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ITAC recommends 3-year safeguard duty extension for threaded fasteners, with conditions

On 27 February 2026, ITAC initiated an investigation into the extension of safeguard duty against increased imports of threaded fasteners of iron and steel. The application was lodged by the South African Fasteners Manufacturers' Association on behalf of its members. SAFMA members constitute more than 80% of the total SACU industry by production volumes.

The Commission notified the World Trade Organisation, countries, exporters and importers with a significant interest in the import and export of threaded fasteners, who in turn submitted their comments.

After considering all interested parties' comments received, the Commission made a final determination that:

- The expiry of the safeguard duty is likely to lead to the recurrence of serious injury; and
- There is evidence that the SACU industry is adjusting.

The Commission made the following recommendations to the Minister of Trade, Industry, Competition that,

- The safeguard duty against imports of threaded fasteners of iron and steel, be extended for a period of three years as per table 7(b) on page 62 of ITAC Report 780, excluding imports originating from developing WTO member countries that meet the requirements for the exclusion.

- Safeguard duties be phased down by 2% every 12 months over the next three years as per table 7(a) on page 61 of ITAC Report 780.
- The safeguard duties be listed in the "rebate item" column in Schedule No. 2 to the Customs and Excise Act and therefore may not be imported under rebate of customs duty without the payment of safeguard duties without a recommendation from the Commission, with effect from the date of the publication.

Full details of the final determinations and recommendations are on [Report 780](#).

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