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BOARD ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF ALUMINIUM HOLLOWWARE IMPORTED FROM OR ORIGINATING IN ZIMBABWE, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HONG KONG

The Board on Tariffs and Trade received a petition alleging that aluminium hollowware, imported from or originating in Zimbabwe, is the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong being dumped on the South African market, causing material injury to the South African industry concerned.

Petitioner

The petition was lodged by Handler & Hart, which is the biggest manufacturer of aluminium hollowware in the Republic of South Africa. The petitioner alleges that it is unable to compete with the low prices of the imported products and is therefore suffering material injury. The petitioner submitted sufficient evidence to justify an investigation of the allegation.

Products

The products allegedly being dumped are aluminium hollowware, classifiable under tariff subheading 7615.10.20, imported from or originating in Zimbabwe, the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong.

Allegation of dumping

Zimbabwe

The allegation of dumping is based on a comparison between a price list in Zimbabwe and the f.o.b. prices for export to South Africa of like products. On this basis the estimated dumping margin is significant.

The People's Republic of China and Hong Kong

The allegation of dumping is based on a comparison between the normal

value of a third country (Zimbabwe), and the calculated f.o.b. prices for export to South Africa of like products. On this basis, the estimated dumping margin is significant.

Allegation of material injury

With regard to material injury the petitioner alleges, and has submitted sufficient evidence, that the imports in question are suppressing its selling prices. It is further alleged that the prices at which these imports are sold in South Africa are significantly undercutting the already suppressed prices of the South African producer, resulting in depressed profit margins.

Procedure

Having decided that there is sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of an investigation, the Board has begun an investigation in terms of section 4 of the Board on Tariffs and Trade Act, 1986. Interested parties may submit their views by completing the relevant questionnaire (of which copies are obtainable at the Offices of the Board) and by providing supporting evidence. Parties who wish to discuss this matter should contact the Investigating Officer.

Time-limit

Any information regarding this matter and any arguments concerning the allegation of dumping and the resulting material injury, must be submitted in writing and must reach the Chairman, Board on Tariffs and Trade, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, not later than 30 days following the publication of this notice or, in the case of parties known to be interested, 30 days following the date on which the letter accompanying the above-mentioned questionnaire was received. The said letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after the date of the letter.

If the required information and arguments are not received in a satisfactory form within the time-limit specified above, the Board may make provisional or final findings on the basis of the facts available to it.

Enquiries may be directed to the Investigating Officers, Mr F. C. Dubbelman, at telephone (012) 310-9816, and Dr J. Nyalunga, at telephone (012) 310-9818.

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