

NOTICE 1042 OF 2006**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE INTERIM REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON WIRE ROPES IMPORTED FROM BRIDON INTERNATIONAL LTD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The International Trade Administration Commission (the Commission) received an application for the interim review of the anti-dumping duty on wire ropes imported from Bridon International Limited in the United Kingdom (UK) alleging that there has been significant change in circumstances to warrant the review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on exports of its subject product to the SACU market.

THE APPLICANT

The application was lodged by Bridon International Ltd (the Applicant), being the manufacturer of the subject product in the United Kingdom subject to the anti-dumping duty.

THE PRODUCT

The subject product allegedly being investigated is stranded wire, ropes and cables, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated, excluding brass plaited tyre reinforcing cord and conveyer belt cord classifiable under tariff subheadings 7312.10.25 and 7312.10.40. The ropes and cables are referred to as rope or wire rope that is either not plated, coated or clad (referred to as uncoated or ungalvanised), or is plated, coated or clad with zinc (referred to as coated or galvanised).

THE ALLEGATION OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES

The Applicant stated that it has brought the application for the interim review of the anti-dumping duties on the subject product because it believes that there are changed circumstances resulting from the following factors:

- that no dumping is presently taking place in respect of the imports of the subject products by the Applicant;
- that the SACU producer has reduced their production range of ropes (to the detriment of the SACU customers).

In substantiating the allegation that dumping is not taking place information for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 was submitted.

NORMAL VALUE

The applicant submitted *prima* facie information of its domestic sales of the 'industrial' and 'fishing' ropes and this will be used to calculate the normal values.

EXPORT PRICE

The applicant submitted *prima* facie information of its exports sales of the 'industrial' and 'fishing' ropes to SACU and this will be used to calculate the export price.

MARGIN OF DUMPING

Based on the *prima* facie normal value and export price information provided by the applicant an overall dumping margin of less than 2% was calculated.

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

Having decided that there is sufficient evidence and a *prima facie* case to justify the initiation of an investigation, the Commission has begun an investigation in terms of section 16 of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (the ITA Act). The Commission will conduct its investigation in accordance with the relevant sections of the ITA Act, the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (the Anti-Dumping Agreement) and the Anti-Dumping Regulations of the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ADR). Both the ITA Act and the ADR are available on the Commission's website (www.itac.org.za) or from the Trade Remedies section, on request.

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send non-confidential version of the application to the SACU manufacturer and known importers of the subject product in the SACU market. The trade representative of the exporting country has also been notified.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Please note that if any information is considered to be confidential then a non-confidential version of the information must be submitted for the public file, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version the following rules are strictly applicable and parties must indicate:

- X where confidential information has been omitted and the nature of such information;
- X reasons for such confidentiality;
- X a summary of the confidential information which permits a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and
- X in exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary, reasons must be submitted to this effect.

This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the Commission, which unless indicated to be confidential and filed together with a non-confidential version, will be placed on the public file and be made available to other interested parties.

If a party considers that any document of another party, on which that party is submitting representations, does not comply with the above rules and that such deficiency affects that party's ability to make meaningful representations, the details of the deficiency and the reasons why that party's rights are so affected must be submitted to the Commission in writing forthwith (and at the latest 14 days prior to the date on which that party's submission is due). Failure to do so timeously, will seriously hamper the proper administration of the investigation, and such party will not be able to subsequently claim an inability to make meaningful representations on the basis of the failure of such other party to meet the requirements.

Subsection 33(1) of the ITA Act provides that any person claiming confidentiality of information should identify whether such information is *confidential by nature* or is *otherwise confidential* and, any such claims must be supported by a written statement, in each case, setting out how the information satisfies the requirements of the claim to confidentiality. In the alternative, a sworn statement should be made setting out reasons why it is impossible to comply with these requirements.

