

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 727 OF 2021

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXTENSION OF THE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF IRON, NON-ALLOY STEEL OR OTHER ALLOY STEEL (NOT INCLUDING STAINLESS STEEL), WHETHER OR NOT IN COILS (INCLUDING PRODUCTS CUT-TO-LENGTH AND 'NARROW STRIP'), NOT FURTHER WORKED THAN HOT-ROLLED (HOT-ROLLED FLAT), NOT CLAD, PLATED OR COATED, EXCLUDING GRAIN-ORIENTED SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL: FINAL DETERMINATION**

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission") conducted an investigation into the extension of the safeguard measure on imports of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel (not including stainless steel), whether or not in coils (including products cut-to-length and 'narrow strip'), not further worked than hot-rolled (hot-rolled flat), not clad, plated or coated, excluding grain-oriented silicon electrical steel.

The investigation was conducted in accordance with the provisions in Section 21.7 of the Amended Safeguard Regulations ("SGR"), which state that, "any definitive safeguard measure may be extended by a period of up to six years where the Commission finds that the lapse of the safeguard measure imposed in terms of Section 21.6 of the SGR is likely to lead to the recurrence of serious injury, and there is evidence that the Southern African Customs Union ("SACU") industry is adjusting".

The Commission's final determination is contained in Report No.674: Investigation into the extension of safeguard measures on imports of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel (not including stainless steel), whether or not in coils

(including products cut-to-length and 'narrow strip'), not further worked than hot-rolled (hot-rolled flat), not clad, plated or coated, excluding grain-oriented silicon electrical steel: final determination.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition rejected the Commission's final determination. The investigation is therefore terminated.

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