

NOTICE 948 OF 2005

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 8/2005

The International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) has received the following applications concerning the Customs and Excise ~~Tariff~~. Any objection to or comment on these representations should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within four **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.

OPTIONAL 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.

Reduction in the rate of duty on

1. Seamless pipes of iron or steel **known** as hollow bars classifiable under tariff subheadings 7304.39.35 and 7304.59.45 respectively.

Applicant
Macsteel Trading (Pty) Ltd
Prospecton
45/52 Jeffels Road
Prospecton
Durban
4000

[ITAC Ref. T5/2/15/2/1 (33/2003) Mr B. Mdikane, Tel: (012) 39436861]

Reason for the application: Macsteel (Pty) Ltd contends that there are no local manufactures to be protected by the current duty of 10%. The duty is an additional cost to the applicant and the consumers.

2. a) 2-Mercaptobezothiazole classifiable under tariff subheading 2934.20.15 from 10 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.
b) Derivatives of p-phenylenediamine classifiable under tariff subheading 2921.51.30 from 10 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.
c) Derivatives of Octylated diphenylamine classifiable under tariff subheading 2921.44.30 from 10 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.

Applicant:

Orchem (Pty) Ltd
P O Box 19
Sasolburg
1947

[File No: (14/2005) Mrs. R Theart (012) 394 3674 or Me. M Masithela, Tel: (012) 394 3682, fax no: (012) 394 05161

Reason for the application:

- 1) Raw material not available in the SACU **as** Orchem, a subsidiary of Karbochem, terminated production due to the high cost of production, low volumes of the SACU demand and the **low** competitive prices of imported products.
 - 2) Existing duty exerts pressure on production costs **of** downstream products and hence rendering the final product uncompetitive when compared to similar imported end products.
 - 3) Upstream and downstream manufacturers in this industry saw it necessary to apply for a removal of the rate of duty.
3. Sunglasses classifiable under tariff subheading 9004.10 from 10% ad valorem to free **of** duty

[ITAC reference: T/5/2/18/1(02) Enquiries Mr. D.L. Smith, tel: 012 394-3684, fax 012 394 05161

Applicant:

Xikhovha Advisory
P.O Box 1579
Honeydew
2040

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

General

Amendment of rebate provision 316.09/8516.80/01.06 to read **as** follows:

"Electric heating resistors, for the manufacture of electric smoothing irons, electric frying pans, electric hot trays, sandwich makers, electric coffee makers, glass-top hobs and glass-top stoves of heading 8516.80 and electric kettles"

Applicant

Creative Housewares

P.O. Box 37153

Chempet

7442

Reason for the application: “There are no domestic manufacturers of heating elements for domestic kettles and the current duty does not serve a protective purpose, but is a cost burden to the industry and consumers.”

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