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The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa herewith presents its Report No. 348: Exclusion of bolts fitted with base metal expansion sleeves from the existing anti-dumping duties applicable on bolts and nuts originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China (PRC).

  
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1. An investigation into the alleged dumping of bolts and nuts originating in or imported from the PRC and Chinese Taipei was first initiated on 24 July 1998 and definitive anti-dumping duties were imposed on 18 June 1999 on these products with retrospective effect from 5 February 1999.
2. These anti-dumping duties have since been reviewed in a sunset review and are currently still in place. On 28 May 2010, a further sunset review on bolts and nuts from iron or steel originating in or imported from the PRC was initiated by the Commission, and while the investigation is continuing, the duties remain in place. However, the anti-dumping duties on bolts and nuts from Chinese Taipei were revoked with retrospective effect from 2 June 2010, as no *prima facie* information to show the likelihood of recurrence or continuation of dumping originating in or imported from Chinese Taipei, was submitted.
3. The full description of the anti-dumping duties on bolts and nuts currently in place is as follows:

Tariff Heading	Description	Imported from	Rate of the anti-dumping duty
7318.15	Bolts, of iron or steel, with hexagon heads (excluding bolts of stainless steel and bolts identifiable for use solely or principally on aircraft), of a width of 6 mm or more but not exceeding 36 mm and a length of 10 mm or more but not exceeding 400 mm, whether or not with their nuts and washers	People's Republic of China	29%

4. An application was received from Import Solutions, on behalf of its clients, SA-Fix (Pty) Ltd and Springlok Fasteners CC, to exclude bolts fitted with base metal expansion sleeves from the existing anti-dumping duties.
5. The South African Fasteners Manufacturers Association (SAFMA) on behalf of the SACU manufacturers of the domestic products, being the like products to those subject to the anti-dumping duties, indicated that they had no objection to the exclusion of bolts fitted with base metal expansion sleeves from the description of the products subject to the anti-dumping duties and agreed with the proposed new wording recommended below.
6. The Commission found that the expansion bolts in question are not manufactured locally and therefore decided to recommend that the tariff description of the products subject to the anti-dumping duty of 29% be amended, as follows:

“Bolts, of iron or steel, with hexagon heads (excluding bolts of stainless steel, bolts fitted with base metal expansion sleeves and bolts identifiable for use solely or principally on aircraft), of a width of 6 mm or more but not

exceeding 36 mm and a length of 10 mm or more but not exceeding 400 mm, whether or not with their nuts and washers”.

7. Import Solutions requested that the anti-dumping duties on expansion bolts be excluded with retrospective effect. However, the Commission found that the exclusion of the expansion bolts with retrospective effect would not be practicable for customs administration purposes.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Commission decided to recommend that the description of the products subject to anti-dumping duties on bolts and nuts originating in or imported from the PRC be amended, with effect from the date of publication in the Government Gazette, as follows:

“Bolts, of iron or steel, with hexagon heads (excluding bolts of stainless steel, bolts fitted with base metal expansion sleeves and bolts identifiable for use solely or principally on aircraft), of a width of 6 mm or more but not exceeding 36 mm and a length of 10 mm or more but not exceeding 400 mm, whether or not with their nuts and washers”.