A.D.C. No. 66/2024/NTC/BOPP Government of Pakistan National Tariff Commission

Notice of Preliminary Determination and Levy of Provisional Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Imports of BOPP Self Adhesive Tape in Jumbo Rolls 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 August 05, 2024, under Section 23 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the "Act") after establishing that the application lodged by M/s Universal Coating Films (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi (the "Applicant") was in accordance with Sections 20 and 24 of the Act. The investigation is being conducted on dumping of BOPP Self Adhesive Tape in jumbo rolls, which is also called as OPP Self Adhesive Tape ("BOPP Tape") originating in and/or exported from the People's Republic of China ("China"). The Applicant has claimed that dumped imports of the BOPP Tape have caused and/or is causing material retardation to the establishment of Pakistan's domestic industry producing BOPP Tape. In accordance with provisions of the Act and Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the "Rules"), the Commission has, after investigation, determined the following on preliminary basis:

<u>Product under Investigation:</u> The product under investigation is BOPP Self Adhesive Tape (water based) in jumbo rolls imported from China (the "investigated product"). It is being imported under Pakistan Customs Tariff ("PCT") codes 3919.9010 and 3919.9090. The investigated product is used for packaging sealing, strapping/bundling, and carton sealing etc. by different industrial as well as household sectors.

Period of Investigation ("POI"): For determination of dumping and injury, the POI is as follows:

For determination of dumping: From July 01, 2023, to June 30, 2024 From January 01, 2023, to June 30, 2024

<u>Determination of Dumping</u>. The Commission has received data/information in response to the Exporter's Questionnaires from one exporter/ foreign producer of the investigated product in this investigation, i.e. M/s Fujian Youyi Adhesive Tape Group Co., Ltd., Fuqing City, Fuzhou, China. Dumping of the investigated product is determined on the basis of information provided by M/s Fujian Youyi Adhesive Tape Group Co., Ltd.

<u>Injury to the Domestic Industry:</u> After investigation, the Commission has established on a preliminary basis that domestic industry has not achieved commensurate production level and market share. Apparently, its establishment was materially retarded during the POI. The domestic industry suffered injury due to dumped imports of the investigated product on account of volume of imports of the investigated product, price undercutting, price depression, price suppression, sales, market share, profit and profitability, production, capacity utilization, inventories, productivity, return on investment, cash flows, and growth.

Imposition of Provisional Anti-dumping Duty: In reaching affirmative preliminary determination, the Commission is satisfied that the investigated product has been imported at dumped prices. In order to prevent injury to the domestic industry during the course of this investigation, the Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred upon it under Section 43 of the Act, has decided to impose a provisional anti-dumping duty at the rate of 14.99 percent *ad valorem* on dumped imports of the investigated product importable from China under PCT codes 3919.9010 and 3919.9090 for a period of four months effective from the date of publication of this notice in the press. However, in accordance with Section 51(ea) of the Act, provisional antidumping duty will not be levied 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).

<u>Hearing:</u> Any party registered as an interested party in this case may, if it so wishes, request a hearing in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules within 15 days of the publication of this notice by sending written request to the Secretary, National Tariff Commission, State Life Building No.5, Blue Area, Islamabad. Telephone No. +92-51-9218961, Fax No.+92-519221205, secretary@ntc.gov.pk.

<u>Final Determination</u>: In terms of Section 39 of the Act, the Commission shall make final determination within 180 days of publication of the notice of Preliminary Determination.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report of preliminary determination is issued in accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules and is placed on the public file established and maintained by the Commission. The report is also posted on the Commission website www.ntc.gov.pk.

Authority under Law: This notice is published pursuant to Section 37 of the Act by order of the Commission.

(Khizar Hayat) Secretary, NTC 31-01-2025