Arab Republic of Egypt

Ministry of Trade and Industry

Trade Remedies Sector

Notice No. (6) of the Year 2021

On the Imposition of Definitive Anti-dumping Duties

On the Dumped Imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up

Originating in or Exported from Turkey

Pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 161 of 1998 on the Protection of National Economy from the Injurious Effects of Unfair Practices in International Trade and the Executive Regulation issued by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. 549 of 1998 and the amendments thereto (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Regulation", and

Pursuant to the provisions of Article (10) of the "Executive Regulation", the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the conclusions of the anti-dumping investigation against the imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey and issued the Ministerial Decree No. (284) of the year 2021 dated 23/6/2021 and published in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, Issue No. 140 (supplement) on 23/6/2021, on the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on the aforementioned imports for a five-year period.

1. Procedures

On 25/6/2020, the Minister of Trade and Industry approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to initiate an anti-dumping investigation against the imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey. This was in accordance with the conclusions and recommendation of the Trade Remedies Sector, (hereinafter referred to as the "Investigating Authority") IA, subsequent to the examination of the application submitted by the domestic industry.

On 29/6/2020, Notice No. (4) of the year 2020 on the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation against the aforementioned imports originating in or exported from Turkey was published in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, issue No. (147) Supplement (A) and notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

On 16/7/2020, the IA sent questionnaires, a copy of the Notice of Initiation and the non-confidential version of the application to all the interested parties; namely the known producers/exporters whose addresses are known to the IA and the Embassy of Turkey in Cairo, to

be circulated to all unknown producers and exporters of the product under investigation exported such product to Egypt during the period of investigation, the General Secretariat of the Southeast Anatolian Exporters Associations (GAIB), the domestic industry, the importers known to the IA and the importers who made themselves known during the time limits specified in the Notice of Initiation of Investigation. All parties were granted a 37-day term as of date of receipt of questionnaires to respond thereto.

During the time limits specified in the Notice of Initiation of Investigation, the IA received responses to the questionnaires and deficiency letters from some interested parties and analysed the data and information contained therein.

During the period from 22 to 24/11/2020, the IA made an on-the-spot verification visit to the domestic industry.

On 18/3/2021, all interested parties were notified of the extension of the investigation proceedings for a further six-month term with a view to completing the investigation.

On 20/4/2021, the IA sent a copy of the non-confidential version of the Essential Facts Report to all cooperating interested parties and granted such parties a ten-day time limit as of date of receipt to comment thereon. Such time limit was extended as requested by some parties.

On 16/6/2021, the Advisory Committee held a meeting to discuss the Final Report and approved the conclusion reached by the IA on the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on the imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey. The Minister of Trade and Industry approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and issued the aforementioned Ministerial Decree No (284).

2. Investigation Period

The dumping investigation period is from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019. The injury analysis period is from 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2019.

3. Domestic Industry

The domestic industry producing the like product is the Oriental Weavers Carpet Company whose production represents more than 50 percent of the total domestic production of the like product. Therefore, such company represents the domestic industry in accordance with the provisions of Article (19) of the Executive Regulation implementing Law No. (161) of the year 1998.

4. Product Under Investigation and Like Product

The product under investigation is Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not made up originating in or Exported from Turkey classified under the following HS tariff codes:

5703200000, 5703300000, 5702420000, 5705000000 and 5703900090.

The IA has concluded that the product produced by the domestic industry and the product originating in or exported from Turkey are alike in terms of physical characteristics, specifications, distribution channels and end use and that both products are substitutable for one another, in accordance with the provisions of Article (2.6) of the Anti-dumping Agreement.

5. Investigation of Dumping

The IA has concluded that the imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey had been imported at dumped prices.

6. Material Injury and Causal Link

The IA has concluded that the volume of imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey accounted for more than 3 percent of the total volume of imports, and that such imports had been imported at dumped prices causing material injury to the domestic industry coinciding with the absolute and relative increase in such dumped imports. The IA has also concluded that there was a causal link between the dumped imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey and the material injury suffered by the domestic industry.

7. Imposition of Definitive Anti-dumping Duties and Period of Imposition

The imports of Machine Made Carpets and Floor Coverings of Man-Made Textile Materials, whether or not Made up originating in or Exported from Turkey shall be subject to definitive anti-dumping duties, ranging from 21.17 to 33.27 percent of CIF value for a five-year period as of date of publication of the Ministerial Decree No. (284) of the year 2021 in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, Issue No. 140 (Supplement) on 23/6/2021.

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