

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3695 OF 2025

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON ROPES AND CABLES (ALSO KNOWN AS ROPES AND CABLES OF STEEL OR WIRE ROPES) OF A DIAMETER THAT IS EXCEEDING 32MM CLASSIFIED UNDER TARIFF SUBHEADINGS 7312.10.24, 7312.10.30 and 7312.10.90 ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (“GERMANY”) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (“UK”)

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 53 of the Anti-Dumping Regulations and Article 11.3 of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, any definitive anti-dumping duty shall be terminated on a date not later than five years from its imposition, unless the authorities determine, in a review initiated before that date, on their own initiative or upon a duly substantiated request made by or on behalf of the domestic industry within a reasonable period of time prior to that date, that the expiry of the duties would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury.

On 7 June 2024, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (the Commission) notified interested parties through Notice No. 2550 of 2024 in Government Gazette No. 50772, that unless a substantiated request is made indicating that the expiry of the anti-dumping duties against imports of ropes and cables of a diameter exceeding 32 mm originating in or imported from Germany and the UK would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury, the anti-dumping duties on ropes and cables of a diameter exceeding 32 mm originating in or imported from Germany and the UK will expire on 23 December 2025.

THE APPLICANT

The application was lodged by Haggie Steel Wire Ropes Proprietary Limited (“the Applicant”), being the only producer of the subject product in the Southern African Customs Union (“SACU”) thus the application can be regarded as “made by or on behalf” of the SACU Industry.

The Applicant alleges that the expiry of the anti-dumping duties would likely lead to the recurrence of dumping and the continuation or recurrence of material injury. The Applicant submitted sufficient evidence and established a *prima facie* case to enable the Commission to arrive at a reasonable conclusion that a sunset review investigation of the anti-dumping duties on ropes and cables originating in or imported from Germany and the UK, should be initiated.

THE PRODUCT

The anti-dumping duties subject to this sunset review is applicable to on ropes and cables originating in or imported from Germany and the UK, classifiable under tariff subheadings 7312.10.24, 7312.10.30 and 7312.10.90.

THE ALLEGATION OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF RECURRENCE OF DUMPING

The allegation of the likelihood of the recurrence of dumping is based on the comparison between the normal values and the export prices should the anti-dumping duties expire.

Germany

Normal value

In calculating the normal values for Germany, the Applicant relied on third-country sales from Germany to India, which meets the requirement for choosing a suitable third-country market.

During the investigation period for dumping, from (1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025), export data from TradeMap was used to determine the normal value for steel wire ropes exported from Germany to India.

Adjustment

An adjustment for transport cost between the factory and the port was made to arrive at the ex-factory normal value.

Export price

In calculating the export price, the Applicant stated that the official South African Revenue Service ("SARS") import statistics are unreliable due to significant tariff subheading mismatches between the SACU tariff classification system and the scope of the anti-dumping duties. In calculating the export prices for Germany, the Commission decided to use export statistics from TradeMap for the applicable EU tariff subheading, which accurately reflect more of the subject product scope. TradeMap provides trade data based on official customs statistics from exporting countries.

During the investigation period for dumping (from 01 May 2024 to 30 April 2025), Germany exported steel wire ropes to South Africa.

Adjustment

An adjustment for transport cost between the factory and the port was made to arrive at the ex-factory export price.

Dumping margins

The following average dumping margin for Germany was calculated:

Germany	EUR/kg
Margin of dumping as a % of FOB export price	36.69%

On this basis, the Commission found that there was *prima facie* proof of the likelihood of recurrence of dumping.

The UK

Normal value

In calculating the normal values for the UK, the Applicant relied on third-country sales from the UK to India, which meets the requirement for choosing a suitable third-country market.

During the investigation period for dumping, from (1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025), export data from TradeMap was used to determine the normal value for steel wire ropes exported from the UK to India.

Adjustment

An adjustment for transport cost between the factory and the port was made to arrive at the ex-factory normal value.

Export price

In calculating the export price, the Applicant stated that the official SARS import statistics are unreliable due to significant tariff subheading mismatches between the SACU tariff classification system and the scope of the anti-dumping duties. In calculating the export prices for the UK, the Commission decided to use export statistics from TradeMap for the applicable European Union ("EU") tariff subheading, which accurately reflect more of the subject product scope. TradeMap provides trade data based on official customs statistics from exporting countries.

During the investigation period for dumping from (1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025), the UK exported steel wire ropes to South Africa.

Adjustment

An adjustment for transport cost between the factory and the port was made to arrive at the ex-factory export price.

Dumping margins

The following dumping margin for the UK was calculated:

The UK	EUR/kg
Margin of dumping as a % of FOB export price	29.43%

On this basis, the Commission found that there was prima facie proof of the likelihood of recurrence of dumping.

THE ALLEGATION OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONTINUATION OR RECURRENCE OF MATERIAL INJURY

The Applicant alleged and submitted sufficient evidence to show that the expiry of the anti-dumping duties on the subject products originating in or imported from Germany and the UK would likely lead to the recurrence of material injury to the SACU industry.

On this basis, the Commission found that there was *prima facie* proof of the likelihood of the recurrence of material injury if the duties expire.

PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION

The investigation period for determination of the likelihood of the recurrence of dumping is the period 1 May 2024 - 30 April 2025. The investigation period for determination of the likelihood of the recurrence of material injury is from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2025 and estimates for 1 May 2025 - 30 April 2026 in the event the anti-dumping duties expire.

PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK

Having decided that there is sufficient evidence and a *prima facie* case to justify the initiation of an investigation, the Commission has begun an investigation in terms of section 16 of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 ("the ITA Act"). The Commission will conduct its investigation in accordance with the relevant sections of the ITA Act, the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 ("the Anti-Dumping Agreement") 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 section, on request.

To obtain the information, it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send non-confidential versions of the application and questionnaires to all known

importers and exporters and known representative associations. The trade representative of the country of origin has also been notified. Importers and other interested parties are invited to contact the Commission as soon as possible to determine whether they have been listed and were furnished with the relevant documentation. If not, they should immediately ensure that they are sent copies. The questionnaire has to be completed and any other representations must be made within the time limit set out below.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Please note that if any information is considered to be confidential then a non-confidential version of the information must be submitted for the public file, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version, the following rules are strictly applicable and parties must indicate:

- X where confidential information has been omitted and the nature of such information;
- X reasons for such confidentiality;
- X a summary of the confidential information which permits a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and
- X in exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary, reasons must be submitted to this effect.

This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the Commission, which unless indicated to be confidential and filed together with a non-confidential version, will be placed on the public file and be made available to other interested parties.

If a party considers that any document of another party, on which that party is submitting representations, does not comply with the above rules and that such deficiency affects that party's ability to make meaningful representations, the details of the deficiency and the reasons why that party's rights are so affected must be submitted to the Commission in writing forthwith (and at the latest 14 days prior to the date on which that party's

submission is due). Failure to do so timeously will seriously hamper the proper administration of the investigation, and such party will not be able to subsequently claim an inability to make meaningful representations on the basis of the failure of such other party to meet the requirements.

Subsection 33(1) of the ITA Act provides that any person claiming confidentiality of information should identify whether such information is *confidential by nature* or is *otherwise confidential* and, any such claims must be supported by a written statement, in each case, setting out how the information satisfies the requirements of the claim to confidentiality. In the alternative, a sworn statement should be made setting out reasons why it is impossible to comply with these requirements.

Section 2.3 of the ADR provides as follows:

"The following list indicates "information that is by nature confidential" as per section 33(1)(a) of the Main Act, read with section 36 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (Act 2 of 2000):

- (a) management accounts;*
- (b) financial accounts of a private company;*
- (c) actual and individual sales prices;*
- (d) actual costs, including cost of production and importation cost;*
- (e) actual sales volumes;*
- (f) individual sales prices;*
- (g) information, the release of which could have serious consequences for the person that provided such information; and*
- (h) information that would be of significant competitive advantage to a competitor;*

Provided that a party submitting such information indicates it to be confidential

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 must be submitted in writing to the following address or on the emails below:

Physical address

The Senior Manager: Trade Remedies I
International Trade Administration Commission
Block E – The DTI Campus
77 Meintjies Street
SUNNYSIDE
PRETORIA
SOUTH AFRICA

Postal address

The Senior Manager:
Trade Remedies I
Private Bag X753
PRETORIA
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SOUTH AFRICA

PROCEDURES AND TIME LIMITS

The Senior Manager: Trade Remedies I, should receive all responses, including non-confidential copies of the responses, not later than 30 days from the date hereof, or from the date on which the letter accompanying the abovementioned questionnaire was received. The said letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after the day of its dispatch.

Late submissions 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 14 days on good cause shown (properly motivated and substantiated), if received prior to the expiry of the original 30-day period. Merely citing insufficient time is not an acceptable reason for an extension. Please note that the Commission will not consider requests for extension by the Embassy on behalf of foreign producers.

The information submitted by any party may need to be verified by the Investigating Officers in order for the Commission to take such information into consideration. The Commission may verify the information at the premises of the party submitting the information, within a short period after the submission of the information to the Commission. Parties should therefore ensure that the information submitted would subsequently be available for verification. Specifically, it is planned to verify the

information submitted by the foreign producers within three to five weeks subsequent to the submission of the information. This period will only be extended if it is not feasible for the Commission to do it within this time period or upon good cause shown, and with the prior written consent of the Commission, which should be requested at the time of the submission. It should be noted that unavailability of, or inconvenience to appointed representatives, will not be considered to be good cause.

Parties should also ensure when they engage representatives that they will be available at the requisite times, to ensure compliance with the above time frames. Parties should also ensure that all the information requested in the applicable questionnaire is provided in the specified detail and format. The questionnaires are designed to ensure that the Commission is provided with all the information required to make a determination in accordance with the ITA Act and the ADR. The Commission may therefore refuse to verify information that is incomplete or does not comply with the format in the questionnaire, unless the Commission has agreed in writing to a deviation from the required format. A failure to submit a non-confidential version of the response that complies with the rules set out above under the heading *Confidential Information* will be regarded as an incomplete submission.

Parties, who experience difficulty in furnishing the information required, or submitting information in the format required, are urged to make written applications to the Commission at an early stage for permission to deviate from the questionnaire or provide the information in an alternative format that can satisfy the Commission's requirements. The Commission will give due consideration to such a request on good cause shown.

Any interested party may request an oral hearing at any stage of the investigation in accordance with Section 5 of the ADR, provided that the party indicates reasons for not relying on written submissions only. The Commission may refuse an oral hearing if granting such hearing will unduly delay the finalisation of a determination. Parties requesting an oral hearing must provide the Commission with a detailed agenda for, and a detailed version, including a non-confidential version, of the information to be discussed

at the oral hearing at the time of the request.

If the required information is not received in a satisfactory form within the time limit specified above, or if verification of the information cannot take place, the Commission may disregard the information submitted and make a finding on the basis of the facts available to it.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Emmanuel Manamela at email address emanamela@itac.org.za and Ms. Charity Mudzwiri at cramaposa@itac.org.za .