

**NOTICE 1860 OF 2003**  
**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**  
**OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**GENERAL NOTICE**  
**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS**  
**LIST 13/2003**

The following application concerning the Customs and Excise Tariff has been received by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC). Any objections to or comments on this representation should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within six weeks of the date of this notice. Attention is drawn to the fact that the rates of duty mentioned in the application are those requested by the applicant and that the Commission may, depending on its findings, recommend lower or higher rates of duty.

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

*Please note that if any information is considered to be confidential then a non-confidential version of the information must be submitted, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version the following rules are strictly applicable and parties must-*

- Indicate where confidential information has been omitted and the nature of such information;*
- Provide a summary of the confidential information which permits a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and*
- in exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary, submit reasons to this effect.*

*This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the ITAC, which, unless indicated to be confidential and filed together with a non-confidential version, will be made available to other interested parties.*

If a party considers that any document of another party on which that party is submitting representations does not comply with the above rules and that such deficiency affects that party's ability to make meaningful representations, the details of the deficiency and the reasons why that party's rights are so affected must be submitted to the ITAC in writing forthwith (and at the latest 14 days prior to the date on which that party's submission is due). Failure to do so timeously will seriously hamper the proper administration of the investigation, and such party will not be able to subsequently claim an inability to make meaningful representations on the basis of the failure of such other party to meet the requirements.

**WITHDRAWAL OF REBATE ITEMS:**

Withdrawal of textile rebate provisions as listed in Annexure 1 below:

**APPLICANT:**

International Trade Administration Commission  
Private Bag X753  
Pretoria  
0001  
Fax: (012) 428 7702.

**Background to the investigation:**

- (1) The Commission will investigate the withdrawal or phasing out of the textile rebate provisions listed in Annexure 1 below.
- (2) The background of this investigation is as follows:
  - In Report No. 3558 of 1995 the then Board on Tariffs and Trade recommended that rebate provisions for fabrics, as listed in the Report, be phased out over the period 1 September 1999 to 31 August 2002. These provisions should have been withdrawn but the recommendation was not implemented.
  - In Report No. 4180 of 26 August 2002, the Board on Tariffs and Trade recommended that 199 of the relevant rebate provisions be withdrawn (this was implemented by SARS on 13 June 2003) but that the withdrawal of 86 of the provisions be suspended, pending further analysis of the availability of the fabrics concerned, current and potential future supply, and the effects of the withdrawal of the provisions.
  - On 28 March 2003 the Board on Tariffs and Trade published a notice informing interested parties of its intention to investigate the withdrawal of several rebate provisions, including rebate provisions not originally listed in Report No. 3558.
  - The new investigation includes all the rebate provisions for fabrics not previously included in an investigation.
- (3) The main reasons for investigating the withdrawal of the provisions are as follows:

- An agreement in the Textile and Clothing Task Group (1994/95) that rebate provisions should be phased out.
  - The need for rebates has declined as yarn and fabric duty rates have been reduced.
  - The encouragement of investment and increased production in the textile sector.
  - The need to simplify the tariff regime and improve customs administration.
- (4) However the ITAC will take into account other factors in its consideration of the matter.
- (5) Interested parties are invited to submit comments and information to the ITAC. Information regarding the use of rebate provisions should be submitted in a set format, which can be obtained in electronic format or as hard copy from:
- Ms B Bieldt, Tel. (012) 428 7745 Fax: (012) 428 7744  
Email: [bbieldt@dti.pwv.gov.za](mailto:bbieldt@dti.pwv.gov.za)
- Mr C Grobbelaar Tel. (012) 428 7754 Fax: (012) 428 7777  
Email: [coertg@dti.pwv.gov.za](mailto:coertg@dti.pwv.gov.za)
- All enquiries should be addressed to these persons.

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**ANNEXURE 1**

**LIST OF REBATE PROVISIONS TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR WITHDRAWAL**

<b>Rebate Item</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Tariff Heading</b>
306.02	Pharmaceuticals	58.08
		52.08
		52.10
		55.14
		55.16
		56.03
		56.04
307.04	Plastic goods of plates, sheets, etc	63.07
307.08	Rubber products	51.11
		56.07
308.02	Luggage, etc.	51.11
		56.07
		52.11
		54.01
		54.07
		55.12
		55.16
		56.03
		59.03
		60.02
309.01	Wood and articles of wood	56.03
310.08	Bookbinding	55.08
		58.06
312.01	Footwear	52.08
		52.09
		52.10
		52.11
		52.12
		54.07
		54.08
		55.12
		55.13
		55.14
		55.15
		55.16
		56.03
		58.01
		58.04
		58.06
		58.09
		58.11
		59.03
		59.06
59.07		
62.17		
63.07		

<b>Rebate Item</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Tariff Heading</b>
<b>312.02</b>	<b>Headgear</b>	51.12
		52.08
		52.09
		52.10
		54.07
		54.08
		55.12
		55.13
		55.14
		55.15
		55.16
		56.03
		58.01
		58.06
		58.08
		59.01
		59.06
59.07		
60.02		
63.07		
<b>312.03</b>	<b>Umbrellas and sunshades</b>	54.07
<b>312.04</b>	<b>Artificial flowers</b>	54.07
		54.08
<b>313.01</b>	<b>Abrasive goods</b>	59.03
		59.07
<b>313.09</b>	<b>Articles of asphalt</b>	56.03
<b>316.04</b>	<b>Electrical generators, etc.</b>	59.03
<b>316.11</b>	<b>Insulated electric wire, cables, etc.</b>	52.04
		52.05
		52.06
		52.07
		54.02
		59.03
		59.06
<b>316.18</b>	<b>Electric insulating products</b>	56.03
		58.06
		56.02
<b>317.06</b>	<b>Motor vehicle parts</b>	58.01
		58.06
<b>318.01</b>	<b>Medical, scientific, photographic, etc.</b>	56.03
		56.08
		59.06
<b>320.01</b>	<b>Furniture</b>	56.03
		58.01
		59.03
		59.06
		59.07
<b>320.02</b>	<b>Mattresses, padded furnishings</b>	52.08
		52.09
		52.10
		52.11
		52.12
		54.07

320.02	Mattresses, padded furnishings continued	54.08
		55.12
		55.13
		55.14
		55.15
		55.16
		58.01
		58.02
		58.11
		59.03
		59.06
		59.07
		60.01
60.02		
320.03	Brooms, brushes, paint rollers	54.04
		58.01
		60.02
320.04	Articles for exercise, sports, etc.	56.03
		59.03
		59.07
320.05	Toys	54.02
		58.01
		60.01
320.07	Slide fasteners	54.04
		54.05
		60.01
320.09	Typewriter or similar ribbons	54.04
		54.07
		58.06