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1. GrafTech South Africa (Pty) Ltd, the only graphite electrodes producer in the SACU applied for anti-dumping duties on graphite electrodes for use in furnaces, originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (China) and India.
2. On 22 November 2013, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of graphite electrodes for use in furnaces, originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (China) and India, pursuant to Notice No. 1128 of 2013 in *Government Gazette* No. 37037.
3. The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that the subject product was being imported at dumped prices, causing material injury to the SACU industry and that there was a causal link between dumped imports and material injury.
4. All known importers and exporters of the subject product, as well as the trade representatives of the countries concerned were informed of the initiation of the investigation and provided with a copy of the *Government Gazette*, together with the non-confidential application of the Applicant.

5. On 06 February 2014, a letter was received from the Applicant informing the Commission that it had decided to cease its operations and requested that the anti-dumping investigation on graphite electrodes for use in furnaces, originating in or imported from China and India be terminated. The Applicant stated that the consultation process held with its stakeholders did not provide any viable solution to the full closure of GrafTech South Africa's Meyerton facility and also cited rising energy costs and rapidly growing imports of graphite electrodes at extremely low prices primarily from China and India as the reason for terminating all stages of production in the SACU market.

RECOMMENDATION

In light of the foregoing, the Commission decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping investigation into the alleged dumping of graphite electrodes for use in furnaces, originating in or imported from China and India be terminated.