

NOTICE 1827 OF 2005

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICATERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED
DUMPING OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET)
ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INDONESIA AND THAILAND

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Thailand through Notice No. 490 of *Government Gazette* No. 27434 published on 08 April 2005.

The application was lodged on behalf of the South African Customs Union (SACU) industry by SANS (Pty) Ltd and Horsaf (Pty) Ltd (the Applicant). The Applicant alleged that the subject product was being dumped into the SACU market, causing material injury and/or a threat of material injury to the SACU industry.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that the subject product was being imported at dumped prices, causing material injury and/or a threat of material injury to the SACU industry.

On initiation of the investigation, the known producers and exporters of the subject products in the People's Republic of China, Indonesia and Thailand were sent foreign manufacturers/exporters questionnaires to complete. Importers of the

subject product were also sent questionnaires to complete.

On **24** August 2005, on the basis of the information gathered in the investigation to date, the Commission made a preliminary determination that, with the exception of exports from one Indonesian exporter, the subject product was being dumped on the SACU market, causing material injury and a threat **of** material injury to the SACU industry. However, the Commission found that the volumes of the allegedly dumped imports from the People's Republic **of** China, Thailand and Indonesia were negligible and therefore made a preliminary determination to recommend that the investigation against these countries be terminated.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No.134 (preliminary report).

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