

**NOTICE 1173 OF 2007**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED  
DUMPING OF CITRIC ACID ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED  
FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: PRELIMINARY  
DETERMINATION**

On 23 February 2007, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of citric acid originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Notice of initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 194 of 2007 of *Government Gazette* No. 29636 dated 23 February 2007.

The Application was lodged on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry by Isegen South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Isegen), being the sole manufacturer of malic acid in SACU, which claimed that dumped imports were causing it material injury.

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

Upon initiation of the investigation, known producers and exporters of the subject product in the PRC were sent foreign manufacturers/ exporters questionnaires to complete. Importers of the subject product were also sent questionnaires to complete.

The Commission made a preliminary determination that citric acid originating in or imported from the PRC, and malic acid manufactured locally by the applicant,

are not like products for purposes of comparison, in terms of section 2.6 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement. Based on the above, the Commission made a preliminary determination to terminate the investigation.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 246.

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