

NOTICE 229 OF 2013**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATION****LIST 07/2013**

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 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. REDUCTION OF DUTY ON

“Constant Velocity joints (CV joints), classifiable in tariff subheading 8708.50.90, from 20% ad valorem to free of duty by the creation of an additional 8-digit subheading for CV joints under tariff subheading 8708.50.”

APPLICANT

Masterparts (Pty) Ltd
24 Warrington Road
Kenilworth
Cape Town
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ITAC reference: 51/2012; Enquiries: Mr Sipho Tshabalala, stshabalala@itac.org.za (012-394 3739).

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION

The applicant stated that there are no longer local manufacturers of CV joints within SACU, and the current duty only serve as a cost raising effect.

PUBLICATION PERIOD

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

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

“Graphite electrodes classifiable under tariff subheading 8545.11, from free of duty to 10% *ad valorem*”.

APPLICANT:

GrafTech South Africa (Pty) Ltd
Kookfontein Farm
Meyerton
Gauteng

ITAC Reference: [52/2012]. Enquiries and correspondence should be directed to: Ms. M Moloto on Tel: (012) 394 3676; Fax: (012) 394 4676 or email: mmoloto@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION

- GrafTech SA is the only manufacturer of the graphite electrodes in the SACU region and is suffering serious injury as a result of rapidly increasing imports at declining import unit prices.
- The low priced imports have severely affected the profitability of the business.
- The company's investment in the SACU economy is under threat because of the serious injury being caused by imports.
- As the sole SACU region manufacturer of graphite electrodes, GrafTech and its products are essential to a number of industries. It is in the best interests of the SACU economy to retain this important investment.

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