

NOTICE 653 OF 2012**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 09/2012**

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 these representations should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001. Attention is drawn to the fact that the rate of duty mentioned in these applications are that requested by the applicants 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. INCREASE OF THE CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Laminated safety glass of size and shape suitable for incorporation in vehicles, aircraft, spacecraft or vessels, classifiable under tariff subheading 7007.21, from 15% to 30% *ad valorem*

APPLICANTS:

National Auto Glass (Pty) Ltd
P O Box 8428
Elandsfontein
1406

FGW Safety Glass (Pty) Ltd
336 Shaft Street
Cnr Main Reef Road
Stormill, Extension 2
Johannesburg

Shatterprufe, a division of PG Group (Pty) Ltd
P O Box 2329
Bedfordview
2008

USG Autoglass CC
Site 43 Indwe Road, Fort Jackson
East London
5219

Ref: 21/2012. **Enquiries:** Mr Nyiko Mabunda at 012 394 3634 or by email at nmabunda@itac.org.za.

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant stated that import volumes at lower average import prices increased to a point where the local industry is being placed in jeopardy.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above address within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.

2. CREATION OF THE REBATE FACILITY ON:

Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) in solid classifiable under tariff subheading 2815.11, for use in the manufacture of sodium metasilicates classifiable in tariff subheading 2839.11.

APPLICANT:

Kiran Global Silica SA (Pty) Ltd
Private Bag X9
East Rand
1462

Ref: 7/2012 Enquiries: Mr Moses Sibanyoni, Fax: (012) 394-4724 Email: msibanyoni@itac.org.za.

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant indicated that there is shortage of caustic soda in the SACU.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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3. CREATION OF THE REBATE FACILITY ON:

Petroleum bitumen, classifiable under tariff subheading 2713.20, for rebate of the fully duty.

APPLICANT:

Colas South Africa (PTY) Ltd
P O Box 82
Eppindust
7475

Ref: 10/2012 Enquiries: Mr Moses Sibanyoni, Fax: (012) 394-4724 Email: msibanyoni@itac.org.za.

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant indicated that there is a shortage of the product in question in the SACU.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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4. INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Conical steel drums with a capacity of 235 litres or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 7310.10, by the creation of an additional 8-digit subheading for "conical steel drums with capacity of 235 litres or more "under the structure of 7310.10.

APPLICANT:

Peninsula Drum CC
P O Box 14833
Kenwyn
7790

ITAC Ref: 19/2012, **Enquiries:** Ms Lufuno Maliaga Tel: 012 394 3835 or e-mail: lmaliaga@itac.org.za

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:**The applicant submitted that:**

- a) There is growing demand internationally for conical steel drums.
- b) Currently conical drums are not manufactured locally. The Western cape alone imports an average of 50 000 of these types of drums annually from abroad.
- c) Having undertaken the research on the viability of manufacturing this type of drums locally and also due to high customer demand for conical drums, Peninsula Drum CC has invested in manufacturing conical drums locally.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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