



CONTINUATION INQUIRY 595

CERTAIN WIRE ROPES EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

File Note – Request to the Government of the Republic of South Africa to complete a Government Questionnaire

Background

On 17 January 2022 the Anti-Dumping Commission (commission) published Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2022/007 (the notice)¹ which initiated an inquiry concerning the continuation of the anti-dumping measures currently applying to certain wire rope (the goods) exported to Australia from the Republic of South Africa (South Africa). The notice describes the goods the subject of the inquiry (case 595) and outlines the inquiry procedures.

Particular Market Situation

The applicant for the inquiry, Bekaert Wire Rope Pty Ltd, claimed in its application² that the cost of steel scrap is affected by Government of South Africa (GSA) interventions in the South African market. The commission has subsequently performed preliminary research on this claim and identified other possible GSA interventions in the steel market more broadly and the steel scrap, wire rod and wire rope markets specifically.

The commission's research to date includes:

- the Price Preference System (PPS) and import and export controls on scrap steel
- tariff investigations undertaken by the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)
- the Steel Master Plan 1.0
- the operation of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)
- the existence of State Owned or State Invested Enterprises (SOE/SIEs) operating in the South African steel industry.

The commission therefore considers there are reasonable grounds for examining whether a market situation may exist for wire rope in South Africa.

¹ ADN No. 2022/007 – EPR 595 - [document no. 2](#) refers.

² EPR 595 – [document no. 1](#) refers.

Government Questionnaire

The commission has therefore requested the GSA to complete a Government Questionnaire that provides information relevant to the commission's investigation of a particular market situation for wire rope in South Africa. A response to the questionnaire has been requested by 14 April 2022.

Submissions and enquiries

Interested parties, as defined in section 269T(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*, may lodge written submissions to the commission at investigations1@adcommission.gov.au.³

Enquiries in relation to this file note may be directed to the case manager on telephone number +61 3 8539 2471 or via email at investigations1@adcommission.gov.au

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³ The notice includes details of the procedure for making a submission to the inquiry.