NOTICE 747 OF 2004 INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA

GENERAL NOTICE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS LIST 5/2004

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 <u>non-confidential</u> <u>version of the information must be submitted</u>, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version the following rules are strictly applicable and parties must indicate:

- D Where confidential information has been omitted and the nature of such information;
- 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, reasons must be submitted to this effect.

This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the Commission, 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 commission 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.

REDUCTION IN THE DUTY ON:

Chopped strands, of a length not exceeding 50 mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 7019.11, from 16 per cent <u>ad valorem</u> to free of duty.

[TAC Ref. T5/2/13/2/1 (66/2003), Enquiries: Mr D Lombard, Tel. (012) 428-7751]

APPLICANT:

Owens Corning South Africa (Pty) Ltd, Private Bag 30, Springs, 1560

REASON FOR APPLICATION:

"The closure of the glass melt facility will require the product to be imported to replace the manufacturing capacity. Duty protection is therefore no longer required. The market as a whole will benefit from the reduction in the landed cost of the specific chopped strands if the duty is removed."

REDUCTION IN THE DUTY ON:

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Rovings, classifiable under tariff subheading 7019.12.90, from 16 per cent <u>ad valorem</u> to free of duty.

[ITAC Ref: /13/2/1 (65/2003), Enquiries: Mr D Lombard, Tel. (012) 428-7751]

APPLICANT:

Owens Corning South Africa (Pty) Ltd, Private Bag 30, Springs, 1560.

REASON FOR APPLICATION:

"The glass melt facility is closed. As there will no longer be a manufacturing capability for rovings, the market as a whole will benefit from the reduction in landed cost of rovings and result lower manufacturing input costs if the duty is removed."

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

"Other: Festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes classifiable under tariff subheading 9505.90 from 30 per cent <u>ad</u> <u>valorem</u> to free of duty".

[ITAC Ref: T5/2/18/1(03) Equiries Mr. D.L. Smith, Tel: 012 428-7820, Fax O12-428-7717]

APPLICANT:

Saul Gerdis, 12 Monterey Drive, Constantia, 7806

REASON FOR APPLICATION:

"There are no SACU manufacturers of the goods and the current duty does not serve a protective purpose, but is a cost burden to industry and the consumer."

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

"Line facsimile transmission and reception apparatus classifiable under tariff subheading 8517.21 from 5 per cent <u>ad valorem</u> to free of duty".

[ITAC Ref: T/5/2/18/1(02) Enquiries Mr. D.L. Smith, Tel: 012 428-7820, fax 012 428-7717]

<u>APPLICANT</u>:

Safcor Panalpina, P.O. Box 97, Isando, 1600 (for Canon SA)

REASON FOR APPLICATION:

"There are no SACU manufacturers of the apparatus for line facsimile transmission and reception apparatus and the current duty does not serve a protective purpose, but is a cost burden to industry and the consumer."

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