NOTICE 622 OF 2009

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATION LIST 5/2009

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 this representations should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001, within 6 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 <u>http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf</u>.

These regulations require that if any information is considered to be confidential, then a <u>non-confidential version of the information must be submitted</u>, 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.

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Synthetic filament yarn classifiable under tariff subheadings: 54.01 and 54.02 from 15 % ad valorem to free of duty

APPLICANT: Textile Federation of South Africa P O Box 53 BRUMA 2026

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant stated that there is currently no manufacturer of filament yarns in the SACU since Sans Fibres stopped manufacturing these yarns on 31 March 2009.

REBATE OF THE DUTY ON:

Cotton not carded or combed classifiable in tariff heading 52.01, at such times, in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) may allow by specific permit.

APPLICANT:

THE TEXTILE FERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA P. O. BOX 53 BRUMA 2026

[ITAC Ref (61/2008), Enquiries Mr. C Grobbelaar, Tel (012) 394 3672 and fax: (012) 394 4672, E-mail: cgrobbelaar@itac.org.za]

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The varieties of cotton not carded or combed available in SACU and in SADC do not meet the complete needs of the cotton-spinning sector in South Africa. Currently these varieties, such as extra long staple cotton and certified contamination free cotton, amongst others, have to be imported from outside SADC.