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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3750 OF 2026

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

INVESTIGATION FOR REMEDIAL ACTION IN THE FORM OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURE AGAINST THE INCREASED IMPORTS OF FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF IRON OR NON-ALLOY STEEL, OF A WIDTH OF 600 MM OR MORE, CLAD, PLATED OR COATED, WITH ALUMINIUM-ZINC ALLOYS, OF A THICKNESS OF 0.45MM OR MORE, CLASSIFIABLE IN TARIFF SUBHEADINGS 7210.61.40 AND 7210.61.90 AND FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF NON-ALLOY OR OTHER ALLOY STEEL, OF A WIDTH OF 600 MM OR MORE, OTHERWISE PLATED OR COATED WITH ZINC, OF A THICKNESS OF 0.45MM OR MORE, CLASSIFIABLE IN TARIFF SUBHEADINGS 7210.49.40, 7210.49.50, 7210.49.90, 7225.92.45, 7225.92.55 AND 7225.92.90

On 25 July 2025, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission") initiated an investigation for remedial action against increased imports of flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, clad, plated or coated, with aluminium-zinc alloys, of a thickness of 0.45mm or more, classifiable in tariff subheadings 7210.61.40 and 7210.61.90 and flat-rolled products of non-alloy or other alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, otherwise plated or coated with zinc, of a thickness of 0.45mm or more, classifiable in tariff subheadings 7210.49.40, 7210.49.50, 7210.49.90, 7225.92.45, 7225.92.55 and 7225.92.90 ("corrosion resistant steel coil" or "the subject product") through Notice No. 3389 in *Government Gazette* No. 53038.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered the application lodged by ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited ("the Applicant" or "AMSA"), being the major producer of the subject product in the Southern African Customs Union ("SACU"), supported by SAFAL Steel (Pty) Ltd ("SAFAL"), the other manufacturer of the subject product alleging that there was *prima facie* evidence to show that events cited by the Applicant can be regarded as unforeseen developments, which resulted in a surge in imports of the subject product, causing serious injury to the SACU industry.

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On initiation of the investigation, the World Trade Organisation ("WTO") and the countries with a significant interest in the exports of the subject product were notified of the initiation of the investigation.

On 12 January 2026, the Commission, after considering all the information available to it, made a preliminary determination that the events cited can be regarded as unforeseen developments and these unforeseen developments and the effect of the obligations incurred under the GATT 1994 led to the increased volume of imports in absolute and relative terms and that the surge in the volume of imports is recent, sharp, significant, and sudden enough. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the SACU industry is experiencing serious injury; and there is a causal link between the serious injury experienced by the SACU Industry and the surge in volumes of imports resulting from the unforeseen developments.

The Commission considered that although the SACU Industry is experiencing injury, there are no critical circumstances that justify the imposition of provisional measures. The Commission, therefore, decided to not request the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to impose provisional measures whilst the investigation continues.

The basis and reasons for the Commission's findings are set out in its Preliminary Report No. 763, wherein the decisions regarding its determination are detailed.

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

This investigation is conducted in accordance with the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 ("ITA Act") and the International Trade Administration Commission Safeguard Regulations ("SGR"), read with the World Trade Organization Agreement on Safeguards ("the Safeguard Agreement").

Both the ITA Act and the SGR are available on the Commission's website (www.itac.org.za)

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or from the Trade Remedies division, on request.

Interested parties are invited to comment in writing to the commission's preliminary determination within 14 days from the date the preliminary report is made available.

Comments received after the due date will not be accepted except with the prior written consent of the Commission. The Commission will give due consideration to written requests for an extension of not more than 7 days on good cause shown (properly motivated and substantiated), if received prior to the expiry of the 14-day period. Merely citing insufficient time is not an acceptable reason for extension.

ADDRESS

The response to the questionnaire and any information regarding this matter and any arguments concerning the allegation of dumping and the resulting material injury and threat of material injury must be submitted in writing to the following address:

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