

NOTICE 326 OF 2008

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

**TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE INTERIM
REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON STRANDED WIRE
ROPES OF IRON OR STEEL, NOT ELECTRICALLY INSULATED
(WIRE ROPES) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM
BRIDON INTERNATIONAL LTD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM: FINAL
DETERMINATION**

On 4 August 2006, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an interim review into the anti-dumping duties on wire ropes imported from Bridon International in the United Kingdom (UK). Notice of the initiation of the review was published in Notice No. 1042 of *Government Gazette* No. 29078 dated 4 August 2006.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application by Bridon International Ltd (the Applicant), being the manufacturer of the subject product in the exporting country, the United Kingdom. The Applicant alleged that there has been significant change in circumstances to warrant the review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on its exports of wire ropes classifiable under tariff subheadings 7312.10.25 and 7312.10.40, to the SACU market due to the following factors:

- That the SACU producer has reduced their production range of ropes (to the detriment of the SACU customers); and
- That no dumping is presently taking place in respect of the imports of various types of ropes into the SACU area.

In this investigation the Commission did not address causal link but rather investigated two pertinent issues, namely the alleged non-dumping of the exported subject products by the Applicant and the alleged reduction of the product range by the SACU manufacturer.

Subsequent to initiation, the non-confidential version of the relevant application was forwarded to the SACU manufacturer of the subject product interested parties and comments on the application were subsequently received on 16 September 2006. The information submitted by the Applicant in support of its application and that submitted by the importers of the subject product was verified on 3 to 6 September 2006 and 29 September 2006, respectively. The response submitted by the SACU manufacturer of the subject product was verified on 26 and 31 October 2006 and on 01 November 2006.

After considering all parties' comments in its meeting of 27 January 2007, the Commission made a final determination that the interim review be terminated. The essential facts letter was sent to interested parties on 07 February 2007.

The non-confidential versions of the comments on the essential facts letter were subsequently placed on the public file.

At its meeting of 26 April 2007, the Commission considered the comments to the essential facts letter and made a final determination that;

- The SACU industry did not reduce its product range as alleged by the Applicant and
- Although the Applicant did not dump the subject product classifiable under tariff subheading 7312.10.40, it could not prove whether the product classifiable under tariff subheading 7312.10.25 was dumped or not, as there were no exports of the subject product to SACU during the investigation period.

The Commission, therefore, decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry, to terminate the relevant interim review.

The Minister approved the Commission's recommendation on 04 July 2007.

The Commission's detailed reasons for its decision are set out in Commission Report No. 236 (Final determination).

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