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1. On 18 June 1999, anti-dumping duties were imposed on acrylic blankets originating in or imported from the PRC and Turkey with retrospective effect from 18 December 1998. Two sunset reviews have since been conducted with regard to the original anti-dumping duty, one during 2004/05 and the second during 2010/11. In both instances, the anti-dumping duties were again imposed for a further period of 5 years.
2. On 19 June 2015, a notice was published in the *Government Gazette* indicating that the following anti-dumping duties on acrylic blankets were imposed in 2011 and would therefore expire in 2016 if a review was not initiated:

COUNTRY	PRODUCT	RATE OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTY	DATE OF IMPOSITION OF THE DUTY	DATE OF EXPIRY OF DUTY
People's Republic of China(PRC)	Acrylic blankets	2 834c/kg	04/02/2011	03/02/2016
Turkey	Acrylic blankets	691c/kg	04/02/2011	03/02/2016

3. The SACU manufacturers of the product were informed in writing and provided with a copy of the notice. SACU manufacturers were requested to indicate by 27 July 2015 whether they required the Commission to

review the existing duty prior to the date of expiry.

4. On 27 July 2015, a letter was received from the Textile Federation of South Africa (Texfed) stating that it was convinced that as soon as the anti-dumping duties on blankets originating from China and Turkey expire in February 2016, the practice of dumping of blankets from these two countries would immediately resume. It however indicated that it was unable to prove this allegation and was therefore unable to substantiate a request to retain the anti-dumping duties on blankets.
5. The Commission advised Texfed that should an application not be submitted prior to the applicable deadline, the Commission would have no option but to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the duties be terminated.
6. A request for an extension to submit the application was received from Ahlesa Blankets (Pty) Ltd and the Commission granted extension until 11 September 2015. No application was submitted.
7. A letter was received from the industry on 3 December 2015 indicating that it was unable to prove any material injury and would rather approach the Commission in future should the need arise for remedial action.
8. Section 58.1 of the Anti-Dumping Regulations provides that:

“Where the SACU industry does not request a sunset review or does not supply the required information following a notice published in terms of Section 54.1 within the deadline indicated, the Commission will recommend that the anti-dumping duty lapse on the date indicated in such notice.”

9. As the major manufacturers of acrylic blankets in the SACU did not request the Commission to review the duties prior to the expiry thereof, the Commission decided to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Industry that the anti-dumping duty on acrylic blankets originating in or imported from the PRC and Turkey, be terminated.

RECOMMENDATION

10. In line with the provisions of the Commission's Anti-dumping Regulations, as reflected in the notice published in the *Government Gazette* on 19 June 2016, the Commission recommends that the anti-dumping duties on acrylic blankets originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China and Turkey, be terminated on the five year expiry date, i.e. 3 February 2016.