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Sunset review of the anti-dumping duty on strip of polytetrafluoroethylene, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, suitable for use as thread-sealing tape (ptfe tape) originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China
The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report No. 198: SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON STRIP OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE, NON-CELLULAR AND NOT REINFORCED, LAMINATED, SUPPORTED OR SIMILARLY COMBINED WITH OTHER MATERIALS, SUITABLE FOR USE AS THREAD-SEALING TAPE (PTFE TAPE) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 11.3 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on the 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 imposition, unless the authorities determine, in a review initiated before that date on their own initiative or upon a duly substantiated request made by or on behalf of the domestic industry within a reasonable period of time prior to that date, that the expiry of the duty would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

2. On 26 May 2006, the Commission notified all interested parties, through Notice No. 673 of Government Gazette No. 28847, that unless a request is made by or on behalf of the SACU industry for the duty to be reviewed prior to the expiry thereof, the anti-dumping duty applicable to strip of polytetrafluoroethylene, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, suitable for use as thread-sealing tape (PTFE tape) originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China, will expire on 22 February 2007.

3. The trade representatives of the countries involved were notified and provided with a copy of the Government Gazette notice.
4. All known manufacturers were invited to submit information before 22 August 2006, indicating that the expiry of the anti-dumping duties is likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. No response was received regarding strip of polytetrafluoroethylene, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, suitable for use as thread-sealing tape (PTFE tape) originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China.

RECOMMENDATION:

5. The Commission therefore, decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duty on strip of polytetrafluoroethylene, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials, suitable for use as thread-sealing tape (PTFE tape), originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China be withdrawn on the date of the five year expiry of the duty, that is 22 February 2007.