

NOTICE 237 OF 2007

INTERNATIONAL TRADE TIC MISSION**CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 1/2007**

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following applications concerning the Customs Tariff. **Any** objection to or comment on these representations 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

The submission of confidential information to the Commission in connection with customs tariff applications is governed by section 3 of the Tariff Investigations Regulations, which regulations can be found on ITAC's website at <http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf>.

These regulations require 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 regulations are strictly applicable and require parties to indicate:

- ❑ Each instance where confidential information has been omitted and the reasons for confidentiality;*
- ❑ A summary of the confidential information which permits other interested parties a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and*
- ❑ In exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary,*

- ❑ *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 clearly indicated to be confidential, will be made available to other interested parties. The Commission will disregard any information indicated to be confidential that is not accompanied by a proper non-confidential summary or the aforementioned reasons.

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 CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Slag wool, rock wool and similar mineral wools (including intermixtures thereof), in sheet, painted, with one side not exceeding 625 mm and the other side not exceeding 2500 mm and with a thickness not exceeding 20 mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 6806.10, from 15% ad valorem to free of duty.

[ITAC reference: T5/2/13/2/1 (20/2006) enquiries Mr. D Lombard, tel. 012-3943687, fax 012-3940516)

APPLICANT:

Speciality Design Products (Pty) Ltd trading as: Owa Ceiling Systems Cape,
PO Box 293,
EPPINDUST,
7475

Reason for application:

“The products namely owacoustic mineral fibre ceiling panels or suitable substitutes thereof are no longer manufactured in the SACU region.”

REBATE OF THE CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Woven fabrics of subheading **5407.61**, consisting of **100%** polyester and of a mass not exceeding 90g/m² for use in the manufacture of clothing”

APPLICANT:

Cadema Industries (Pty) Ltd

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As reasons for the application the applicant stated that:

- The specific product in question (organza fabric) is not manufactured in the SACU region, hence the current rate of duty of 22%, is not justified.
- The product in question is a raw material and is used by the applicant **as** an input into the local manufacture of a final product, and thus should be encouraged.
- The final product, children's clothing, is very price sensitive and a rebate of duty would give a competitive advantage to their business through cost savings, allowing them access to a wider market.

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