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RIAA Barker Gillette represent Turkish soda ash exporters in an anti-dumping duty dispute

RIAA Barker Gillette is representing Turkish exporters of soda ash in an appeal before the Islamabad High Court. This article outlines the proceedings' background, their current status, and the implications of a decision on the industry.



We represent Turkish manufacturers in litigation proceedings to determine the legality of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports into Pakistan of disodium carbonate, commonly known as soda ash, an essential raw material for manufacturing glass. Imposing such duties would increase the cost of glass, a major material used in the construction industry.

At the request of Pakistan's domestic industry, the National Tariff Commission (NTC) decided to investigate soda ash imports. We represented Turkish manufacturers in contesting these proceedings. The NTC terminated the investigation, agreeing with our argument that the import period was too short for a meaningful assessment and that the available data did not support the conclusion that the imports had adversely impacted the domestic industry.

Significant players in Pakistan's domestic industry then challenged the decision of the NTC in appeal proceedings before the Anti-Dumping Appellate Tribunal (the Tribunal). Our representation of Turkish exporters continued, and the Tribunal directed the NTC to revise the investigation period and make a new determination.

The domestic industry challenged the decision of the Tribunal before the Islamabad High Court, where we currently represent the Turkish exporters.

In the intervening period, the NTC, which had become inactive due to its members' retirement earlier this year, has resumed operations by appointing new members and a Chairperson. It can now act on any directions the Islamabad High Court gives in the pending proceedings.

Our team acting on this matter is led by Pakistan partners Mazhar Bangash and Yousaf Khosa, who Senior Litigation Counsel Omair Saleem Malik, Associates Momin Taufiq Khan and Khushbakht Naeem and Junior Associate Saman Shahruck assist.

For further information, contact Mazhar Bangash, Head of Trade Law.

This article is not legal advice; it provides information of general interest about current legal issues.

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