

NOTICE 3141 OF 2003
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA
GENERAL NOTICE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS
LIST 17/2003

The following applications concerning the Customs and Excise Tariff have been received by The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa. (ITAC) Any objections to or comments on these representations 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 applications are those requested by the applicants 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 sub

mitting 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 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 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.

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Reduction in the rate of customs duty on:

Vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate copolymers classifiable under tariff subheading 3904.30 from 10 percent *ad valorem* to free of duty.

[ITAC Ref: (29/2003), Enquiries: Mr. T Sithole, Tel:(012) 428 7773; Fax: (012) 428 7744]

APPLICANT:

Southern Chemicals (Pty) Ltd P O Box 71632 Bryanston 2021

Reason for application:

The existence of the duty related to the protection granted to the local manufacturer, AECI during the 1970's and 1980's, however due to the inability of the locally produced product to technically satisfy the industry industrial rebates were granted: 306.04 and 307.04. The applicant further stated that it is their contention that the tariff serves no purpose and is in fact counter – productive because the direct importers and users utilise the rebate mechanism, thereby avoiding 10% import duty.

REBATE OF THE DUTY ON:

“Colour charts of a kind used in ergonomical studies and planning, classifiable under tariff subheading 4911.10.90, cleared in terms of this rebate item on or before 1 May 2008”.

APPLICANT:

NCS Colour Systems, Private Bag X9, Melville 2109.

[T5/2/4/2/1 (10) Enquiries Mrs. R Theart tel: (012) 4287746, Fax: (012) 428 7744]

The following is an extract from the applicant's letter stating the reason for the application: “No similar product is manufactured within the SACU to ISO 9002 standards- this is why the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) has taken on the system as the new national standard.”

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

“Electrical telecommunication apparatus for carrier-current line systems or digital line systems classifiable under various tariff subheadings as follows:

Telephonic or telegraphic switching apparatus, classifiable under tariff subheading 8517.30, and Other apparatus, for carrier-current line systems or for digital line systems classifiable under tariff subheading 8517.50, as well as Other apparatus classifiable under tariff subheading 8517.80 from 5 per cent ad valorem to free of duty respectively for each of these three tariff subheadings”.

[T5/2/18/1 (28) Enquiries Mr. D L Smith tel: (012) 428 7820, Fax (012) 428 7717].

Note:

[There are no domestic manufacturers of apparatus for carrier-current line systems or digital line systems and the duty does not serve a protective purpose, but is a cost burden to the Industry and consumers.]

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