

NOTICE 294 OF 2006**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF MULTI-PLY PAPER AND
PAPERBOARD WITH MASS OF 180G/M² OR MORE, BUT NOT EXCEEDING
550G/M², COATED ON ONE SIDE WITH KOALIN CLAY, COMMONLY KNOWN
AS "WHITE LINER" OR "GREY BACK PAPERBOARD", ORIGINATING IN OR
IMPORTED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

On 8 August 2005, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an investigation into alleged dumping of multi-ply paper and paperboard with a mass of 180g/m² or more, but not exceeding 550g/m², coated on one side with koalin clay, commonly known as "white liner" or "grey back paperboard", originating in or imported from the Republic of Korea. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 1356 of 2005 in *Government Gazette* No. 27846.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application by Mondi Paper Packaging Ltd (the Applicant), alleging that white lined paper board originating in or imported from the Republic of Korea was being imported at dumped prices thereby causing material injury to the SACU industry. The Commission was satisfied that there was a *prima facie* case of dumping, material injury and causal link.

Subsequent to the initiation of the investigation, all known importers and exporters were sent questionnaires to complete.

On 02 February 2006, the Commission considered all the facts before it and made a preliminary determination that dumping of white liner or grey back paperboard originating in or imported from the Republic of Korea is taking place, that the SACU industry is suffering material injury and that there is a causal link between dumping and injury suffered by the SACU industry. The Commission, however, decided not to implement provisional payments since it was of the opinion that the imposition of the provisional payments before verification would have a detrimental effect on the downstream paper products industry.

The Commission issued Report No 152 of 2006, wherein the decisions with regard to its preliminary determination were explained.

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