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Department of Trade, Industry and Competition

NOTICE 3225 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA**EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF ITAC'S SELF-INITIATED INVESTIGATION FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ALTERNATE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON VARIOUS FOOTWEAR PRODUCTS CLASSIFIABLE UNDER CHAPTER 64**

The International Trade Administration Commission ('ITAC' or the 'Commission') self-initiated an investigation for an increase in the alternate rate of customs duty on various footwear products classifiable under Chapter 64 in terms of Section 16(1)(d)(ii) of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002, read together with Regulation 17(3) of the Amended Tariff Investigations Regulations. The self-initiated investigation was published in the Government Gazette Publication Notice number 2845 of 2024.

Subsequently, the domestic safety footwear industry noted that only 4 of the 27 tariff lines under review relate to safety footwear. In this regard, the industry requested the inclusion of tariff subheadings 6401.10, 6401.99.10, 6401.99.90, 6403.40 and 6403.99.40 into the current review as well as considering the implementation of a uniform combination duty structure with a specific duty of R50 per pair. The industry stated, amongst others, that the expansion of the scope would ensure effective protection against similarly low-priced imports of safety footwear. Furthermore, the Commission is also requesting comment on instances where there may be the possibility that this proposed level of a specific duty of R50 per pair on the relevant safety footwear tariff subheadings, may exceed the current WTO bound rate of 30% *ad valorem*.

Entity:**The International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)**

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Note: Comments must be provided in the format of a questionnaire obtainable on ITAC's website at www.itac.org.za, link: **Services - Tariff investigations - Government Gazette Notices – Other publication notices**

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Representation should be submitted to the above ITAC officials within **two (2) weeks** of the date of this notice.