A.D.C. No. 63/2023/NTC/PBF Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission

Notice of Final Determination and Imposition of Definitive Anti-Dumping Duty against Dumped Imports of Paint Brush Filaments into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the People's Republic of China

The National Tariff Commission (the "Commission") initiated an anti-dumping investigation on January 20, 2024, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") concerning dumping of Paint Brush Filament into Pakistan originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China ("China"), and injury (material retardation) to the establishment of Pakistan's domestic industry producing Paint Brush Filaments. In accordance with provisions of the Act, and Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules"), the Commission, after investigation, made affirmative final determination in this investigation as follows:

<u>Product under Investigation:</u> The investigated product is Paint Brush Filaments imported from China, which is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") Codes 5404.1900, 5404.9000 and 5406.0000. The investigated product is used in manufacturing of paint brushes.

<u>Period of Investigation ("POI")</u>: For determination of dumping and injury, the POI was as follows:

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From October 01, 2022 to September 30, 2023 From January 01, 2022 to September 30, 2023

<u>Determination of Dumping:</u> In response to the Exporter's Questionnaire sent to the exporters/foreign producers of Paint Brush Filaments from China, none of the exporters/producers provided the requisite information in this investigation that was necessary to determine dumping in accordance with provisions of the Act. Therefore, determination of dumping of the investigated product is based on the best information available in terms of Section 32 of the Act. The Commission has determined that, during the POI, the investigated product was exported to Pakistan by the exporters/ producers from China at prices below its normal value.

Injury to the Domestic Industry: The Commission has determined that domestic industry has not been fully established yet and has not achieved production level and market share that commensurate with their targets given in the feasibility report. Its establishment was materially retarded during the POI. Therefore, the domestic industry has suffered injury due to dumped imports of the investigated product on account of price undercutting, price depression, profit and profitability, output, capacity utilization, return on investment, and inventories in terms of part VI of the Act.

Imposition of Definitive Anti-dumping Duty: In reaching affirmative final determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported into Pakistan at dumped prices. Therefore, imposition of definitive antidumping duty on dumped imports of the investigated product is necessary in accordance with Section 50 of the Act. Thus, the definitive antidumping duty at the rate of 34.15 percent ad valorem on dumped imports of the investigated product importable from China under PCT Codes 5404.1900, 5404.9000 and 5406.0000 is hereby imposed for a period of five years effective from June 13, 2024. However, in accordance with Section 51(1)(ea) of the Act, definitive anti-dumping duty will not be

imposed on imports of the investigated product that are used as inputs in products destined solely for exports or for use in the foreign grant-in-aid projects, and are covered under any scheme exempting customs duties for exports or foreign grant-in-aid projects under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969).

Definitive antidumping duty imposed on imports of the investigated product would be in addition to other taxes and duties leviable on its imports under any other law. The definitive antidumping duty shall be collected in the same manner as customs duty is collected under the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) and shall be deposited in the head of account "G1270X", titled "National Tariff Commission Fund" with State Bank of Pakistan.

<u>Further Information</u>: A non-confidential version of the detailed report of final determination is issued in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules and is placed in the public file established and maintained by the Commission. The same is also posted on the Commission official website www.ntc.gov.pk.

<u>Authority under Law</u>: This notice is published pursuant to Section 39 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Ali Muhammad Shah) Secretary, NTC September 03, 2024