

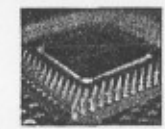
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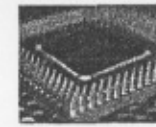
Presentation to the Portfolio on Trade and Industry

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Acting Chief Commissioner

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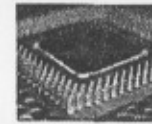
I. Background on ITAC

- ITAC is an independent body governed by the provisions of the *International Trade Administration Act*.
- ITAC responds to applications by third parties regarding (1) tariff amendments, (2) trade remedies, and (3) import and export permits, and makes recommendations to the Minister (dti).



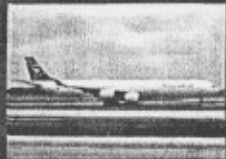
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II. ITAC's Mandate & Organisation

- ITAC is mandated to create an enabling environment for fair trade in South Africa and within the broader customs union (SACU) that fosters economic growth and development.



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Units Tariff Investigations Directorate



- Tariff Investigations (X2)
- Trade Remedies (X2)
- Import and Control Control
- Corporate Services



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III. Strategic Objectives



- For the period up to 2008, ITAC's general strategic objective is to establish a platform that optimally contributes to sustainable growth, employment and equity.

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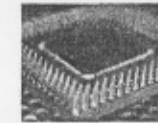


- To turn this general strategic objective into practice, ITAC's investigations are informed by specific objectives. These include –
 - Reduction in production costs for the domestic industry;
 - Promotion of downstream value addition;
 - Encouragement of specialisation and rationalisation;



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- Enhancement of international competitiveness;
- Export orientation;
- Support of sustainable industrialisation;
- Ensuring that SMMEs, BEEs and WEEs have equitable opportunity to participate; and
- Promotion of efficient and effective operations within ITAC.

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IV. 2005-2006 Annual Report

Policy (review) –



- ITAC has been reviewing policies that guide its operations:
 - In co-operation with the dti, ITAC has drafted a Customs Tariff Policy and an Anti-dumping Policy.
 - Agricultural Tariffs Policy



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Other Reviews –



- ITAC has been reviewing its import & export control operations. to remove unnecessary control measure, and to streamline the permit process through greater cooperation with other government departments on whose behalf many measure are applied.



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- Legislation –
- ITAC embarked on a process of revising its governing statute (ITA Act) and regulations.

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- Stakeholder Relations –
- As a member of the dti's *Council of Trade and Industry Institutions*, ITAC cooperates closely with the dti on trade-related issues such as the Doha Round of trade negotiations.
- ITAC is assisting the SACU integration process by providing technical advice and training officials from SACU member states to enable these states to set up their own investigatory bodies.



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- Efficiency: financial statements –
- The Auditor-General has determined that every annual financial statement issued by ITAC since its establishment in April 2003 fairly presented in all material respects its financial position.
- For the most recent financial year (2005-2006), ITAC had no emphasis of matter.