

Non-Official Translation

**The Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Anti-Dumping, Subsidy and Safeguard Department
Notice No. (5) of the Year 2016
Concerning the Conclusions of a Safeguard Investigation
Against the Substantial Increase in the Imports
of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 161 of the year 1998 concerning the Protection of the National Economy from the Injurious Effects of Unfair Practices in International Trade and its Executive Regulations issued by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. 549 of the year 1998 and amendments thereof (hereinafter referred to as “the Executive Regulations”).

On 16/8/2016, the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the termination of a safeguard investigation against the substantial increase in the imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET).

١. **Procedures**

On 5/11/2015, the Anti-dumping, Subsidy and Safeguard Department (hereinafter referred to as the Investigating Authority) received a properly documented application from the Egyptian Indian Polyester Company S.A.E (hereinafter referred to as the "Domestic Industry"), whose production represents 100 percent of the total production of the domestic industry alleging that the sudden substantial increase in the imports of PET caused serious injury and forced the domestic industry to stop production.

The Investigating Authority examined the accuracy and adequacy of the data contained in the application. On 2/12/2015, the Investigating Authority submitted a report to the Advisory Committee which, in turn, submitted its recommendation to the Minister of Trade and Industry to initiate an investigation against the imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET).

On 8/12/2015, the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the recommendation of the Advisory Committee concerning the initiation of the investigation.

On 10/12/2015, Notice No. (13) of the year 2015 was published in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, issue No. (280) (supplement) concerning the initiation of a safeguard investigation against the imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) in accordance with the provisions of Article (22) of the Executive Regulation.

On 14/12/2016, the WTO Committee on Safeguards was notified of the decision of the Egyptian Government to initiate an investigation.

During the period from 21/12/2015 to 18/1/2016 a copy of the non-confidential version of the application, the notice of initiation of investigation and questionnaires were sent to the domestic producers, importers, users, known foreign producers and exporters, governments of exporting companies and representatives of unions who made themselves known as interested parties. Each party was granted 37 days from the date of receipt to respond in accordance with the provisions of Article (23) of the Executive Regulations.

During the period from 10/1/2016 to 4/2/2016, the Investigating Authority received responses to questionnaires and comments of interested parties and other interested parties.

On 14/3/2016, a public hearing was held for all interested parties and other interested parties in accordance with the provisions of Article (25) of the Executive Regulations.

On 15/3/2016, consultations were made with the Government of Saudi Arabia upon their request.

On 14/7/2016 and 17/7/2016, the Investigating Authority issued the Essential Facts and Conclusions Report and sent it to all interested parties and other interested parties who cooperated with the Investigating Authority and received their comments on the report.

On 10/8/2016, the domestic industry submitted an official request to withdraw the application against the substantial increase in the imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET).

On 10/8/2016, the Advisory Committee held a meeting to discuss the conclusions of the investigation against the substantial increase in imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) and all members unanimously approved the termination of the investigation upon the request of the domestic industry.

On 16/8/2016 the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

٢. **Domestic Industry**

The domestic industry is represented by the Egyptian Indian Polyester Company S.A.E whose production represents 100 percent of the total domestic production of the like product.

٣. **The Product under Investigation**

The product under investigation is Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) in the form of resin or chips which is classified under the H.S tariff code: (39 07 60). This code is provided for reference only and the Investigating Authority relies on the description of the product.

4. **Termination of Investigation**

The domestic industry submitted an official request to withdraw the application. Therefore, the Advisory Committee recommended to terminate the investigation proceedings upon the request of the domestic industry and the Minister of Trade and Industry approved on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

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