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Sunset review of the anti-dumping duties on acrylic blankets originating in or imported from India, Hong Kong and the Republic of Korea: Termination of the anti-dumping duties
The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report No. 67: SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON ACRYLIC BLANKETS ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM INDIA, HONG KONG AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Termination of the anti-dumping duties

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1. In accordance with the provisions in Article 11.3 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on 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 continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

2. On 30 May 2003, the Commission notified all interested parties, through Notice No. 1560 of Government Gazette No. 24893, that unless a request was made by or on behalf of the domestic industry for the duty to be reviewed prior to the expiry thereof, the anti-dumping duties on blankets of acrylic fibres (excluding electric blankets), originating in or imported from India, Hong Kong and the Republic of Korea, and classifiable under tariff subheadings 6301.40 and 6301.90, would expire on 18 June 2004.

3. The trade representatives of the countries concerned were notified and provided with a copy of the notice, which was published in the Government Gazette.

4. All known manufacturers of the subject products in the SACU, as well as the representative organisations were notified and informed that, unless a request to review the anti-dumping duties was made by or on behalf of the domestic industry before 30 June 2003, the Commission would recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the duties be terminated on the date of expiry during 2004.

5. Known interested parties were also informed that should a request be submitted before 30 June 2003, that duly substantiating information, as per the Commission’s Application Sunset Review Questionnaire, should be submitted to the Commission by a certain specified date.
6. On 2 June 2004, the Commission, found that no proper request for the sunset review of the anti-dumping duties imposed on the importation of blankets of acrylic fibres, originating in or imported from India, Hong Kong and the Republic of Korea was received from the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION:

7. The Commission, therefore, decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duties on blankets of acrylic fibres originating in or imported from India, Hong Kong and the Republic of Korea, and classifiable under tariff subheadings 6301.40 and 6301.90, be withdrawn retrospectively from 18 June 2004. The anti-dumping duties were initially imposed on 18 June 1999.