UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation No. 731-TA-1056 (Final)

CERTAIN ALUMINUM PLATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

DETERMINATION

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines,² pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded, by reason of imports from South Africa of certain aluminum plate, provided for in subheading 7606.12.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

BACKGROUND

The Commission instituted this investigation effective October 16, 2003, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by Alcoa, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of certain aluminum plate from South Africa were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of June 15, 2004 (69 FR 33401). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on October 5, 2004, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on November 18, 2004. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3734, November 2004, entitled *Certain Aluminum Plate from South Africa (Investigation No. 731-TA-1056 (Final))*.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

² Chairman Stephen Koplan and Commissioner Charlotte R. Lane dissenting.