

NOTICE 74 OF 2015**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 01/2015**

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 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 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. CREATION OF REBATE FACILITIES FOR THE UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE SECTOR, AS FOLLOWS:

Rebate Item	Tariff sub heading	Description	Extent of Rebate
320.01	5407.73	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by mass of synthetic filaments, of yarns of different colours, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, for use in the manufacture of upholstered furniture classifiable in tariff heading 94.01	Full duty
320.01	5515.1	Woven fabrics of polyester staple fibres, (excluding that mixed mainly or solely with wool or fine animal hair) , in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, for use in the manufacture of upholstered furniture classifiable in tariff heading 94.01	Full duty

APPLICANT:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted, inter alia, the following reasons for the application:

- Fabric supply in South Africa is relatively limited in the offerings in respect of trends and product newness compared to offerings available from the rest of the world.
- A key restriction on the ability of local suppliers to meet Coricraft's fabric requirements is the sourcing of filament/fibre which has to be imported. As a result of importation, the lead time of supply for local suppliers is significantly longer than that of the overseas supplier's timeline.
- The local industry lacks dyeing capacity and capability.
- Local suppliers fail to meet the "handle and performance standards" due to lack of finishing techniques.
- Local textile manufacturers derive most volumes of their fabric use from clothing, work wear and other industrial wear manufacturing. As such, Coricraft's fabric requirements cannot sustain these businesses and supporting these local suppliers has in the past placed Coricraft's business in jeopardy when an existing supply line were terminated without adequate warning

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. CREATION OF A REBATE PROVISION:

“Goods of any description (excluding mounted or populated circuit boards) for the manufacture of prepayment electricity supply meters classifiable in tariff subheading 9028.30, at such times, in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the Commission is satisfied that the circuit boards are mounted and populated in the SACU region.”

APPLICANT:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted, *inter alia*, the following reasons for the application:

- The local industry is facing fierce competition from low-priced imports of electricity meters, particularly from China;
- Electricity meters are currently duty free, whilst some components used in the manufacture of electricity meters attract import duties, consequently, the local industry manufacturing electricity meters is placed at an additional disadvantage; and
- The local industry is losing market share, and this will result in job losses.

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