

NOTICE 50 OF 2013

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED
DUMPING OF SCREW STUDDING (RODS THREADED THROUGHOUT) OF
STEEL AND STAINLESS STEEL (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THREADED
RODS) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA**

On 23 September 2011, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of screw studding (rods threaded throughout) of steel and stainless steel (commonly known as threaded rods) originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No.647 of *Government Gazette* No. 34612 dated 23 September 2011.

The application was lodged by the South African Fasteners Manufacturers Association (SAFMA) on behalf of the major producers of the subject products in the SACU, which claimed that the allegedly dumped imports are causing it material injury.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that the subject products were being imported at dumped prices, and is threatening to cause material injury to the SACU industry.

On initiation of the investigation, the known foreign producers of the subject product in the PRC were sent foreign manufacturer/exporter questionnaires to complete. Importers of the subject products were also sent questionnaires to complete.

After considering all parties' comments and after verification of the information submitted, the Commission made a preliminary determination that the subject products were not being dumped onto the SACU market. The Commission therefore made a preliminary determination that although the SACU industry was experiencing material injury and a threat of material injury, this injury could not be causally linked to dumping, as no dumping was taking place.

The Commission's preliminary determination was published on 6 July 2012. Comments submitted by interested parties on the preliminary determination and the Commission's essential facts letters, within the specified time periods, were taken into consideration by the Commission prior to making its final determination to confirm its preliminary determination.

Based on this, the Commission made a final determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry to terminate the investigation. The Minister approved the Commission's recommendations. The Commission's detailed reasons for its final determination are set out in Commission Report No. 420 (final determination report).

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