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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION

NOTICE

Islamabad, the 26th October, 2023

**Notice of Conclusion of Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duty
Imposed on Dumped Imports of Continuous Casting (Steel)
Billets into Pakistan Originating in and/or Exported from the
People's Republic of China**

A.D.C. No.36/2015/NTC/CCB/SSR/2022.—The National Tariff Commission (the “Commission”) under Section 58 of the Anti-Dumping Duties Act, 2015 (the “Act”) and Chapter VI of Anti-Dumping Duties Rules, 2022 (the “Rules”) has conducted a Review (“Sunset Review”) of anti-dumping duty imposed on dumped imports of Continuous Casting (Steel) Billets (“CC. billets”) from the People’s Republic of China (“China”). The Sunset Review was initiated on June 14, 2022, upon receipt of an application under Section 58(3) of the Act M/s. Amreli Steels Limited (“ASL”) Karachi, M/s. Agha Steel Industries Limited (“ASIL”) Karachi, and M/s. Mughal Iron & Steel Industries Limited (“MISIL”)

(2581)

Price: Rs. 6.00

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Lahore (the “Applicants”), who are domestic producers of CC. Billets. The Commission had imposed anti-dumping duty at the rate of 24.04 percent with effect from June 22, 2017, for a period of five years on CC. Billets imported from China.

In accordance with provisions of the Act and the Rules, the Commission has conducted and concluded the Sunset Review as follows:

Product under Review: The product for which this sunset review has been requested is Continuous Casting (Steel) Billets (“CC. billets”) originating in and/or exported from China to Pakistan. It is a semi-finished product of iron and non-alloy steel, and alloy steel. The said product is classified under Pakistan Customs Tariff (“PCT”) codes. 7207. 1110, 7207.1190, 7207.1210, 7207.1290, 7207.1910, 7207.1920, 7207.1990, 7207.2010, 7207.2020, 7207.2090, 7224.1000, and 7224.9000. CC. billets are used by the re-rolling mills in the production of steel bars, wire rods, beams, channels and T-iron etc.

Period for Review (POR): The Sunset Review has been conducted on the basis of information for the three years i.e. from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

Likelihood of Continuation of Dumping of Product Under Review from China: Based on the review investigation, the Commission has determined that there is likelihood of recurrence and/or continuation of dumping of the product under review from China if antidumping duty imposed on its dumped imports 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 (3) of the Act and Chapter VI of the Rules. The Commission has determined that, in case the anti-dumping duty imposed on dumped imports of the product under review from China is terminated, the domestic industry would be likely to suffer material injury on account of: increase in volume of dumped imports, price depression, price suppression, decline in: production, capacity utilization, sales and market share; and negative effect on: profits/profitability and productivity of the domestic industry.

Continuation of Definitive Anti-dumping Duty: In view of the determination of likely continuation of dumping of the product under review 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 the product under review from China. Thus, Commission has decided to continue anti-dumping duty **at the rate of 24.04 percent in ad val terms** on dumped imports of CC. billets from China for a further period of **three years** effective from June 22, 2022. However, in accordance with Section 51(ea) of the Act,

definitive antidumping duty will not be levied on imports of the CC billets 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 duties levied would be in addition to other taxes and duties leviable on import of the product under review 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 Commission's account "G1270X", titled "National Tariff Commission fund" maintained with State Bank of Pakistan.

Further Information: A non-confidential version of the detailed report on the 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 offices 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.