

NOTICE 1287 OF 2005**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA****TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF REFINED SUNFLOWER OIL ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL: PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of refined sunflower oil originating in or imported from the Argentine Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil through Notice No. 889 of *Government Gazette* No. 27641 published on 10 June 2005.

The application was lodged by the South African Oil Processors Association (SAOPA) on behalf of its members which include Epko Oil Seed Crushing (Pty) Ltd and Nola Foods (Pty) Ltd, who are manufacturers of the subject product in the SACU. The Applicant alleged that the subject product was being dumped into the SACU market, causing material injury to the SACU industry.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that the subject product was being imported at dumped prices, causing material injury.

On initiation of the investigation, the known producers and exporters of the subject products in Argentina and Brazil were sent foreign manufacturers/exporters questionnaires to complete. Importers of the subject product were also sent questionnaires to complete.

On 4 August 2005 the Applicant requested that the description of subject product in the investigation should be amended to read: "refined sunflower oil, packed and bottled in 210 litres drums and below.

The South African Revenue Services (SARS) was requested to comment on the description of the subject product and it was suggested that the description of the subject product be amended to read: " Sunflower oil seed oil (*Helianthus annuus*) and fractions thereof, not chemically modified, in containers holding 210 litres or less (excluding crude oil and safflower oil (*Carthamus tinctorius*) or fractions thereof)".

Based on this information, the Commission, on 16 November 2005, decided to amend the scope of the investigation as above.

The Commission further made a preliminary determination to recommended to the Minister of Trade and Industry that:

- (1) as there were no imports of the subject product originating in or imported from Brazil during the period of investigation, the investigation into the alleged dumping of refined sunflower oil originating in or imported from Brazil be terminated.
- (2) although dumping and injury were found, there were factors sufficiently detracting from the causal link between the dumping and the injury suffered by the Applicant, the investigation into the alleged dumping of refined sunflower originating in or imported from Argentina, be terminated.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission's Report No.147 (preliminary report).

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