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Introduction:

In compliance with the basic objectives of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, and in conformity with the objectives of the GCC Unified Economic Convention seeking to achieve economic integration among GCC member states, and aware of the crucial role played by GCC industries in the economies of the GCC member states, it becomes vital for the member states to take necessary measures against dumping, subsidy and increase of Imports, which cause injury, threat of injury, or retardation to GCC industries.

Pursuant to Article 86 of the Rules of Implementation of the GCC Common Law on Antidumping, Countervailing Measures and Safeguard Measures which states, "The Technical Secretariat issues an Official Gazette where it publishes all publications required under this Common Law and its Rules of Implementation". Hereby, GCC-Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti Injurious Practices in International Trade pleased to publish the Notice Volume No (49) of the Official Gazette of GCC- Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-Injurious Practices in International Trade.



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Initiation of Anti-Dumping sunset review Investigation against GCC Imports of Ceramic Flags and Paving, Hearth, Floor, or Wall Tiles; Whether or Not on Backing; Finishing Ceramics (Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles), originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India

In conformity with the GCC Common Law on Anti-Dumping, Countervailing and Safeguard Measures and its Rules of Implementation, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation), and upon the decision no. (62/2AD/2025) of the Permanent Committee of Anti Injurious practices in the International Trade (hereinafter referred to as the Permanent Committee) regarding accepting the review application lodged by the GCC industry and approving the initiation of the anti-dumping sunset review investigation with the continuation of the duties applied till the sunset review investigation Concluded.

The GCC- Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-Injurious Practice in International Trade (hereinafter referred to as the GCC-TSAIP) announces the initiation of anti-dumping sunset review investigation concerning imports of Ceramic Flags and Paving, Hearth, Floor, or Wall Tiles; Whether or Not on Backing; Finishing Ceramic (Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles) classified under HS code 6907 of the GCC Unified Customs Tariff, except for items falling under subheading 69073000 Originating in or Exported from the People's Republic of China, and India , from the date of the publication of this notice in the Official Gazette of the Bureau of the Technical Secretariat for the Injurious Practices in International Trade (hereinafter referred to as Official Gazette) according to the following:

1. Procedures:

The GCC-TSAIP received a properly documented sunset review application submitted by The Saudi Ceramic Company , Exa and El- Khayyat Ceramic and Porcelain Co. (hereinafter referred to as "The Applicant") on behalf of the GCC industry, to review the dumping Measures imposed on imports of Ceramic flags and paving, hearth, floor, or wall tiles;



whether or not on a backing; finishing ceramics (Ceramic and Porcelain tiles) from the People's Republic of China, and India.

The Application included information and evidence that reinforces the necessity of the review, and the Applicant stated that the termination of the duties imposed would lead to the continuation or recurrence of Injury and dumping from the dumped imports of the product referred to.

The GCC-TSAIP examined the accuracy and adequacy of the evidence included in the Application, and prepared an initial report about it, which was submitted to the Permanent Committee. Thus the Permanent Committee Decided to accept the review application lodged by the GCC industry and approving the initiation of the anti-dumping sunset review investigation with the continuation of the duties applied till the sunset review investigation Concluded in accordance with paragraphs (1 and 2) of Article (48) of the Executive Regulations.

In addition, in accordance with paragraphs (6) of Article (48) of the Executive Regulations the GCC-TSAIP posts the Initiation of anti-Dumping Sunset Review Investigation in this Official Gazette, The date of this announcement shall be considered the date of commencement of investigation procedures

2. GCC Industry:

The Applicants are Saudi Ceramic Company , Exa Al-Fanar and El- Khayyat Ceramic from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The complaint was supported by Porcellan Tiles – Al Ghurair Group from the United Arab Emirate, National Ceramic Industries Company from Kuwait, Unic ceramic Qatar from Qatar, Wangkang Saudi Ceramics, Future Ceramics, Riyadh Ceramics, and the Arabian Ceramics from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as the two companies Al-Hael Ceramics and Al-Maha Ceramics from the Sultanate of Oman. The request for review was also supported by the National Committee for Ceramic and Porcelain Manufacturers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The complainant with supporters represents almost 66%, thereby fulfilling the representational threshold set forth under Article 6(1) of the Rules of Implementation.



3. Product under review and GCC Like Product:

Ceramic flags and paving, hearth, floor, or wall tiles; whether or not on a backing; finishing ceramics. The product under review (Ceramic and Porcelain tiles).classified under HS code 6907 of the GCC Unified Customs Tariff, except for items falling under subheading 69073000 , (Ceramic and Porcelain tiles).

4. Continuation or recurrence of Dumping:

According to the data provided by the applicant, it is clear that there is dumping and that in the event of termination of the imposed duties will lead to the Continuation or recurrence of dumping for the product under review.

5. Continuation or recurrence Injury:

The Applicant submitted a data explaining that the imports from the People's Republic of China, and India still represent a significant volume of the imports of the GCC countries, given the imposition of antidumping duties. And there are a possibility of Continuation or recurrence of injury for the product under review.

6. Continuation of the imposition of Anti-dumping duties:

In Accordance with Article 48 of the Rules of Implementation the current definitive antidumping duties published on the Official Gazette Volume (27) dated 30th of April 2020 shall remain inforce until the end of the sunset review investigation. In the end of the review an Official Gazette will be published either continuing the imposition of duties or terminating the sunset review investigation without imposing any duties.

