



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3875

Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) What progress has his department made with regard to the development of a (a)(i) strategic trade and investment framework and (ii) trade agreement with the United States (US) and (b) on what date will formal negotiations begin;
- (2) what are the key trade and tariff concessions the Republic will offer the US in the short term in order to demonstrate goodwill and commitment to restoring the bilateral ties between the two countries? NW4425E

REPLY:

- (1) (a) (i) and (ii) Please refer to the response to Question 3022.
- (1) (b) South Africa is currently awaiting response from the United States on the framework deal that the country submitted in May 2025. Therefore, currently there is no agreed date for negotiations to begin.
- (2) The Framework Agreement covers elements offered by South Africa, as well as requests from South Africa. The former included: procurement of US products such as liquid natural gas (LNG), complemented with US investment in gas infrastructure in SA; and cooperation in key technologies to unlock production of gas in SA. It also touches on addressing market access for US agricultural products; promoting two-way investment and improving the investment climate; and outlined areas of future cooperation including on tariffs, digital trade, and critical minerals.

South Africa requested that the US consider an exemption of cars and parts, and steel and aluminium from Section 232 tariffs; that while negotiations are underway, the US to maintain the reciprocal tariff at 10% or a lower rate for other exports and maintain the AGOA preferential rate on MFN duties; exempt counter-seasonal fresh produce as well as exports from SMEs of less than US\$1 million per annum from the reciprocal tariff; and for the US to grant market access for South Africa's citrus, avocados, litchis and mangoes.

-END-