

**NOTICE 1014 OF 2006**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**TERMINATION OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED CIRCUMVENTION OF  
THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTY OF FLAT ROLLED PRODUCTS OF IRON OR NON-  
ALLOY STEEL, PAINTED VARNISHED OR COATED WITH PLASTIC (COLOUR  
COATED STEEL PRODUCTS) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM  
AUSTRALIA, THROUGH IMPORTS FROM MALAYSIA**

On 15 June 2005, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Commission) formally initiated an investigation into the alleged circumvention (country hopping) of the dumping duty of colour coated steel products originating in or imported from Australia through imports from Malaysia. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No.946 in *Government Gazette* No. 27685.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application by Mittal steel SA Ltd (Applicant), alleging that colour coated steel origination in or imported from Australia was circumventing the anti-dumping duty through imports from Malaysia into the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) at alleged dumped prices. The Commission was satisfied that there was *prima facie* case of circumvention, dumping, material injury and causal link.

Subsequent to initiation exporter questionnaire and importers questionnaires were sent to the various known interested parties for completion.

The Commission sent out "essential facts" letters to interested parties on 16 November 2005, communicating the Commission's preliminary determination to terminate the investigation, as it was found that the applicant suffered no price disadvantage. Interested parties were invited to comment on the "essential facts" letters and the Commission considered all comments received before making its final determination.

After considering all parties' comments and representations in respect of the preliminary findings on 30 May 2006 as contained in the essential facts letter, the Commission made a final determination to recommend to the Minister that the investigation be terminated. The recommendations are contained in the Commission's Report No. 167.

On 15 July 2006 the Minister approved the Commission's recommendation that the investigation of the circumvention of the dumping duty on flat rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, clad, plated, or coated: painted or varnished with plastic originating in or imported from Australia, through imports from Malaysia, be terminated.

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