i.e. Galvanized Steel Coils/Sheets. Therefore, the Commission has decided to initiate an anti-circumvention investigation under Section 63(4) of the Act and Rule 26 of the Rules to determine whether circumvention of anti-dumping duties is taking place through slight modification of the product, and whether remedial effects of the anti-dumping duty to the domestic industry are being undermined in terms of Section 63 of the Act read with Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules.

Product under Investigation or Slightly Modified Product:

As per the submission of the Applicants, the product under investigation for the purposes of this anti-circumvention investigation is flat-rolled products of iron or alloy steel or non-alloy steel; plated or coated by hot dip galvanization with zinc and aluminium as major coating elements, with or without other metals in small proportions. The product under investigation for circumvention is also commonly known as Galvalume Steel Coils/Sheets, Alu-zinc Steel, Zinc-Aluminium Steel,

classified under PCT Headings Nos. 7210.6110, 7210.6190, 7210.6910 & 7210.6990. The product under investigation is mainly used for commercial / industrial roofing, industrial machinery, civil and architecture purposes etc.

Period of Investigation:

The period of investigation for this anti-circumvention investigation is from April 01, 2017 to March 31, 2024 to determine whether circumvention is undermining the remedial effects of the anti-dumping duties.

Schedule for the investigation:

Date of initiation of the anti-circumvention investigation:	The date of publication of this notice in the newspapers in Pakistan.
Duration of investigation:	Within nine months from the date of publication of notice of initiation of the investigation.

Interested Parties:

Interested parties, as defined in Section 2(j) of the Act, are requested to identify themselves to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No. 5, Blue Area, Islamabad, Tel: +9251-9202839 Fax: +9251-9221205, Email: alimohd_shah@hotmail.com, not later than 15 days after publication of this notice. An interested party applying for registration with the Commission in this anti-circumvention investigation should submit the name of the company, its line of business, name of authorized person, address, telephone number, email, fax number etc.

All interested parties are invited to make their views/comments known to the Commission, and to submit information and documents (if any) not later than 60 days of the date of publication of this notice in the newspapers in Pakistan. All written submissions provided by interested parties on a confidential basis must be marked as “Confidential” and in accordance with Section 31 of the Act and shall be accompanied by a non-confidential version or summary, which will be placed in the public file. All data and information in this regard should be submitted to the Deputy Director (Investigation-II/A), National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Tel: +92 51 9204118, Fax: +92 51 9221205. Email: aamir.ntcpc@gmail.com

Hearing:

Any party defined as interested party in Section 2(j) of the Act may, if so wishes, shall send a written request for a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Secretary of the Commission.

Public File:

In accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules, the Commission has established and shall maintain a public file at its office, which shall be available to interested parties for review and copying from Monday

to Thursday between 1100 hours to 1300 hours (except public holidays) throughout this investigation.

Further Information:

For further information please contact, Mr. Aamir Shahzad Deputy Director (Inv-II), Tel: +92-51-9204118, Fax: +92-51-9221205, Email: aamir.ntcpk@gmail.com. General information may also be obtained by visiting the Commission's official website www.ntc.gov.pk.

By order of the Commission.

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(Ali Muhammad Shah)
Secretary, NTC
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