

NOTICE 89 OF 2009**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATION
ON STAINLESS STEEL SINKS ORIGINATING OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

On 25 July 2008, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission), formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping and subsidisation of stainless steel sinks originating from the People's Republic of China and Malaysia. The application was lodged by Franke Kitchen Systems (Pty) Ltd being the major producer of the subject product in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). The applicant alleged that the dumped and subsidised imports were causing material injury to the SACU industry.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that the applicant submitted *prima facie* evidence indicating that dumped and subsidised imports from the People's Republic of China and Malaysia were causing material injury to the SACU industry. The notice of initiation was published on 25 July 2008 through notice 907 of 2008.

On 17 October 2008 Franke Kitchen Systems (Pty) Ltd withdrew its application related to the alleged subsidised imports from the People's Republic of China. Having considered the applicant's withdrawal, the Commission has terminated this part of the investigation and no preliminary or final findings will be made on the allegation of subsidised imports from the People's Republic of China.

Please note that investigation on alleged dumping and subsidisation of stainless steel kitchen sinks against Malaysia and alleged dumping against the People's Republic of China is continuing.

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