

NOTICE 670 OF 2002**BOARD ON TARIFFS AND TRADE****NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF A REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON PVC PILCHES ORIGINATING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND EXPORTED THEREFROM AND HONG KONG**

In accordance with the provisions in Article 11.3, read together with Article 18.3.2 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, any definitive anti-dumping duty shall be terminated on a date not later than five years from the date of entry into force of the said Agreement, that is on 24 January 2002, unless the authorities determine, in a review initiated before that date on their own initiative that the expiry of the duty would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

On 6 July 2001, the Board on Tariffs and Trade (the Board) notified all interested parties, that unless a request is made by or on behalf of the domestic industry for the duty to be reviewed prior to the expiry thereof, the following anti-dumping duty will expire during 2002;

Tariff subheading	Description	Imported from or originating in	Duty
3926.20.90	PVC pilches	PRC, HONG KONG	43%

In order to obtain the information it deemed necessary for its investigation, the Board send a review questionnaire to the known manufacturer in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) of the subject product. The manufacturer was requested to submit sufficient information to indicate that the expiry of the duty would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury.

The Board indicated in its notice that failure by manufacturers of a particular product to submit such information or sufficient information, would result in the termination of the current anti-dumping duty.

Two manufacturers of the subject product in the SACU responded to the review of the anti-dumping duty currently in place on the subject product originating in the People's Republic of China and exported therefrom and Hong Kong. Deficiency letters were sent to them but deficient responses were received.

The Board therefore recommended to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the current anti-dumping duty on the product originating in the People's Republic of China and exported therefrom and Hong Kong be terminated. The recommendation was approved by the Minister of Trade and Industry, and the Minister of Finance has been requested to remove the duty.

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