

NOTICE 1350 OF 2006**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF STAINLESS
STEEL TUBES AND PIPES ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM CHINESE TAIPEI**

On 10 June 2005, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of stainless steel tubes and pipes originating in or imported from Chinese Taipei. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No.890 in *Government Gazette* No. 27641.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry by Barloworld Stainless (the Applicant), alleging that stainless steel tubes and pipes origination in or imported from Chinese Taipei were being dumped in the SACU market. Other SACU producers represented by the South African Stainless Steel Development Association (SASSDA) provided support for the application. The Commission was satisfied that there was a *prima facie* case of dumping, material injury and causal link.

Subsequent to the initiation, exporter questionnaires and importers questionnaire were sent to the various known interested parties for completion. Responses to the Commission's exporter questionnaire were received from three manufacturers of the subject product in Chinese Taipei.

The investigation was also initiated against the People's Republic of China (PRC), India and Malaysia but no responses were received from these countries. The investigation was therefore split between the responding country and the non-responding countries.

This notice will therefore exclude information in respect of the PRC, India and Malaysia.

After considering all parties' comments, the Commission, on 22 February 2006, made a preliminary determination that stainless steel tubes and pipes originating in or imported from Chinese Taipei were not being dumped on the SACU market. The Commission, therefore, decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation be terminated.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No.159 (preliminary report).

The Commission sent out "essential facts" letters to interested parties communicating the Commission's preliminary determination to terminate the investigation. Interested parties were invited to comment on the "essential facts" letters. These comments were considered by the Commission before making its final determination.

On 26 July 2006, after taking into consideration all parties' comments, the Commission made a final determination that stainless steel tubes and pipes originating in or imported from Chinese Taipei were not being dumped on the SACU market. The Commission recommended to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation be terminated.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are contained in the Commission's Report No. 187 (final report).

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