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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT****NOTICE 700 OF 2016****INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH AFRICA****APPLICATION FOR SAFEGUARD MEASURES IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 16 OF  
THE TDCA ON FROZEN BONE-IN PORTIONS OF FOWLS OF THE SPECIES  
GALLUS DOMESTICUS: RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTER OF TRADE  
AND INDUSTRY**

The Minister of Economic Development directed the Commission to investigate and evaluate an application by the South African Poultry Association (SAPA) for the imposition of safeguard measures in terms of Article 16 of the Agreement on Trade, Development and Co-operation between the European Community and its Member States and The Republic of South Africa (The TDCA).

The application was lodged by the Applicant on behalf of the South African industry alleging that the imports of bone-in chicken portions from the EU are causing a serious disturbance in the SA market.

The Commission decided to initiate an investigation based on the allegation that the increased imports from the EU are causing a threat of serious disturbance to the South African industry. The investigation was published in the *Government Gazette* on 19 February 2016 for comment.

Comments were received from numerous interested parties, including Shoprite Checkers, Merlog Foods, Association of Meat Importers and Exporters (AMIE), Barbeque Rib Manufacturer's (BRM), the European Commission and the Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU (A.V.E.C).

The Commission also provided the opportunity for oral presentations by Merlog Foods, AMIE, BRM, AVEC, the EU Commission and the Applicant.

The Commission issued two essential facts letters to allow interested parties to submit comments on the essential facts under consideration before it made a final determination in the matter.

The Commission considered all the information submitted and comments made by all the interested parties. Non-confidential versions of all information and comments submitted are available on the public file.

This notice serves to inform all interested parties that the Commission has completed its investigation and has forwarded its recommendation to the Minister of Trade and Industry for his consideration. The Minister will now decide whether there is justification to raise the matter in the Cooperation Council.

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