

**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
NOTICE 614 OF 2016**

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS**

LIST 08/2016

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).

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.

**REVIEW OF THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON VARIOUS
DOWNSTREAM STEEL PRODUCTS:**

“Steel products classifiable under tariff headings; 73.06, 73.15, 73.26, and 87.16”

INITIATED BY:

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ENQUIRIES:

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REASONS FOR THE REVIEW:

- The global steel crisis is negatively impacting the entire SACU steel value chain;
- A number of SACU downstream industries have expressed concerns regarding the lack of tariff protection against imports of finished products that often come at unsustainably low prices; and
- A competitive steel value chain that support increased beneficiation, investment and employment is a key priority for SACU development.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Written submissions must be made within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.