

NOTICE 2408 OF 2004
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 15/2004

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) has received the following application concerning the Customs and Excise Tariff. Any objection to or comment 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 rate of duty mentioned in the application is that requested by the applicant and that the Commission may, depending on its findings, recommend a lower or higher rate 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;*
- 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.

REBATE OF THE DUTY ON

Vulcanised rubber parts for use with motor vehicles, classifiable under tariff subheading 4016.99.20, for the manufacture of windscreen wiper blades classifiable under tariff subheading 8512.90.

[ITAC Ref. T5/2/17/3/1 (42/2004); Enquiries: N Somdaka, Tel: (012) 3943737 Fax: (012) 3940510, E-mail: NSomdaka@thedti.gov.za]

APPLICANT:

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Reason for the application: The importers of the end product namely complete windscreen wiper blades can import the product free of duty while the local manufacturer is subject to a considerable amount of duty on the rubber imported to manufacture the wiper. This is an anomaly in terms of the customs tariff policy.

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