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BOARD ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF HOES ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM INDIA

The Board on Tariffs and Trade received a petition for remedial action against hoes, imported from or originating in India, being dumped on the South African market, causing material injury to the South African industry concerned.

Petitioner

The petition was lodged by African Hoe (Pty) Ltd, which is the largest manufacturer of hoes in the Republic of South Africa. The petitioner alleges that it is unable to compete with the low prices of the imported products and is therefore suffering material injury. The petitioner submitted sufficient evidence to justify an investigation of the allegations.

Products

The products allegedly being dumped are hoes, classifiable under tariff subheading 8201.30.20, imported from or originating in India.

Allegation of dumping

The allegation of dumping is based on a comparison between a cost build-up and the f.o.b. prices for export to South Africa of like products. On this basis the estimated dumping margin is significant.

Allegation of material injury

With regard to material injury the petitioner alleges, and has submitted sufficient evidence, that the imports in question are suppressing its selling prices. It is further alleged that prices at which these imports are sold in South Africa are significantly undercutting the already suppressed prices of the South African producer, resulting in depressed profit margins.

Procedure

Having decided that there is sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of an investigation, the Board has begun an investigation in terms of section 4 of the Board on Tariffs and Trade Act, 1986. Interested parties may submit their views by completing the relevant questionnaire (of which copies are obtainable at the offices of the Board) and by providing supporting evidence. Parties who wish to discuss this matter should contact the Investigating Officer.

Time limit

Any information regarding this matter and any arguments concerning the allegation of dumping, countervailing and the resulting material injury must be submitted in writing and must reach the Chairman, Board on Tariffs and Trade, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, not later than 30 days following the publication of this notice or, in the case of parties known to be concerned, 30 days following the date on which the letter accompanying the above-mentioned questionnaire was received. The said letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after the date of the letter.

If the required information and arguments are not received in a satisfactory form within the time limit specified above, the Board may make provisional or final findings on the basis of the facts available to it.

Enquiries may be directed to the Investigating Officers, Dr J. Nyalunga, at Telephone (012) 310-9818 and Mr M. Fox, at Telephone (012) 310-9819.

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KENNISGEWING 326 VAN 1996**RAAD OP TARIWE EN HANDEL****KENNISGEWING VAN INISIËRING VAN 'N ONDERSOEK NA DIE BEWEERDE DUMPING VAN SKOFFELS
INGEVOER UIT OF AFKOMSTIG VAN INDIË**

Die Raad op Tariwe en Handel het 'n petisie ontvang waarin beweer word dat skoffels, ingevoer uit of afkomstig van Indië, op die Suid-Afrikaanse mark gedump word en die betrokke Suid-Afrikaanse nywerheid wesenslike skade berokken.

Petisionaris

Die petisie is deur African Hoe (Edms.) Bpk., die grootste vervaardiger van skoffels in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, ingedien. Die petisionaris beweer dat hy nie teen die lae pryse van die ingevoerde produkte kan meeding nie en daarom wesenslike skade ly. Voldoende bewys om 'n ondersoek na die bewering te regverdig is deur die petisionaris ingedien.

Produkte

Die produkte wat na bewering gedump word, is skoffels, indeelbaar by tariefsubpos 8201.30.20, ingevoer uit of afkomstig van Indië.

Bewering van dumping

Die bewering van dumping word gebaseer op 'n vergelyking tussen koste-opbou en die pryse v.a.b. vir uitvoer na Suid-Afrika van identiese produkte. Op hierdie basis is die beraamde marge van dumping aansienlik.

Die bewering van wesenslike skade

Met betrekking tot wesenslike skade beweer die petisionaris, en het hy voldoende bewys daarvan gelewer, dat die betrokke invoer sy verkoopprys onderdruk. Daar word verder beweer dat die pryse waarteen die ingevoerde produkte in Suid-Afrika verkoop word, die reeds onderdrukke pryse van die Suid-Afrikaanse vervaardiger in hoë mate ondersny, wat verlaagde winsmarges tot gevolg het.

Prosedure

Na die besluit dat daar voldoende bewys ter regverdiging van die insiëring van die ondersoek is, het die Raad begin met 'n ondersoek ingevolge artikel 4 van die Wet op die Raad op Tariwe en Handel, 1986. Belanghebbende partye kan hul sienings voorlê deur die invul van die toepaslike vraelys (waarvan afskrifte by die Raad se kantoor beskikbaar is) en deur die voorlegging van stawende bewyse. Partye wat die saak wil bespreek, moet met die Ondersoekbeampte in verbinding tree.

Tydsbeperking

Enige inligting in verband met hierdie saak en enige redevoerings rakende die bewering van dumping en die wesenslike skade voortspruitend daaruit moet skriftelik ingedien word en moet die Voorsitter, Raad op Tariwe en Handel, Privaatsak X753, Pretoria, 0001, nie later nie as 30 dae na die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing bereik of, in die geval van partye van wie dit bekend is dat hulle betrokke is, 30 dae na die datum waarop die brief wat genoemde vraelys vergesel, ontvang is. Genoemde brief word geag ontvang te gewees het sewe dae na die datum van die brief.

Indien die vereiste inligting en redevoerings nie binne vermeldde gespesifiseerde tydsbeperking in 'n bevredigende vorm ontvang word nie, mag die Raad voorlopige of finale bevindings maak op grond van die feite tot sy beskikking.

Navrae moet aan die Ondersoekbeamptes, dr. J. Nyalunga, by Telefoon (012) 310-9818, en mnr. M. Fox, by Telefoon (012) 310-9819, gerig word.

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