DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3008 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF CERTAIN FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF IRON, NON-ALLOY OR OTHER ALLOY STEEL OF A WIDTH OF 600MM OR MORE, WHETHER OR NOT IN COILS,NOT FURTHER WORKED THAN HOT-ROLLED, INCLUDING PICKLED AND OILED, HOT-ROLLED, NOT CLAD, PLATED OR COATED (EXCLUDING STAINLESS AND GRAIN-ORIENTED SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN AND TAIWAN

On 20 September 2024, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) formally initiated an investigation into alleged dumping of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel of a width of 600mm or more, whether or not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, including pickled and oiled, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated (excluding stainless and grain-oriented silicon electrical steel) originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), Japan and Taiwan. Notice of the initiation of the investigation was published in Notice No. 2730 of 2024 in Government Gazette No.51271.

The subject product is classifiable under tariff sub-headings 7208.10, 7208.25, 7208.26, 7208.27, 7208.36, 7208.37, 7208.38, 7208.39, 7208.51, 7208.52, 7225.30 and 7225.40.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered an application by Arcelor Mittal South Africa ("AMSA" or "the Applicant") and supported by Columbus Stainless (Pty) Ltd, alleging that imports of the subject product originating in or imported from the PRC, Japan and Taiwan are being dumped into the SACU market, thereby causing material injury or threatening to cause material injury to the SACU industry. The Commission was satisfied that there was a prima facie case of dumping, material injury and causal link.

Subsequent to the initiation, all known interested parties were notified and sent the non-confidential version of the application and requested to respond to the relevant questionnaires.

On 28 January 2025, the Commission considered all the information and submissions before it and made a preliminary determination that dumping of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy, or other alloy steel of a width of 600mm or more, whether or not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled, including pickled and oiled, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, (excluding stainless and grain-oriented silicon electrical steel), classifiable under tariff sub-headings 7208.10, 7208.25, 7208.26, 7208.27, 7208.36, 7208.37, 7208.38, 7208.39, 7208.51, 7208.52, 7225.30 and 7225.40, originating in or imported from the PRC, Japan, and Taiwan is taking place, the SACU industry is suffering material injury and that there is a causal link between dumping and the material injury suffered by the SACU industry.

The Commission made a preliminary determination that irrespective of the above findings, provisional measures would not be imposed on the alleged dumping of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy, or other alloy steel with a width of 600mm or more, whether or not in coils, and not further worked than hot-rolled, including pickled and oiled, hot-rolled, and not clad, plated, or coated (excluding stainless and grain-oriented silicon electrical steel) originating from or imported from the PRC, Japan, and Taiwan.

The basis and reasons for the Commission's findings are set out in its Preliminary Report No 743, wherein the decisions regarding its determination are detailed.

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

This investigation is conducted in accordance with the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (the ITA Act) and International Trade Administration Anti-Dumping Regulations (ADR). Both the ITA Act and the ADR are available on the Commission's website (www.itac.org.za) or from the Trade Remedies section, 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.

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