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## GENERAL NOTICE

### NOTICE 1015 OF 1998

#### BOARD ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

#### NOTICE OF INITIATION OF A REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTY IMPOSED ON CLEAR FLOAT GLASS IN SHEETS IMPORTED FROM OR ORIGINATING IN SINGAPORE AND THAILAND

On 12 November 1993 an anti-dumping duty on clear float glass, in sheets, of a thickness exceeding 2,5 mm but not exceeding 3 mm (excluding optical glass), imported from or originating in Singapore and Thailand was imposed by Government Notice No. R. 2131 in *Government Gazette* No. 15253.

In terms of Article 11.3, read together with Article 18.3.2 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (the Anti-Dumping Agreement), to which South Africa is a signatory, the definitive anti-dumping duty shall be terminated on a date not later than five years from the date of entry into force for South Africa of the said Agreement, unless a revision of the duty is initiated before that date. As South Africa is a founding member of the World Trade Organisation, the date of implementation for South Africa is 1 January 1995. The review proceedings having therefore to be initiated by 31 December 1999.

Considering that the Board has initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of clear float glass and sheet glass originating in India, Israel and the People's Republic of China (or originating in the People's Republic of China and imported from Hong Kong) by Notice No. 934 published in *Government Gazette* No. 18966 of 5 June 1998, and that this investigation will to a large extent overlap with matters that will have to be covered by a review in 1999, the Board decided to initiate a review of the anti-dumping duty imposed against Singapore and Thailand. This investigation will therefore run concurrently with the investigation against the alleged dumping of clear float and sheet glass originating in India, Israel and the People's Republic of China (or originating in the People's Republic of China and imported from Hong Kong).

***The product and anti-dumping duties***

The products that form the subject of the review are clear float glass, in sheets, exceeding 2,5 mm but not exceeding 3 mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 7005.29, imported from or originating in Singapore and Thailand. The respective anti-dumping duties were:

- (i) Thailand — R0,76/m<sup>2</sup>, and
- (ii) Singapore — R0,78/m<sup>2</sup>

***Procedure***

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its review, the Board will send questionnaires to the local producer, all known importers and exporters, and known representative associations. The trade representatives of the exporting countries have been notified. Importers, exporters and interested parties are invited to contact the Board as soon as possible in order to determine whether they have been listed and sent a questionnaire. If not, they should request a copy of the questionnaire as soon as possible. The questionnaire has to be completed, and any other representations must be made, within the time limit set out below.

The Board will conduct its review in accordance with the Board on Tariffs and Trade Act, 1986 and the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of article VI of the GATT 1994 (the Anti-Dumping Agreement).

***Time limit***

The response to the questionnaire and any information regarding this matter and any arguments concerning the dumping and/or the material injury and/or the causality thereof must be submitted in writing to the following address:

**Physical address:**

The Director: Dumping Investigations  
Room 1601  
Fedlife Building  
Corner of Church and Prinsloo Streets  
PRETORIA  
0002 South Africa

**Postal address:**

The Director: Dumping Investigations  
Private Bag X753  
PRETORIA  
0001 South Africa

All responses, *including non-confidential versions of the responses*, should be received by the Director: Dumping Investigations not later than 30 days following the date of 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 its dispatch.

It should be noted that the review process is complex and the Board is subject to strict time limits within which to complete the investigation. Late submissions will therefore not be accepted except with the prior written consent of the Board. The Board will give due consideration to written requests for an extension of not more than 14 days on good cause shown, if received prior to the expiry of the original 30-day period.

The information submitted by any party may need to be verified by the investigating officers in order for the Board to take such information into consideration. The Board may verify the information at the premises of the party submitting the information, within a short period after the submission of the information to the Board. Parties should therefore ensure that the information submitted will subsequently be available for verification. Parties should also ensure that all the information requested in the questionnaire is provided and in the specified detail and format. The questionnaires are designed to ensure that the Board is provided with all the information required to make a determination in accordance with the rules of Anti-Dumping Agreement. The Board may therefore refuse to verify information that is incomplete or does not comply with the format in the questionnaire, unless the Board has agreed in writing to a deviation from the required format. Parties that experience difficulty in furnishing the information required, or in the format required, are therefore urged to make written applications to the Board at an early stage for permission to deviate from the questionnaire or provide the information in an alternative format that can satisfy the Board's requirements. The Board will give due consideration to such a request only on good cause shown.

If the required information and arguments are not received in a satisfactory form within the time limit specified above, or if verification of the information cannot take place, the Board may disregard such information and 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 Mr T. P. Botha at telephone (012) 310-9618.**