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Stiff anti-dumping duties imposed on Pakistani cement

Provisional anti-dumping duties have been imposed on Portland cement originating in, or imported from, Pakistan effective since May 15.

This follows an investigation initiated by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (Itac) on August 22 last year after a number of local cement producing companies submitted an application on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union (Sacu) cement producers.

The local producers – which included Afrisam, Lafarge Industries South Africa, NPC Cimpor and PPC Limited – established a prima facie case that convinced Itac to initiate an investigation on the basis of dumping, material injury, threat of material injury and causality, said an Itac spokesperson.

“During the investigation, the interested parties had an opportunity to make comments and submit the information they deemed crucial for the investigation. They also made oral representations to the commission,” said Foster Mohale, manager: communication services at Itac.

According to him, the commission found that the Sacu industry was suffering material injury through a decline in sales volume and output as well as profits and cash flow. “The industry also experienced price undercutting and price suppression,” said Mohale.

He added that Itac had further found that a threat of material injury existed given that Pakistan had increased its production capacity. “Pakistan’s exports to its traditional markets were declining and imports from Pakistan into the Sacu region increased by over 600% between 2010 and 2013,” commented Mohale.

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