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OF CHINA (CHINA)

1. On 1 July 2013, Fine Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Fine Chemicals), the sole
producer of acetaminophenol in the Southern African Customs Union
(SACU), ceased production thereof.

2. Following an investigation by the International Trade Administration
Commission of South Africa (the Commission), the anti-dumping duties on
acetaminophenol originating in or imported from the USA and China were
imposed on 18 June 1999. The date of expiry of the anti-dumping duties is
03 March 2016. The anti-dumping duties applicable are as follows:

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<th>Tariff Heading</th>
<th>ORGANIC CHEMICALS</th>
<th>Imported from or originating in</th>
<th>Rate of duty</th>
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<td>2924.29</td>
<td>Acetaminophenol (excluding that manufactured by Anqui Lu’an Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd)</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>2.573c/kg</td>
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<td>2922.29</td>
<td>Acetaminophenol</td>
<td>United States of America</td>
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3. On 25 March 2013, the Commission received a request from an exporter of
the subject product from the USA to withdraw the applicable anti-dumping
duties. The basis for the request was that Fine Chemicals, the only
manufacturer of the subject product in the SACU, would cease production
of acetaminophenol.
4. The exporter attached a letter dated 20 September 2012, which was sent from Fine Chemicals to all its clients stating that it had decided to discontinue the manufacture of acetaminophenol. The company announced that it had decided to manufacture material to cover clients' needs for the next two years in order to give them opportunities to obtain replacement supplier. It has requested them to forward purchase orders for each grade of acetaminophenol they require for that two year period. It further requested clients to place their orders before the end of September 2012 so that they could plan their production until June 2013 after which they will discontinue to produce acetaminophenol.

5. On 26 March 2013 the Commission sent a letter to Fine Chemicals requesting it to confirm whether or not it will continue to manufacture acetaminophenol.

6. A response was received from Fine Chemicals on 25 April 2013 stating that it will cease the manufacture of acetaminophenol with effect from 1 July 2013. At this point in time, there will be no longer a producer of acetaminophenol in SACU.

RECOMMENDATION

7. In light of the foregoing, the Commission decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duties on acetaminophenol, originating in or imported from the USA and China, be terminated with effect from the date of the publication in the Government Gazette.