

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3560 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING 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 LESS THAN 0.45MM AND FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL, OF A WIDTH OF 600 MM OR MORE, OTHERWISE PLATED OR COATED WITH ZINC, OF A THICKNESS OF LESS THAN 0,45MM ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

On 20 March 2024, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission") initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping 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 less than 0.45mm, classifiable under tariff subheadings 7210.61.20 and 7210.61.30 and flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, otherwise plated or coated with zinc, of a thickness of less than 0,45mm, classifiable under tariff subheadings 7225.92.25 and 7225.92.35 ("corrosion resistant steel coil" or "the subject product") originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China ("China") through Notice number 3071 of 2025 in *Government Gazette* number 52348.

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered the application lodged by ArcelorMittal South Africa Ltd ("AMSA") and SAFAL Steel (Pty) Ltd ("SAFAL") ("the Applicant") alleging that the subject product originating in or imported from China is being dumped onto the Southern African Customs Union ("SACU"), causing material injury to the SACU market. The Commission was satisfied that the Applicant submitted sufficient evidence and established a *prima facie* case to enable the Commission to arrive to a reasonable conclusion that an investigation should be initiated based on dumping, material injury and a causal link between the alleged dumped imports and the material injury experienced by the SACU Industry.

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

On 09 September 2025, the Commission, after considering all the information available to it, made a preliminary determination that the subject product originating in or imported from China is being dumped in the SACU. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the SACU Industry is experiencing material injury and that there is a causal link between the dumped imports and the material injury experienced by the SACU Industry.

Notwithstanding the findings set out in its report, the Commission made a preliminary determination not to impose provisional anti-dumping duties at this stage. This recommendation is based on the fact that provisional safeguard duties were already imposed on 27 June 2025 on imports of the subject product. These safeguard duties may have already contributed to deterring imports and may have had a positive impact on the domestic industry's situation. Moreover, the Commission found that not imposing provisional duties could minimise the cost-raising effect on the downstream users of the subject product.

The basis and reasons for the Commission's findings are set out in its Preliminary Report No. 758, wherein the decisions regarding its determination are detailed.

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

This investigation is conducted in terms of section 16 of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (the ITA Act) and the relevant sections of the ITA Act and the Anti-Dumping Regulations of the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ADR). Both the ITA Act and the ADR are available on the Commission's website (www.itac.org.za) 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 an 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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