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1. On 1 July 2013, Fine Chemicals (Pty) Ltd (Fine Chemicals), the sole producer of acetaminophenol in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), ceased production thereof.
2. Following an investigation by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission), the anti-dumping duties on acetaminophenol originating in or imported from the USA and China were imposed on 18 June 1999. The date of expiry of the anti-dumping duties is 03 March 2016. The anti-dumping duties applicable are as follows:

Tariff Heading	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	Imported from or originating in	Rate of duty
2924.29	Acetaminophenol (excluding that manufactured by Anqui Lu'an Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd)	China	2 573c/kg
2922.29	Acetaminophenol	United States of America	2 371c/kg

3. On 25 March 2013, the Commission received a request from an exporter of the subject product from the USA to withdraw the applicable anti-dumping duties. The basis for the request was that Fine Chemicals, the only manufacturer of the subject product in the SACU, would cease production of acetaminophenol.

4. The exporter attached a letter dated 20 September 2012, which was sent from Fine Chemicals to all its clients stating that it had decided to discontinue the manufacture of acetaminophen. The company announced that it had decided to manufacture material to cover clients' needs for the next two years in order to give them opportunities to obtain replacement supplier. It has requested them to forward purchase orders for each grade of acetaminophen they require for that two year period. It further requested clients to place their orders before the end of September 2012 so that they could plan their production until June 2013 after which they will discontinue to produce acetaminophen.
5. On 26 March 2013 the Commission sent a letter to Fine Chemicals requesting it to confirm whether or not it will continue to manufacture acetaminophen.
6. A response was received from Fine Chemicals on 25 April 2013 stating that it will cease the manufacture of acetaminophen with effect from 1 July 2013. At this point in time, there will be no longer a producer of acetaminophen in SACU.

RECOMMENDATION

7. In light of the foregoing, the Commission decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duties on acetaminophen, originating in or imported from the USA and China, be terminated with effect from the date of the publication in the *Government Gazette*.