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主旨：有關南非貿工競爭部將對中國出口南非輪胎課徵反傾銷稅事，請鑒察。

說明：

一、依據本(112)年7月31日南非The Star新聞報及本年7月28日南非國際貿易管理委員會(ITAC)新聞稿略以：

(一)ITAC日前公布對中國進口之輪胎反傾銷最終調查結果，認定自中國進口之輪胎有傾銷情形，危害國內產業發展，經南非貿工競爭部(DTIC)部長Mr. Ebrahim Patel核准對中國進口之小客車、卡車及巴士用輪胎課徵7.18%至43.6%不等之反傾銷稅。

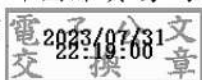
(二)P部長另表示儘管該部同意對自中國進口輪胎課徵反傾銷稅，惟仍擔憂課徵反傾銷後恐導致國內輪胎價格上漲，該部已要求南非國內輪胎製造商不得任意哄抬價格，並要求該部競爭委員會持續關注國內輪胎價格變動，若有不公平競爭情形，該部將即時要求南非財政部暫停課徵反傾銷稅。

(三)由南非普利司通(Bridge Stone)、馬牌(Continental)、固特異(Good Year)及住友(Sumitomo)輪胎製造商所組成之南非輪胎製造商協會(South African Tyre Manufacturing Conference, SATMC)對於貿工競爭部之決定表示歡迎，認為將有利導正已扭曲之不公平貿易，維護南非輪胎產業正常發展，該協會之會員廠商將藉此機會持續提升生產效率，供應南非及南部非洲市場，並創造更多就業機會。

二、檢陳相關英文新聞資料共4頁如附件，併請鑒察。

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Anti-dumping duties imposed on tyres from China

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Durban — The South African Tyre Manufacturers Conference (SATMC) has welcomed the final determination by the International Trade Administration Commission (Itac), which was supported by the decision taken by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Ebrahim Patel, to impose anti-dumping duties on unfairly traded imports of passenger, truck and bus tyres from China.

SATMC, which represents the four tyre manufacturers with plants in South Africa – Bridgestone Southern Africa, Continental Tyre South Africa, Goodyear South Africa and Sumitomo Rubber South Africa – said that duties on respective tariff classifications would remain in place for five years, until July 2028.

- Anti-dumping duties of between 7.18% to 43.6% were imposed on dumped imports of passenger, truck and bus tyres imported from, or originating in, China.
- Fairly traded imports from other countries would continue unaffected into Sacu.

SATMC Managing Executive Nduduzo Chala said: “As the SATMC, we applaud this decisive measure by Itac and Minister Patel, which comes as a significant victory for the domestic tyre industry.

“The implementation of these final anti-dumping duties will serve to uphold fair trade practices and protect the economy against opportunistic pricing in the tyre sector, which has posed a threat to the future of the South African tyre industry.”

The SATMC and its members, Bridgestone Southern Africa, Continental Tyre South Africa, Goodyear South Africa and Sumitomo Rubber South Africa, played a pivotal role in advocating for the imposition of the anti-dumping duties, and actively participated in the investigation process conducted by Itac.

The tyre manufacturing body provided extensive data, analysis, and expertise to demonstrate the adverse effects of the dumped tyres from China on the domestic industry.

“We commend Itac’s expert members for their diligent efforts in conducting a thorough investigation into this complex matter and arriving at a well-justified conclusion, which acknowledges the challenges faced by the domestic tyre manufacturing sector. We are also satisfied that the minister found that the evidence of material injury to the industry was properly substantiated,” said Chala.

“The SATMC and its members remain committed to driving growth, promoting innovation, and ensuring the sustainability of the domestic tyre industry and the continued supply of the wide Sacu customer base. These duties will be essential in establishing a fair competitive landscape for our industry, ensuring a level playing field for domestic manufacturers, and preserving jobs and local employment opportunities,” he said.



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Investigation into the alleged dumping of tyres originating in or imported from China: Final determination

28 Jul 2023

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission"), gazetted a notice of the initiation of an investigation into the alleged dumping of new pneumatic tyres of rubber of a kind used in motor cars and on buses and lorries, on 31 January 2022 originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China. The application was lodged by the South African Tyres Manufacturers Conference ("SATMC"), representing its members, Bridgestone, Continental, Goodyear and Sumitomo. These firms together constitute 100% of domestic production of the subject product in the Southern African Customs Union ("SACU").

The investigation was initiated after the Commission considered that there was prima facie evidence that the subject products were being imported into the SACU at dumped prices, causing material injury and threatening to cause material injury to the SACU industry. Following consideration of the responses and comments received from interested parties, the Commission made a preliminary determination, informed by Regulation 33.2 of South Africa's Anti-Dumping Regulations. This provision empowers the Commission to request the Commissioner for SARS to impose provisional duties, to prevent further injury to the SACU.

The Commission requested the Commissioner of SARS to impose provisional payments for a period of six months, protecting the domestic industry, while an investigation was being finalized. SARS imposed the provisional duties in line with Section 57 of the Customs and Excise Act.

Provisional measures were imposed from 09 September 2022 until 08 March 2023. The provisional measures expired on 08 March 2023. As the investigation was not finalized, importers of the subject products were eligible for a refund of any duties paid to SARS after following due processes.

Essential facts letters were issued to all interested parties which contained the proposed final determination and proposed duties. Comments and submissions were received in response to these essential facts letters, which were duly considered by the Commission. The Commission having considering all comments, submissions and oral hearings made a final determination and recommendation to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition ("the Minister").

The Minister has approved the Commission's recommendation. In approving the recommendation, the Minister indicated that he is concerned about the possible price raising- effect, especially in the current circumstances of high inflation and price pressures on South African consumers and firms.

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition is therefore in discussions with tyre manufacturers in South Africa on the moderation and restraint of price growth beyond the path of producer prices. The tyre manufacturers have agreed to price restraint but the commitments by individual companies are in the process of being finalized.

Furthermore, the Competition Commission has been requested by the Minister to closely monitor the prices of tyres. The Minister further indicated that if the undertakings on price restraint by the tyre manufacturing companies are not honoured, resulting in undue price increases on tyres, he will request the Minister of Finance to suspend the anti-dumping duties for a period of time.

Please click on the link below for full details of Report No. 714.

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