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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3778 OF 2026

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON DISODIUM CARBONATE (SODA ASH) ORIGINATING IN OR IMPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA): FINAL DETERMINATION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 53 of the Anti-Dumping Regulations and Article 11.3 of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 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 duties would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry.

On 7 June 2024, the Commission through Notice No. 2550 in Government Gazette No. 50772 notified interested parties that unless a substantiated request was by or on behalf of the Southern African Customs Union's industry was made before 29 September 2024, indicating that the expiry of the anti-dumping duties on soda ash originating in or imported from the USA would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury, the anti-dumping duties on such imports would expire on 29 March 2025.

25 September 2024, a sunset review application was received from Botswana Ash (Pty) Ltd (Botash) and supported by Sappi Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd.

After all identified deficiencies were addressed, a properly documented letter was sent to the Applicant on 25 February 2025

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The Applicant alleged that the expiry of the anti-dumping duty would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury, causing material injury to the SACU industry concerned. 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 soda ash originating in or imported from the USA, be initiated.

On 07 March 2025, the Commission initiated a sunset review of the anti-dumping duty on soda ash originating in or imported from the USA through Notice No. 3033 of 2025 published in Government Gazette No. 52227.

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

No responses were received from any exporter/manufacturer or any SACU importer of the subject products

On 30 May 2025, the Commission sent out essential facts' letters to all interested parties. The deadline for comments from interested parties was 13 June 2025.

There were no responses to the essential facts' letters from importers, and producers and/ or exporters of the subject product.

On 12 June 2025, the Commission received comments from Applicant and Botswana Trade Commission.

- Applicant supporting the Commission's intention to maintain the anti-dumping duties on the subject product.
- Botswana Trade Commission in support of the Commission's intention to maintain

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the current anti-dumping duties on the subject product.

The Commission made a final determination that the expiry of the anti-dumping duty on soda ash originating in or imported from the USA would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury.

The Commission made a final determination to recommend to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition (the Minister) that the current anti-dumping duty on soda ash originating in or imported from the USA be maintained as follows:

Item	Tariff heading	Description	Originating in or imported from	Rate of anti-dumping duty
206.13	2836.20	Disodium carbonate	United States of America	40%

The Minister approved the Commission's recommendation. The Commission's detailed reasons for its final determination are set out in in Report. No 753.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the investigating officers Mr. Siphumelele Mkwanazi at email address: emkwanazi@itac.org.za and Ms. Millicent Baloyi at email address: mbaloyi@itac.org.za

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