
GENERAL NOTICE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF TOUGHENED GLASS FOR INCORPORATION IN VEHICLES ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of toughened glass for incorporation in vehicles originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China through Notice No. 1802 of Government Gazette No. 28053 published on 30 September 2005.

The application was lodged on behalf of the Southern African Customs *Union* (SACU) by Automotive Glass Manufacturers' Association (the Applicant), being the industrial organisation for the subject product in SACU, representing the domestic manufacturers of the product under investigation. The Applicant alleged that the subject product was being dumped into the SACU market, causing 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 to the SACU industry.

Upon initiation of the investigation, known producers and exporters of the subject product in the PRC were sent foreign manufacturers/ exporters questionnaires to complete. Importers of the subject product were also sent questionnaires to complete.

The Commission made a preliminary determination that there was dumping and that the SACU industry was suffering material injury. However, the Commission found that there are factors other than dumping causing injury and therefore detracting from the causal link between the dumping of the subject product and the material injury experienced by the SACU industry as reflected by the price disadvantage. The Commission, therefore, made a preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry to terminate the investigation.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 161 (preliminary determination).

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