DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY NOTICE 802 OF 2018 INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 10/2018

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 <u>http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf</u>.

These regulations require that if any information is considered to be confidential, then a <u>non-confidential version of the information must be submitted</u>, 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. CREATION OF A REBATE FACILITY ON ORDINARY CUSTOMS DUTY APPLICABLE TO: "Bars and rods, of aluminium -copper -magnesium -zinc alloys, of a maximum cross -sectional dimension of 25 mm or more but not exceeding 52 mm and of a length not exceeding 3221 mm, having a copper content of 1.2 per cent or more but not exceeding 2 per cent by weight, a magnesium content of 2.1 per cent or more but not exceeding 2.9 per cent by weight and a zinc content of 5.1 per cent but not exceeding 6.1 per cent by mass, with a yield strength of 460 MPa or more but not exceeding 480 MPa, classifiable in tariff subheading 7604.29.15, at such times, in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the bars and rods are not available in the SACU market; and

"Profiles of aluminium-copper-magnesium-zinc alloys, of a maximum cross-sectional dimension of 60 mm or more but not exceeding 85 mm, having a copper content of 1.2 per cent or more but not exceeding 2 per cent by weight, a magnesium content of 2.1 per cent or more but not exceeding 2.9 per cent by weight and a zinc content of 5.1 per cent but not exceeding 6.1 per cent by mass, with a yield strength of 460 MPa or more but not exceeding 480 MPa, classifiable in tariff subheading 7604.29.65, at such times, in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the profiles are not available in the SACU market".

APPLICANT:

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REASONS AS STATED BY THE APPLICANT:

- There are currently no known manufacturers of the subject products or close substitutes in the SACU region. As such, the applicable customs duty on the subject products has an unnecessary cost-raising effect on the production of stabilisation fins and mortar bombs; and
- The creation of a rebate provision will contribute to a reduction in the cost of production and improvement in the global competitive position of the domestic industry manufacturing stabilisation fins and mortar bombs.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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