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BOARD ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF BOLTS AND NUTS ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SPAIN, TAIWAN AND ZIMBABWE: FINAL DETERMINATION

The Board on Tariffs and Trade gave public notice of its intention to investigate the alleged dumping of bolts and nuts of steel originating in or imported from Australia, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan and Zimbabwe in Notice 1430 published in the Government Gazette No. 19067 of 24 July 1998.

The petition was lodged by the South African Fasteners Manufacturers' Association (SAFMA), representing the bolts and nuts manufacturers in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) area. The SAFA alleged that dumped imports were causing material injury (or a threat thereof) to the SACU industry.

After the Board had considered all the information at its disposal it came to the conclusion that the investigation of alleged dumping should be terminated against Hong Kong (in respect of bolts only), Saudi Arabia, Spain and Zimbabwe on the grounds that the import volumes to the SACU area from these countries were individually less than 3 per cent and collectively less than 7 per cent of the imports of bolts and nuts into the SACU area and therefore negligible in accordance with paragraph 5.8 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI to the GATT, 1994. The Board also decided to recommend the termination of its investigation against Hong Kong in respect of nuts, on the ground that no bolt and nut manufacturing facility exists in Hong Kong.

The recommendation by the Board to terminate the investigation against certain countries has been approved by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

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