

Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Trade and Industry
Trade Remedies Sector
Notice No. (2) of the Year 2022
on the Initiation of an Expiry Review of the Definitive
Anti-Dumping Duties Imposed on
Dumped Imports of Steel Rebar (Bars, Rods and Coils)
Originating in or Exported from
China, Turkey and Ukraine

Pursuant to Law No. (161) of 1998, concerning the protection of national economy from the injurious effects of unfair practices in international trade and its Regulation, issued by virtue of Ministerial Decree No.(549) of the year 1998 and amendments thereof (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation),

And in accordance with the provisions of Article (56) of the Regulation, the Minister of Trade and Industry approved on 2/6/2022, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to initiate an expiry review and publish the Notice of Initiation in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, in accordance with the provisions of Article (10) of the Regulation and issued Ministerial Decree No.(324) of the year 2022 which was published on 4/6/2022 in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*, issue No.124 (supplement) concerning the extension of Ministerial Decree No.(1535) of the year 2017 for a twelve-month term pending the completion of the review proceedings, in the light of the conclusions reached by Trade Remedies Sector, hereinafter referred to as “The Investigating Authority” (the IA).

1. Procedures

On 22/2/2022, the IA received a properly documented request by El Suez for Steel and Ezz Steel (hereinafter referred to as “the Domestic Industry”) to initiate an expiry review of the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on the imports of Steel Rebar (Bars, Rods and Coils) Originating in or Exported from China, Turkey and Ukraine. The companies alleged in the request that the expiry of the duties would likely lead to the continuation or the recurrence of the dumping and the recurrence of injury suffered by the domestic industry.

The IA examined the data contained in the review request submitted by the domestic industry and submitted a report to the Advisory Committee on 12/5/2022. The Advisory Committee, in turn, submitted its recommendations to Her Excellency the Minister of Trade and Industry concerning the initiation of an expiry review of the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed on the aforementioned product and the publication of the notice of initiation in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*.

2. Domestic Industry

The domestic industry, which produces the like product, is represented by El Suez for Steel and Ezz Steel whose collective production represent 60% of the domestic production in accordance with the provisions of Article (19) of the Regulation.

3. Product under Review

The product under review is Steel Rebar (Bars, Rods and Coils) Originating in or Exported from China, Turkey and Ukraine which is classified under H.S tariff code:

7214 ,7213

This description is the sole description of the product under review and the H.S tariff code is mentioned for reference only.

4. Review Period

The period of the review of the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping is from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021.

The period of the review of the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of injury is from 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2021.

5. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Dumping

The data submitted by the domestic industry shows that there is dumping, and that the expiry of duties would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of the dumping of the product under review.

6. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Material Injury

The analysis of the preliminary data submitted by the domestic industry shows that most of the domestic industry's indices improved during the period of duty imposition and that the imports imported from China, Turkey and Ukraine are still present in the domestic market and the termination of these duties would likely lead to the deterioration of such

indices; therefore, there is a likelihood of the recurrence of the material injury which had been suffered by the domestic industry before the imposition of the duties on the product under review.

7. Current Anti-Dumping Duties

The current duties are imposed by virtue of the Ministerial Decree No. (1535) of the year 2017 and represent 29% of CIF value which is not less than 101 US Dollar per ton for the Chinese companies, range from 7% to 22.8% of CIF value and not less amounts ranging between 27.7 US Dollar per ton and 81.9 US Dollar per ton for the Turkish companies and range from 17.2% to 27% of CIF value which is not less than amounts ranging from 62.94 US Dollar per ton to 99 US Dollar per ton for Ukrainian companies.

8. Questionnaires and Collection of Information

In order to obtain necessary information, the IA will send questionnaires to known foreign producers and exporters and to unknown foreign producers and exporters through the embassies of China, Turkey and Ukraine in Cairo.

Questionnaires will be sent also to the domestic industry and known importers of the product under review.

The parties unknown to the IA such as the producers, foreign exporters and importers of the product under review shall make themselves known to the IA to have a copy of the questionnaires within a thirty-day term of the date of publication of this notice in the *Egyptian Official Gazette*.

