

NOTICE 187 OF 2009**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OF
SOUTH AFRICA****WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN CUSTOMS DUTIES
ON TARIFF SUBHEADING 8528.71 BY ALTECH UEC (PTY) LTD.**

Altech UEC Technologies (Pty) Ltd applied for an increase in the rate of duty on reception apparatus (commonly known as Set - Top Boxes or DSTV decoders) classifiable under tariff subheading 8528.71 from free of duty to 15% ad valorem duty.

The company mentioned that the recent changes to the domestic digital television market; liberalisation of the Pay -TV sector via allocation of additional licenses, digital terrestrial television migration program and corporate governance of Multi-choice Subscriber Management Services will see numerous foreign imports of Set Top Boxes (STB's) entering the SACU market.

ITAC in Notice 1423 of 2008 published in Government Gazette number 31604 dated 21 November 2008, gave notice of Altech UEC (Pty) Ltd's application for the increase in the rate of duty on tariff subheading 8528.71.

On 20 January 2009 Altech UEC Technologies (Pty) Ltd withdrew its application. Having considered the applicant's withdrawal, the Commission has terminated the investigation.

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