

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION BY THE  
TARIFF COMMISSION ON THE APPLICATION OF CAWC, INC.  
FOR SAFEGUARD MEASURE AGAINST IMPORTS OF SODIUM  
TRIPOLYPHOSPHATES – TECHNICAL GRADE (S.G. INV. NO. 04-  
2006) PURSUANT TO R.A. 8800**

In accordance with Section 14 of R.A. 8800 (Safeguard Measures Act”), the Tariff Commission hereby causes the publication of the summary findings and recommendation on the above-cited investigation which was concluded on January 5, 2007, to wit:

**FINDINGS**

1. As the sole manufacturer of STPP-TG in the Philippines, petitioner CAWC accounted for the entire domestic production of subject article during the POI.
2. Locally produced STPP-TG is a like product to imported STPP-TG.
3. STPP-TG was imported into the Philippines in significantly increased quantities, both in absolute terms and relative to domestic production, during the final year of the POI.
4. The domestic STPP-TG industry suffered and is suffering significant overall impairment in its condition in terms of loss of market share; declining sales and production; underutilization of capacity; substantial loss in operations; and decline in productivity.
5. While there were other factors that contributed to the overall impairment of the condition of the domestic industry, increased importation of the product under consideration was the substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The existence of a causal link between the increased imports of the product under consideration and serious injury to the domestic industry having been established, the Commission thereby recommends tariff rate quota as the form of definitive general safeguard measure to be imposed on imports of STPP-TG. The measure shall be effective for three (3) years counting from 06 July 2006 i.e., the date the provisional measure took effect.