Section 2.3 of the ADR provides as follows:

*"The following list indicates *information that is by nature confidential" as per section 33(1)(a) of the Main Act, read with section 36 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (Act 2 of 2000):*

- (a) management accounts;*
- (b) financial accounts of a private company;*
- (c) actual and individual sales prices;*
- (d) actual costs, including cost of production and importation cost;*
- (e) actual sales volumes;*
- (f) individual sales prices;*
- (g) information, the release of which could have serious consequences for the person that provided such information; and*
- (h) information that would be of significant competitive advantage to a competitor;.*

Provided that a party submitting such information indicates it to be confidential."

ADDRESS

The response to the questionnaire and any information regarding this matter and any arguments concerning the allegation of dumping and the resulting material injury must be submitted in writing to the following address:

Physical address

The Director: Trade Remedies
International Trade Administration Commission
The DTI Campus, Block E
77 Meintjies Street
Sunnyside
PRETORIA
SOUTH AFRICA

Postal address

The Director: Trade Remedies
Private Bag X753
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PROCEDURES AND TIME LIMITS

All responses, including non-confidential copies of the responses, should be received by the Director: Trade Remedies not later than 30 days from the date hereof, or from the date on which the letter accompanying the abovementioned questionnaire was received. The said letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after the day of its dispatch.

Late submissions will not be accepted except with the prior written consent of the Commission. The Commission will give due consideration to written requests for an extension of not more than 14 days on good cause shown (properly motivated and substantiated), if received prior to the expiry of the original 30-day period. Merely citing insufficient time is not an acceptable reason for extension. Please note that the Commission will not consider requests for extension by Embassies on behalf of exporters.

The information submitted by any party may need to be verified by the Investigating Officers in order for the Commission to take such information into consideration. The Commission may verify the information at the premises of the party submitting the information, within a short period after the submission of the information to the Commission. Parties should therefore ensure that the information submitted will subsequently be available for verification. It is planned to do the verification of the information submitted by the exporters within three to five weeks subsequent to submission of the information. This period will only be extended if it is not feasible for the Commission to do it within this time period or upon good cause shown, and with the prior written consent of the Commission, which should be requested at the time of the submission. It should be noted that unavailability of, or inconvenience to consultants will not be considered to be good cause. Parties should also ensure when they engage consultants that they will be available at the requisite times, to ensure compliance with the above time frames. Parties should also ensure that all the information requested in the applicable questionnaire is provided in the specified detail and format. The questionnaires are designed to ensure that the Commission is provided with all the information required to make a determination in accordance with the rules of Anti-Dumping Agreement. The Commission may therefore refuse to verify information that is incomplete or does not comply with the format in the questionnaire, unless the Commission has agreed in writing to a deviation from the required format. A failure to submit an adequate non-confidential version of the response that complies with the rules set out above under the heading Confidential Information will be regarded as an incomplete submission.

Parties who experienced difficulty in furnishing the information required, or submitting in the format required, are therefore urged to make written applications to the Commission at an early stage for permission to deviate from the questionnaire or provide the information in an alternative format that can satisfy the Commission's requirements. The Commission will give due consideration to such a request on good cause shown.

Any interested party may request an oral hearing at any stage of the investigation in accordance with Section 5 of the ADR, provided that the party indicates reasons for not

relying on written submission only. The Commission may refuse an oral hearing if granting such hearing will unduly delay the finalisation of a determination. Parties requesting an oral hearing shall provide the Commission with a detailed agenda for, and a detailed version, including a non-confidential version, of the information to be discussed at the oral hearing at the time of the request. Oral representations will be limited to one hour for SACU manufacturers and exporters and thirty minutes for importers.

If the required information and arguments are not received in a satisfactory form within the time limit specified above, or if verification of the information cannot take place, the Commission may disregard the information submitted and make a finding on the basis of the facts available to it.

Enquiries may be directed to the investigating officers, Mr Elias Tema at telephone (012) 394 3640 or Ms. Nomonde Somdaka at telephone number (012) 394 3737 or Ms. Regina Peta at telephone number (012) 394 3632 and Ms. Mary Motebang at (012) 394 3622.