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South Africa Answers U.S. Poultry Industry's Question About Anti-Dumping Duties

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Report Highlights:

South Africa's Deputy Director General Xavier Carim, in an interview published January 31, 2014, with Freight and Transport Weekly, spoke about there being overwhelming support for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) renewal in the United States. However, his comment misses a letter to Congress of November 18, 2013, where fifteen U.S. agricultural and machinery groups wrote members about their concern with South Africa's future participation in AGOA. U.S. agricultural private sector frustrations were reiterated during a January 14, 2014, testimony before the U.S. International Trade Commission where U.S. National Chicken Council representative William Roenigk, testified that they have been unjustly targeted by South Africa with unfair treatment due to a thirteen year old anti-dumping duty.

General Information:

South Africa's Deputy Director General Xavier Carim, in an interview published January 31, 2014, with Freight and Transport Weekly, spoke about there being overwhelming support for the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) renewal in the United States. DDG Karim in his interview expressed his view that among U.S. constituencies only the U.S. poultry industry had raised concerns about South Africa's future inclusion in the legislation. His comment misses a letter to Congress of November 18, 2013, where fifteen U.S. agricultural and machinery groups wrote members about their concern with South Africa's future participation in AGOA. That letter is available here.

<http://www.nppc.org/2013/11/coalition-urges-congress-to-demand-fair-treatment-from-countries-that-get-u-s-trade-benefits/>

U.S. National Chicken Council representative William Roenigk, testified January 14, 2014, to the U.S. International Trade Commission that they have been unjustly targeted by South Africa with unfair treatment due to a thirteen year old anti-dumping duty. Mr. Roenigk's full testimony before the ITC is available here:

<http://www.nationalchickencouncil.org/poultry-industry-questions-extension-african-trade-act/>

Reports indicate South Africa currently is pursuing anti-dumping duty cases for chicken against the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and France. South Africa can be expected to actively defend its ADD practices because if it moves to block EU exports to South Africa in the future it will need to defend its procedures. EU poultry enters the country duty free due to its Free Trade Agreement, and new higher tariffs on other nations' poultry have begun to reshuffle imports away from Brazil and towards the European Union. In September 2013, South Africa raised its tariffs on poultry in pieces and whole birds to 24 percent and 82 percent, respectively. Since the tariff was raised against all non-EU countries, the Netherlands has overtaken Brazil as the largest poultry exporter by value to South Africa, exporting \$14.6 million in November 2013. Brazil exported \$11.7 million to South Africa that month, \$10 million lower than last year in the same month. (According to the Global Trade Atlas, GTI, data through November 2013). Brazil still retains its place as the top exporter to South Africa by quantity, but exports monthly are trending down. UK and the Netherlands poultry monthly exports to South Africa doubled in quantity since the new tariffs were imposed against other exporters. Germany's monthly poultry exports to South Africa were up 50 percent in November 2013, compared to October.