

NOTICE 627 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 THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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 the People's Republic of China (PRC). 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 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 causal link.

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

After considering all information and parties' comments, the Commission made a preliminary determination that dumping of the subject product originating in or imported from the PRC is taking place, that the SACU industry was suffering material injury, but there are other factors detracting from the causal link between the dumping of the subject products and the injury.

The Commission's preliminary report was sent to all interested parties for comments. No responses were received by the set deadline of 02 January 2007.

The essential facts letters were subsequently sent to all interested parties for comments. No responses were received by the set deadline of 12 February 2007.

The Commission made a final determination that dumping of the subject product originating in or imported from the PRC is taking place, that the SACU industry was suffering material injury, but there are other factors detracting from the causal link between the dumping of the subject products and the injury.

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 the PRC.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 231 (Final determination).

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