

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

INITIATION NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th January, 1998

Subject : Initiation of anti dumping investigations concerning import of Acrylic Fibre from Japan, Portugal, Spain and Italy.

32/I/97-ADD.- A petition has been filed by M/s. Indian Acrylic Ltd., M/s. Pasupati Acrylon Ltd., M/s. J.K. Synthetics Ltd. and Consolidated Fibre & Chemicals Ltd., 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 alleging dumping of Acrylic Fibres from the Japan, Portugal, Spain and Italy and requested for investigation and levy of anti-dumping duty.

2. Domestic Industry - The petition has been filed by M/s. Indian Acrylic Ltd., M/s. Pasupati Acrylon Ltd., M/s. J.K. Synthetics Ltd., and M/s. Consolidated Fibre and Chemicals Ltd., and account for more than 25% of domestic production and therefore, have a standing to file a petition on behalf of domestic industry under the aforesaid rules.

3. Product involved. - The product involved is Acrylic Fibre, both in shrinkable and non-shrinkable form. Acrylic Fibre is a long chain of synthetic polymer composed of at least 85 per cent by weight of Acrylonitrile unit. The range of Acrylic Fibre is stated to be from 1.5 Denier to 8.0 Denier. Acrylic Fibre has application in day to day life use apparel, and some industrial uses.

4. Acrylic Fibre is classified under custom code 550330 of Customs Tariff Act. The classification is, however, indicative only and is in no way binding on the scope of present investigations.

5. Like Goods.-The petitioner has claimed that Acrylic Fibre produced by them has characteristics closely bling Acrylic Fibre being imported from said countries and the two are being consumed interchangeably, and request the Authority to treat the same as lice articles. ,

Dumping

6. Normal Value: The petitioners have provided sufficient evidence to indicate the normal value prevailing in the domestic markets of the countries involved.

7. Export Price: The petitioners have worked out export price as per statistics published by the Directorate of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, which is being relied upon for the purpose of initiation. Since these prices are CIF, the petitioners have claimed adjustments for Ocean Freight, Marine Insurance, Customs Clearance & Port Handling, Local Transportation in the countries of export, and Special Packaging for working ex-works Export Price.

8. There is sufficient prima facie, export price to India has been lower than the normal value in the said countries for all the types of Acrylic Fibres, indicating that the same are being dumped by the exporters from Japan, Portugal, Spain and Italy.

Injury

9. The various parameters relating to injury such as quantum of imports in absolute terms, market share, import price from the alleged 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.

10. There is prima facie evidence that imports of Acrylic Fibre originating from the said countries are causing material injury to the domestic industry.

11. Initiation of Anti Dumping Investigation : The Designated Authority, therefore, initiates anti dumping investigation into the existence, degree and effect of alleged dumping of Acrylic Fibre originating in or exported from Japan, Portugal, Spain and Italy.

12. Period of Investigation: The period of investigation for the purpose of present investigations is April, 1996 to March, 1997.

13. Submission of information : The exporters in Japan, Portugal, Spain and Italy and importers in India known to be concerned are being addressed separately to submit relevant information in form and manner prescribed and to make their views known in the form and manner prescribed to Smt. Rathi Vinay Jha, Designated Authority & Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Commerce, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-110011.

14. 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. .

15. **Inspection of Public File:** In terms of Rule 6(7), any interested party may inspect the public file containing non confidential versions of the evidence submitted by other interested parties.

16. Time Limit : Any information relating to the present investigation should be sent in writing so as to reach the Designated 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 letters to them separately.

17. In case where an interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide necessary information within a reasonable period, or significantly impedes the investigation, or the information is incomplete in any respect the 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.

(RATHI VINAY JHA)
Designated Authority

