

NOTICE 1425 OF 2006**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**
OF SOUTH AFRICA**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TARIFFS****LIST 13/2006**

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 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.

1. INCREASE

In the rate of customs duty on:

Non-woven fabric of man-made filaments whether or not impregnated, coated or covered or laminated with plastics classifiable under tariff subheadings 5603.11.90; 5603.12.90; 5603.13.90; 5603.14.90; from 10 % ad valorem to 20 % ad valorem.

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Reasons for the application are:

Cheaper non-woven spun bond fabric is currently being imported to replace the more expensive non-woven spun bond fabric, which is manufactured in **SACU**. Most of the fabric is imported under the lower rate of duty (10 % ad valorem)

The proposed increase will level the playing field **and** result in the better administration of the tariff.

2. Rebate

Of the customs duty:

To amend the description of rebate item 311.12 to read as follows:

- 311.12/52.08/01.04 Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more by mass of cotton, of a mass not exceeding 200g/m², for the manufacture of impregnated or coated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/54.07/01.04 Open-weave fabrics of synthetic filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 54.04, with a construction not exceeding 10 threads per cm², for the manufacture of impregnated or coated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item **does** not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/54.07/02.04 Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn including fabrics obtained from materials of heading No 54.04, of a mass not exceeding 65g/mw, woven from yarns with a linear density not exceeding 78dtex, for the manufacture of impregnated or coated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/55.16/01.04 Woven fabrics of artificial staple fibres, unbleached, bleached or dyed, for the manufacture of coated fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/56.03/01.04 Non-wovens, uncoated, for the manufacture of impregnated or coated textile fabrics (excluding interlinings). The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/60.01/01.04 Pile fabrics including "long pile" fabrics and terry fabrics, knitted or crocheted, for the manufacture of impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.

- 311.12/60.02/01.04 Knitted or crocheted fabrics of a width not exceeding 30cm, containing by mass 5% or more of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread (excluding those of heading 60.01), for the manufacture of impregnated, coated, covered or laminated fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/60.05/01.04 Warp knit fabrics (including those made on galloon knitting machines) (excluding those of headings 60.01 to 60.04), for the manufacture of impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.
- 311.12/60.06/01.04 Other knitted or crocheted fabrics, for the manufacture of impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics. The manufacturing covered by this item does not extend to the bleaching, dyeing or the printing of textile fabrics.

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Reasons for the application are:

The current description of the rebate item results in the misuse of this rebate item.

3. **REDUCTION**

In the rate of customs duty on:

“Babies booties from 30 % or 500c/2u to free of duty, classifiable under tariff subheading 6405.20.90 by the creation of an additional 8-digit subheading 6405.20.19 for babies booties and the insertion of an Additional Note to Chapter 65 defining the scope as follows: For the purposes of subheading 6405.20.19 the expression babies booties applies only to booties with uppers and soles of woven textile material, with the outer soles affixed to the uppers by sewing, having a length not exceeding 100 mm and a sole thickness not exceeding 2 mm”

The applicant:

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As reason for the application the applicant stated that:

- Woven babies/infants booties are not manufactured in the **SACU** region and the duty is not protecting any industry.
- The duty is higher than the **FOB** value of these booties.

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