

NOTICE 500 OF 2006**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
OF SOUTH AFRICA****CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LST 4/2006**

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 applications 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.*

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Preparations put up as salmon food classifiable under tariff subheading **2309.90.90**, from 20% *ad valorem* to free by amending the existing scope of tariff subheading 2309.90.15.

Reason for application:

- The volume of feed required in the pilot stage is insufficient to justify local tooling by feed **firms** to produce the high quality feed required for salmon.
- A very expensive plant is required which will only become viable when large-scale production of salmon can take place.
- The (20%) import duty presents a serious economic constraint at a stage where limited investment capital has to be disbursed to the many innovation and monitoring demands of the pilot stage.

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