

GENERAL NOTICES ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

NOTICE 1423 OF 2008

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATION

LIST 15/2008

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 comments on this 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 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

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, 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.

1. REVIEW

Of the customs tariff dispensation pertaining to oilcakes classifiable under tariff headings 23.04, 23.05 and 23.06 with a view of reducing duties.

APPLICANT

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION

The National Department of Agriculture (NDA) stated that immediate interventions should be put in place to reduce food prices, especially considering that oilcake is a major input into beef and poultry. The NDA is of the opinion that a reduction or removal of duty might have some positive effect in either marginally reducing the cost of producing those meat products or stabilizing their prices.

2. REDUCTION

Of the customs duty on:

“Vulcanised rubber bands in immediate packaging of 20 kg or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 4016.99.90 from 15% to free of duty by the creation of a new 8-digit subheading under tariff subheading 4016.99”

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APPLICANT

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION

The applicant stated that the rubber bands used for the bundling of newspapers, books, letter, currency notes etc. are not manufactured in the SACU.

3. INCREASE

In the rate of duty on:

“Reception apparatus for television, whether or not incorporating radio-broadcast receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus, not designed to incorporate a video display or screen, classifiable in tariff subheading 8528.71, from a free rate of duty to 15% percent ad valorem.”

APPLICANT

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION

The applicant contended the recent changes to the domestic digital television market; liberalisation of the Pay –TV sector via allocation of additional licences, digital terrestrial television migration program and corporate governance of Multi-choice Subscriber Management Services will see numerous foreign imports of set top boxes entering the SACU market.

4. REBATE

Of duty on:

460.27 Goods, entered for home consumption before 31 December 2010, in such quantities, at such times and under such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, for the installation of fuel pipeline systems used by pipeline operators registered in the Republic to distribute fuel:

73.07.1 Flanges and but-welding fittings of iron or steel

- 85.36.1 Automatic circuit breakers and switches, with moulded casings of plastics or other insulating material, with a current rating not exceeding 800A
- 84.81 Valves for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like
- 8501.5 Other electrical AC motors, multi-phase, of an output exceeding 750W
- 8502.1 Electric generating sets with compression-ignition internal combustion engines (diesel or semi-diesel), those of and output not exceeding 75kVA and those with and output exceeding 375kVA
- 8504.32 Other transformers, having a power handling capacity exceeding 1kVA but not exceeding 16kVA
- 8506.50 Primary cells and primary batteries, lithium
- 8537.10 Boards, panels, consoles, desks, cabinets and other bases, equipped with two or more apparatus of heading 85.35 or 85.36, for electric control or the distribution of electricity, including those incorporating instruments or apparatus of Chapter 90, and numerical control apparatus (excluding switching apparatus of heading 85.17), for a voltage not exceeding 1000V equipped with apparatus of subheading 8536.20.15 or 8536.50.50
- 8544.49 Other electrical conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1000V, not fitted with connectors (excluding those of a voltage not exceeding 80V)

APPLICANT

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION

Most of the equipment or components to be used for the construction of the 16 inch and the 24 inch pipelines are not available in the SACU while some other equipment or components are available in the SACU but in insufficient quantities and qualities to meet the demand.

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