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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 (39) of the Official Gazette of GCC- Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-Injurious Practices in International Trade.



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The Imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties against Saudi Arabia (Isolated market) imports of Super absorbent polymer originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France

In conformity with the GCC Common Law on Anti-Dumping, Countervailing and Safeguard Measures and its Rules of Implementation (Regulation), and upon the decision no. (41/AD11/2021) of the Permanent Committee of Anti Injurious practices in the International Trade (Permanent Committee), regarding accepting the complaint and approving the initiation of the investigation against Saudi Arabia imports being as an isolated market according to the provisions of Article (6-4) of the Regulation (hereinafter referred to as isolated market) originating in or exported from China, Japan, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France and based on the Permanent Committee's decision No. (48/AD11/2022) proposing the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties against Saudi Arabia imports of the product under investigation originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France (countries concerned with the imposition of definitive duties) and excluding Japan from the imposition of definitive duties according to the provisions of Article (9) of the GCC common Law.

Referring to the Ministerial Committee's approval on the Permanent Committee's decision No. (48/AD11/2022) pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1) Article (8) of the GCC common Law, and Article (37) of the Rules of Implementation, the GCC Bureau of Technical Secretariat for Anti-injurious Practices in International Trade (GCC-TSAIP) hereby announces the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties against Saudi imports of the product under

investigation originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France according to the following:

1. Product under investigation subject to the definitive duties

Acrylic Polymers, in primary forms (super absorbent polymer). The product under investigation is commonly described as “Polymers” which provides high retention, as well as excellent absorbency against pressure and permeability, and is designed with varying distribution ranges.

The product under investigation is commonly classified under the HS heading (39069010) from the GCC- Unified Tariff Code,.

The product under investigation is used in various industries and sectors such as baby diapers, incontinence products, and feminine sanitary pads. The product has additional names upon import, for example, super absorbent polymers, highly absorbent polymers, fast absorbing polymers, super absorbent granules, highly absorbent granules or fast absorption granules.

2. Duration of the definitive duties and scope :

The imposition of definitive antidumping duties at the customs ports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a period not exceeding 5 years starting from the date: 04 March 2023.

3. Form of the definitive duties:

The definitive anti-dumping duties shall take the form of *ad valorem* duties as percentages of the CIF value according to the following table:

Country	Exporters/Producers names ¹	Dumping margin as a percentage of the CIF value
China	Satellite Science and Technology Co Ltd	6%
	Others	27.7%
Belgium	Nippon Shokubai Europe N.V	8.3%
	Sumitomo Seika Europe S.A.-N.V (Provided that the product exported to the isolated market is originated in France and manufactured by Arkema SA, otherwise the “other” duties calculated for Belgium will be applied)	34.6%
	Others	40.7%
Singapore	Sumitomo Seika Singapore Pte. Ltd	13.6%
	Others	21.2%
Republic of Korea	All Producers/Exporters from Republic of Korea	124%
France	All Producers/Exporters from France	51%

4. The reasons leading to the imposition of the definitive duties:

4.1 Determination of Dumping:

The investigation concluded that the imports of the product under investigation originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France are being imported to the isolated market at dumped prices between 6% to 124%.

4.2 Determination of Material Injury and Causal link:

- There was a significant increase in the volume of dumped imports concentrated in the isolated market originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France, either in absolute terms or relative to the production or consumption, and a notable increase in the market share of these dumped imports at the contrary of the market shares of the GCC industry and other imports in the isolated market. Japan imports to the isolated market were excluded from the investigation due to being negligible.

¹ Some companies may use abbreviations to express some of the terms in the company name such as:

- Limited : LTD
- Private : PVT



- It was found that there is a large impact of dumped imports originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France on the selling prices of the GCC industry based in the isolated market, as it was found that there is a price undercutting between the average selling price of the GCC like product and the average selling price of the product under investigation.
- It was determined the existence of material injury to the GCC industry based in the isolated market, represented by the deterioration of the economic and financial indicators of the GCC industry during the period of investigation. It was found that the factors other than the dumped imports concentrated in the isolated market were not the cause of the material injury of the GCC industry based in the isolated market.

Therefore, it is definitively determined that there is sufficient evidence of the existence of the causal link between the increase in dumped imports originating in or exported from China, Belgium, Singapore, Republic of Korea and France of the product under investigation and the material injury to the GCC industry.

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