

## **Report No. 203**

# **Termination of the investigation into the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil**

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its  
Report No. 203: TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
ALLEGED DUMPING OF CHOPPED STRAND MATS ORIGINATING IN OR  
IMPORTED FROM BRAZIL



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# **INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF CHOPPED STRAND MATS ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM BRAZIL**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. On 10 November 2005, Owens Corning SA (Pty) Ltd (Applicant), the only manufacturer of chopped strand mats in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) lodged an application for remedial action against the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil and the PRC with the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Commission).
2. On 26 April 2006, the Commission considered the merits of the application and decided that the Applicant submitted a *prima facie* case of dumping, material injury and/or threat of material injury and causal link. The Commission, therefore, decided to formally initiate an investigation into the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil and the PRC through publication of an initiation notice in the *Government Gazette* for further investigation.
3. The investigation was initiated pursuant to Notice No. 608 published in Government Gazette No. 28798 on 12 May 2006. All known interested parties, including trade representatives of the respective countries were notified and provided with copies of the notice, importers and exporters questionnaires and non-confidential applications for comments.

## **DISCUSSION**

4. On 19 September 2006, the Commission received a letter from International Trade Services (ITS) on behalf of the Applicant requesting that the investigation against Brazil be terminated. The Applicant indicated in its letter that Owens Corning SA (Applicant) and Saint-Gobain Vidros SA-Divisao Vertrotex (the exporter) in Brazil are in discussions to merge as partners.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

5. The Commission considered the request and decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation into the alleged dumping of chopped strand mats originating in or imported from Brazil, be terminated.