7. Review Period

The Continuation or recurrence dumping period covers the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

The Continuation or recurrence Injury period covers the period is from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2024.

8. Questionnaires and Collecting Information:

In order to obtain the necessary information for the investigation, the GCC-TSAIP will send questionnaires to the known parties, including foreign exporting producers¹, the GCC industry, importers, and the Federation of GCC Chambers. As for unknown parties, they can refer to the Official Gazette available on the website of the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council, which contains a link to the questionnaires for the concerned parties (foreign exporting producers, importers, consumers, and the GCC industry) .

The GCC-GCC-TSAIP provides the questionnaires at the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/N5jbO>



Each concerned party must specify the appropriate type of questionnaire according to their activity: All interested parties who wish to participate in the investigation shall make themselves known and submit their responses to the questionnaires electronically in a complete and clear manner to the GCC-GCC-TSAIP within (40) days from the date the questionnaires are sent to them or to the diplomatic representative of the countries concerned, according to the provisions of Article (12) of the Rules of Implementation, or from the date the questionnaires are made available at the link indicated in this official gazette provided that such responses must be submitted during the GCC-TSAIP working hours of the office, starting from 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM Saudi Arabia local time, and the concerned parties may submit their responses in Arabic or in English.

Interested Parties who wish to submit comments on the complaint - available through the link included in this Official Gazette- must submit their comments in Arabic within (15) days from the date of publication of this official Gazette and within the specified working hours as indicated above .

9. Sampling Method:

According to Article (13) of the Regulation, “If the number of exporters, producers, importers, types of products or transactions under investigation are so large as to make such investigation impracticable, the investigation may be limited to a representative sample of interested parties, products under investigation, or transactions by using statistically-valid samples based on either the information available at the time of selection or the largest

¹ regarding the unknown foreign exporting producers, the questionnaires will be submitted to the appropriate diplomatic representative of the concerned country in the country of residency in Riyadh.



percentage of export volume, production, or sales of the concerned country which can be reasonably verified during the period of the investigation.”

The GCC-TSAIP may resort to apply sampling technique in case of the existence of large number of interested parties or types of products under investigation. The GCC-TSAIP will decide whether to resort to the sample technique after receiving complete and full responses to the investigation questionnaires as required within the time limits specified according to paragraph 8 of this notice.

10. Cooperating Parties in the Investigation:

Companies will be considered cooperating in the investigation if they make themselves known and submit full responses to questionnaires as required and within the time limits specified according to paragraph 8 of this notice. By submitting a complete and full response to the questionnaire, the company agrees to the possibility of being included in the sample and accepting the verification visit, if decided to be conducted.

In the event that the sample method is used for foreign exporting producers companies who were considered cooperating parties as a result of their submission to a complete and full response to the foreign exporting producers' questionnaire but not included in the sample, the anti-dumping measures (if applied) to imports from these non-sampled exporting producers shall not exceed the weighted average dumping margin established with respect to the sampled exporting producers according to the provisions of paragraph 5 Article 30 of the Regulation.

Furthermore, according to the provisions of paragraph (6) Article (30) of the Regulation, individual determinations of the dumping margin may be determined for any exporting producer, not initially sampled, who submits the response to the questionnaire within the specified time-limit in this notice except where the number of exporting producers is so large that individual examinations would be unduly burdensome to the GCC-TSAIP and prevent timely completion of the investigation.

11. Hearings:

Pursuant to Article (14) of the Regulation, hearings may be held to give opportunity to all interested parties to present their views and arguments, provided that they submit a written request to the GCC-TSAIP that includes specific reasons as to why they should be heard. Interested parties must express their wish to hold a hearing within a (30) days period from the date of publication of this notice in the Official Gazette.

12. On-the-spot Verification Visits:

Pursuant to Article (18) of the Regulation, the GCC-TSAIP may conduct verification visits at the premises of the interested parties inside or outside GCC countries to verify the

accuracy of the information submitted and to collect any additional clarifications on the information or data required for the investigation.

13. Confidentiality:

Any information provided by interested parties on a confidential basis, upon a reasonable cause, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed without the specific permission of the party submitting it pursuant to Article (12) of the Regulation.

Interested parties providing confidential information shall furnish a non-confidential summary with sufficient details to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information submitted in confidence. If that information is not susceptible of summary, the concerned parties shall provide a statement of the reason according to Article (19) of the Regulation otherwise, such information may be disregarded.

14. Non-Cooperation:

In cases any interested party refuses access to or otherwise does not provide necessary information or does not submit them within the specified time limits or in the prescribed form or impedes the course of the investigation, the GCC-TSAIP will make its preliminary and final determinations based on the information available pursuant to Article (26) of the Regulation .

In cases, any interested party provided any misleading or wrong information, it will not be considered and information available may be used.

15. Public File:

The GCC-TSAIP makes available all relevant non-confidential information submitted by the interested parties through its public file. This information is available, upon written request, for all interested parties during the investigation and before reaching the final determinations pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 14 of the Regulation.

16. Submission of Information:

All relevant information including questionnaire replies and correspondences provided by interested parties, must be communicated to GCC-TSAIP in electronic format and must indicate the name, address, e-mail address and telephone of the interested parties.

All interested parties participating in the Investigation shall submit their comments and arguments in the Arabic language. Any translation to Arabic Shall be provided through a licensed office operating in one of GCC countries, provided that this translation is acceptable by GCC-TSAIP.



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