All parties shall respond to the questionnaires sent by the IA within a thirty-seven-day term of the date of receipt.

9. Sampling Techniques

In accordance with the provisions of Article (24) of the Regulation, the IA may resort to apply the sampling technique in case of having a large number of interested parties or products under review.

1. Sampling Technique for Foreign Exporters/Producers

For the purpose of enabling the IA to determine whether it is necessary to resort to sampling technique, all foreign producers/exporters or legal representatives acting on their behalf are requested to contact the IA and to provide the following information

related to their company or companies within a thirty-day term as of the date of publication of this Notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*:

- Name, address, e-mail, phone number and fax number and name of contact person.
- Volume and value of sales of the product under review exported to Egypt during the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021.
- Volume and value of sales of the product under review sold by the subject company in the domestic market of the above – mentioned countries during the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021.
- Activities of the company related to the production and sale of the product under review.
- Names and precise activities of all related companies involved in the production and/or selling of the product under review in export and/or domestic market.
- Any other relevant information that would assist the IA in the selection of the sample.
- By submitting all the above-mentioned information, the company thereby agrees on its inclusion in the sample which implies replying to the questionnaire and accepting any on-the-spot verification visit. If the company is unwilling to be included in the sample, the company will be deemed to be non-cooperating with the IA.
- For the purpose of obtaining information deemed necessary for the selection of the sample of foreign exporters/producers, the IA may contact any known associations of the exporters/producers in countries under reviews.

2. Sampling Technique for Importers

For the purpose of enabling the IA to determine whether it is necessary to resort to sampling techniques, all importers or legal representatives acting on their behalf are requested to contact the IA and to provide the following information related to their company/companies within a thirty-day term of the date of publication of this Notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*:

- Name, address, e-mail, phone number, fax number and name of contact person.
- Volume and value of the product under review imported from countries under investigation to Egypt during the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021.
- Volume and value of sales of the product under review in the Egyptian domestic market during the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021.
- Activities of the company related to the product under review.

- Names and the activities of all companies involved in the production and/or selling of the product under review.
- Any other relevant information that would assist the IA in the selection of the sample.
- By submitting all the above-mentioned information, the company thereby agrees on its inclusion in the sample which implies replying to the questionnaire and accepting any on-the-spot verification visit. If the company is unwilling to be included in the sample, the will be deemed to be non-cooperating with the IA.
- For the purpose of obtaining information deemed necessary for the selection of the sample of importers, the IA may contact any known associations of importers.

3. Final Selection of Samples

- All interested parties wishing to submit any relevant information regarding the selection of the samples, should do so within the specified time limits.
- The IA intends to make the final selection of the samples after having consulted with the interested parties who have expressed their willingness to be included in the samples.
- Companies included in the samples shall reply to the questionnaires within the time limits specified in the present notice and shall cooperate with the IA.

10. Hearings

In accordance with the provisions of Article (25) of the Regulation, hearings may be held at the IA's premises in Cairo for all interested parties and other interested parties, to present their views and arguments, provided that they submit a written request to the IA including the specific reasons justifying their request for a hearing. Parties may express their views orally during hearings; however, the IA will not take them into consideration unless later provided in writing. Interested parties and other interested parties must express their wish to hold a hearing within a 30-day term of the date of publication of this Notice in the Egyptian *Official Gazette*.

11. On-the-spot Verification Visits

In accordance with the provisions of Article (26) of the Regulation, the IA may conduct on-the-spot verification visits at the premises of interested parties in order to verify the accuracy of the data submitted by these parties and to collect any additional information or data required for the investigation.

12. Time Limits

For any information on the specified time limits concerning the submission of information to the IA, sampling technique and hearings, please refer to items 7, 8, and 9 of this Notice.

13. Non-Cooperation

In cases where any interested party refuses access to, does not provide necessary information within the specified time limits or impedes the course of investigation, the IA shall make provisional or final determinations on the basis of the best information available in accordance with Articles (27) and (35) of the Regulation.

14. Public File

The IA shall, in the course of the review investigation, make available all relevant non-confidential information submitted by the interested parties through its public file. This information is available for all parties at the premises of the IA in Cairo pending the final determination.

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