

**NOTICE 1406 OF 2006****DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
CONSULTATIONS FOR WTO NON-AGRICULTURAL MARKET ACCESS  
NEGOTIATIONS**

It is hereby announced that notwithstanding the recent announcement on 24 July 2006 by World Trade Organisation Director-General, Pascal Lamy, to suspend the Doha negotiations, South Africa is continuing with domestic consultations to prepare for the resumption of the Doha Development Agenda Negotiations.

The mandate for the Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) negotiations as contained in paragraph 16 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration is as follows:

“We agree to negotiations which shall aim, by modalities to be agreed, to reduce or as appropriate eliminate tariffs, including the reduction or elimination of tariff peaks, high tariffs, and tariff escalation, as well as non-tariff barriers, in particular on products of export interest to developing countries. Product coverage shall be comprehensive and without *a priori* exclusions. The negotiations shall take fully into account the special needs and interests of developing and least-developed country participants, including through less than full reciprocity in reduction commitments.. .”

A consultative process to prepare and finalise NAMA negotiating positions is underway within the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC) and with South Africa’s partners in the Southern African Customs Union (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland).

The main issues of the position are:

- The formula to be used for tariff reductions and the coefficient of the formula which will determine the severity of the tariff reductions; and
- the products/tariff lines to be accommodated under a flexibility provision. The tariff reductions on such products/tariff lines can be limited to half (50%) of the general formula reductions.

NEDLAC is the statutory body created by the NEDLAC Act 35 of 1994 to facilitate consultations and consensus, amongst others, on trade matters between Government, Business, and Labour. Sector Task Teams have been established to facilitate the consultative process. This ensures that positions are deliberated and cleared at sector level before these are transmitted to Government. The Task Teams with the respective conveners are listed below. Comments in regard to these sectors are to be submitted direct to the conveners:

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Government is aware that not all product lines classifiable under chapters 25 to 97 of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System are fully covered by the sectors mentioned above. These are chapters 43, 45, 46, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 90, 94, 95 and 96 of the tariff nomenclature. Government has therefore decided to invite representatives of business and labour concerned with product lines classifiable under chapters 43, **45**, 46, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 90, 94, 95 and 96 of the tariff nomenclature, to consultations to make their views known to the South African Trade Negotiating Team. These consultations will take place at the offices of the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC), which are located at the following address:

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Please note that the consultations are limited to the chapters quoted in the table below. The consultations will take place according to the following schedule:

Day 01: 19 October 2006

<b>HS Chapter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
43	Furskins and Artificial Fur; Manufactures Thereof	19 October 2006	10h00
45 & 46	Wood and Articles of Wood; Wood Charcoal; Cork and Articles of Cork; Manufactures of Straw, of Esparto or of Other Plaiting Materials; Basketware and Wickerwork	19 October 2006	11h00
65 & 66	Footwear. Headgear. Umbrellas. Sun Umbrellas. Walking-Sticks, Seat-Sticks. Whips: Riding-Crops and Parts Thereof: Prepared Feathers and Articles Made Therewith: Artificial Flowers: Articles of Human Hair	19 October 2006	12h00
67	Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	19 October 2006	14h00
68 and 69	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, and Ceramic products	19 October 2006	15h00
70	Glass and glassware	19 October 2006	16h00

Day 02: 20 October 2006

<b>HS Chapter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	20 October 2006	10h00
90	Optical. Photographic. Cinematographic. Pleasuring. Checking, Precision, Medical or Surgical Instruments and Apparatus; Parts and Accessories Thereof	20 October 2006	11h00
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings	20 October 2006	12h00

<b>HS Chapter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
95	Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof	20 October 2006	14h00
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20 October 2006	15h00

Interested parties are requested to register with Mr. Sandile Roro of **the dti** at e-mail [SRoro@thedti.gov.za](mailto:SRoro@thedti.gov.za). He can also be reached on line 012 – 394 3083.