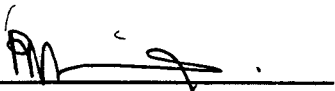


Report No. 140

Investigation into the alleged dumping of fibre glass chopped strand mats originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Chinese Taipei: Final determination

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa herewith
presents its **Report No 140. INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED
DUMPING OF FIBRE GLASS CHOPPED STRAND MATS ORIGINATING
IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)
AND CHINESE TAIPEI: FINAL DETERMINATION**



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On 14 November 2003 the Commission formally initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of fibre glass chopped strand mats and rovings originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei. The application was lodged on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry by Owens Corning Limited, which claimed that the alleged dumped imports were causing it material injury. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 3285 of *Government Gazette* No. 25690 dated 14 November 2003.

The Applicant informed the Commission on 23 February 2004 that it had decided to shut down the furnace that produced fibre glass rovings. The Applicant requested the Commission to terminate the investigation on fibre glass rovings and that the investigation on fibre glass chopped strand mats be continued with as the Applicant continued manufacturing the fibre glass chopped strand mats. Notice of the termination of the investigation on fibre glass rovings originating in or imported from the PRC and Chinese Taipei was published in Notice No. 830 of *Government Gazette* No. 26344 dated 21 May 2004.

After considering all the interested parties comments, the Commission made a preliminary determination that the fibre glass chopped strand mats originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei were being dumped into the SACU market, causing material injury to the SACU industry. As the Commission considered that the SACU industry would continue to suffer material injury during the course of the investigation if provisional payments were not imposed, it decided to request the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service to impose provisional payments for a period of twenty six weeks.

The Commission published on 11 February 2005 its preliminary Report No.87, which was sent to all the interested parties for comments in order for the Commission to consider its final determination.

The Commission at its meeting of 07 September 2005 took note that the investigation was initiated on 14 November 2003. Therefore, the 18 months period to complete the investigation has been exceeded.

The Commission in making its determination, referred to Section 20 of the International Trade Administration Commission Anti-Dumping Regulations which states that:

“ All investigations and reviews shall be finalized within 18 months after initiation”.

In light of the foregoing, the Commission made a final determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the investigation into the alleged dumping of fibre glass chopped strand mats originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei be terminated.