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Committee on Safeguards

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**INFORMATION TO BE NOTIFIED TO THE COMMITTEE WHERE  
A SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATION IS TERMINATED WITH  
NO SAFEGUARD MEASURE IMPOSED**

SOUTH AFRICA

*U, I, H, L and T sections of iron or non-alloy steel*

The following communication, dated and received on 22 September 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of South Africa.

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South Africa wishes to notify the Committee on Safeguards that the safeguard investigation on the imports of U, I, H, L and T sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80 mm or more and other angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded steel products (structural steel) carried out by its competent authority has been terminated with no safeguard measure imposed.<sup>1</sup>

**1. The product under investigation**

The products subject to the investigation are U, I, H, L and T sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80 mm or more and other angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded steel products.

The products subject to the investigation are classified under the Harmonised System Code (H.S. Code) 7216.31, 7216.32, 7216.33, 7216.40, 7216.50 and 7228.70.

**2. Notification of initiation**

The initiation of the investigation was notified to the Committee on Safeguards by WTO document G/SG/N/6/ZAF/9 dated 23 June 2020.

**3. Date of termination of investigation**

The investigation was terminated on 17 September 2021.

**4. Reasons for termination**

The competent authority found that a reversal in the trend of import volumes has taken place, with the volume of imports decreasing significantly in recent years and that the requirements set out by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Safeguard Regulations (SGR) with regard to a surge in imports, are not met.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of Government Gazette and the ITAC Report have been submitted electronically. To consult this document please contact Ms. Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

The competent authority also found that although the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) industry experienced serious injury during the period of investigation, the injury experienced by the SACU industry can be attributed to factors other than an increase in imports and these factors sufficiently detract from the causal link between the imports and the injury experienced by the industry.

#### **5. Notice of Termination**

The notice 563 of 2021 was published in the *Government Gazette* No. 45176 on 17 September 2021.

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