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ITAC recommends no duty increase on paper and paperboard

ITAC has completed its reconsideration of the application lodged by Mondi South Africa (Pty) Ltd, for an increase in the rate of ordinary customs duty on certain uncoated paper and paperboard products, used mainly for office printing, photocopying and conversion purposes.

During its investigation, the Commission considered information submitted by the Applicant, comments from interested parties, updated market and trade information, production and employment trends, import data, cost developments, price competitiveness, and South Africa's international trade obligations, including applicable World Trade Organisation (WTO) bound tariff commitments.

Based on the information at its disposal, the Commission recommended that no increase be made to the customs duty applicable to the subject products. The Commission further considered that trade-remedy instruments, such as anti-dumping and/or safeguard duties, may constitute more appropriate measures, should evidence of injurious import competition emerge in future.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition has since approved ITAC's recommendation not to increase the customs duty on paper and paperboard and simultaneously requested ITAC to undertake a sector-wide paper and paper products industry investigation and recommend appropriate trade policy instruments that can drive the domestic paper industry towards sustainability and resilience.

Full details of the recommendations are on [Notice 4174](#) and [Report 679](#).

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