

# MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

## Notification

New Delhi, the 20 December, 1996

**Subject:** Initiation of anti dumping investigations, concerning import of Newsprint from the United States of America, Canada and Russia.

**21/ADD/96.** Indian Newsprint Manufacturers Association has filed a petition in accordance with the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Act 1995 and Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti Dumping Duty on Dumped articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules 1995 before the Designated Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) alleging dumping of Newsprint and requested for anti dumping investigation and levy of anti-dumping duty.

2) **Petitioner:** The petition has been filed by Indian Newsprint Manufacturers Association, D-165, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024. The Petitioner account for majority production in India and has a standing to file a written request on behalf of domestic industry under the rules aforesaid.

3) **Products Involved:** The product involved in the present investigation is standard newsprint, other than glazed news- print, originating in or exported from the United States of America, Canada or Russia. Newsprint is classified under custom code 48.01 of the Customs Tariff Act. The classification is, indicative only and is in no way binding on the present investigation.

4) **Like Article:** The petitioner has submitted that the article manufactured by the Domestic Industry is a like article to the product involved.

5) **Normal Value:** The petitioner has provided sufficient prima facie evidence to show domestic prices in North America, based on the prices published in leading journals. It has been pleaded that these prices should be considered as Normal Value prevailing for USA and Canada. As regards Russia, the petitioner has pleaded that, since the Normal Value prevailing in the domestic market of Russia is not available, the Normal Value should be constructed on the basis of cost of production as envisaged under Section 9A(c)(b).

6) **Export Price:** The petitioner has worked out export price as per statistics compiled by DGCI&S, Calcutta and has supplemented this with the information compiled from the Customs Daily List. There is sufficient prime facie evidence with regard to the Export Price of the said countries to India.

7) **Dumping:** There is sufficient prima facie evidence that Export Price to India from the said countries was lower than the Normal Value in the said countries, the subject goods are, prima facie, being dumped by the exporters from the said countries.

8) **Injury:** The various parameters relating to injury such as quantum of imports in absolute terms, market share, import price from the said countries and various indicators affecting domestic industry such as production, sales selling prices, stocks, profit and loss, collectively and cumulatively, prima facie, indicate that the domestic industry has suffered material injury. The petitioner has claimed that most of its member companies have curtailed production and M/s. NEPA Ltd., and Aurangabad Paper Mills Ltd. have stopped their production.

9) There is prima facie evidence that the imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from the said countries are causing material injury to the domestic industry.

10) **Initiation of Anti Dumping Investigation:** The Designated Authority, therefore, initiates anti dumping investigation into the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping of the subject goods originating in or exported from the said Countries.

11) The period of investigation for the purpose of present investigation is April, 1996 to Oct., 1996.

12) **Submission of information:** The exporters in the said countries and importers in India known to be concerned are being addressed separately to submit relevant information in the form and manner prescribed and make their views known to Shri Dipak Chatterjee, Designated Authority, Ministry of Commerce, Room No. 243, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.

13) Any other interested party may also make its submissions relevant to the investigation in the prescribed form and manner within the time limit set out below.

14) **Time Limit:** Any information relating to the present investigation should be sent in writing so as to reach the Authority at the address mentioned above not later than forty days from the date of publication of this notification. The known exporters and importers, who are being addressed separately, are however, required to submit the information within forty days from the date of letter addressed to them separately.

15) In a case where an interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period, or significantly impedes the investigation, the Designated Authority may record its findings on the basis of the facts available to it and make such recommendations to the Central Government as deemed fit.

**DIPAK CHATTERJEE,**  
Designated Authority