
GENERAL NOTICE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATION

LIST 08/2013

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following application concerning the Customs Tariff. Any objection to or comments on this representation 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 this 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 <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.

INCREASE IN THE RATES OF CUSTOM DUTY ON FROZEN CHICKEN MEAT

Tariff subheading	Product description	Current duty	Proposed duty	Type of duty requested
0207.12	Not cut in pieces frozen			
0207.12.20	Carcasses (excluding necks and offal) with all cuts (e.g. thighs, wings, legs and breasts) removed	27%	991c/kg with a maximum of 82%	Specific duty capped with the bound rate
0207.12.90	Other: Whole bird	27%	1111c/kg with a maximum of 82%	Specific duty capped with the bound rate
0207.14	Cuts and offal, frozen			
0207.14.10	Boneless cuts	5%	12% or 220c/kg with a maximum of 82%	Combination duty capped with the bound rate
0207.14.20	Offal	27%	67% or 335c/kg with a maximum of 82%	Combination duty capped with the bound rate
0207.14.90	Other: Bone-in portions	220c/kg	56% or 653c/kg with a maximum of 82%	Combination duty capped with the bound rate

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Reasons for the application as stated by the applicant:

- The South African producers as well as producers from BLNS countries are distressed and their survival is threatened mainly by a large and rapid increase in the volume of imports of extremely low priced frozen poultry meat.
- Some small and medium sized producers have been forced to shut down, while those remain face the imminent threat of closure. Certain large producers have reduced their workforce and forecast further job losses. Should the current situation persist, the large producers will be forced to drastically scale back operations and possibly close some.
- Low priced imports negatively impact on further investment in the poultry industry and associated industries, affecting both commercial and emerging broiler producers, the SACU production capacity and compromise SACU food security.

Representation should be submitted to the above address within **three (3) weeks** of the date of this notice.

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