
GENERAL NOTICES ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

NOTICE 60 OF 2007

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF CHOPPED STRAND MATS ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM BRAZIL

On 12 May 2006, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil and the People's Republic of China. Notice of initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No.608 in Government Gazette No.28798 dated 12 May 2006.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application by Owens Corning SA Pty Ltd (Applicant), alleging that chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil and the PRC were imported into the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) at dumped prices and the Commission was satisfied that there was a *prima facie* case of dumping, material injury, and or threat of material injury and causal link.

Subsequent to initiation, exporters and importers questionnaires were sent to various known interested parties for completion.

On 19 September 2006, the Commission received a letter from International Trade Services (ITS) on behalf of the Applicant requesting that the investigation against Brazil be terminated. The Applicant indicated in its letter that Owens Corning SA (Applicant) and Saint-Gobain Vidros SA-Divisao Vertrotex (the exporter) in Brazil are in discussions to merge as partners.

The Commission, therefore, decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry to terminate the investigation into the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 203 (Final determination).

Enquiries may be directed to the investigating officers, Mr Elias Tema at telephone (012) 394 3640, Mrs Porcia Makgopela at telephone at (012) 394 3630 or Mrs Dothodzo Kgomotso at telephone (012) 394 3671 or at fax (012) 395 0518.

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STATISTICS SOUTH AFRICA

THE HEAD: STATISTICS SOUTH AFRICA notifies for general information that the Consumer Price Index is as follows:

Consumer Price Index, all items (Base 2 000 = 100)

December 2006: 137.0

(2 February 2007)
