

NOTICE 783 OF 2006

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****TERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF
POLYETHYLENETEREPHTHALATE (PET) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED
FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC), INDONESIA, AND
THAILAND: FINAL DETERMINATION**

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 (PRC), India, Indonesia, the Republic of 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 (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 that 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.

Questionnaires were sent to all known interested parties. One exporter, PT SK Keris from Indonesia, responded to the questionnaire together with a number of importers.

On the information provided, the Commission made a preliminary determination that dumping was taking place resulting in injury to the SACU industry and to impose provisional payments on Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) originating in or imported from Chinese Taipei, India and the Republic of Korea, which was published by Notice No. R933 in *Government Gazette* No, 28114 on 7 October 2005. On the same day the Commission also published the termination of the investigation against the PRC, Indonesia and Thailand since the imports were found to be negligible and since the exporter that responded, PT SK Keris from Indonesia, was found not to be dumping.

On 18 January 2006, during the final determination the Commission confirmed its decision taken in the preliminary determination and decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation into the dumping of PET exported or originating in the PRC, Thailand and Indonesia be terminate.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in the Commission's Report No 154.

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