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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**NOTICE 392 OF 2019****INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 05/2019**

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 CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Reduction in the general rate of customs duty on cooker hoods having a maximum horizontal side not exceeding 120 cm, domestic type, classifiable under tariff subheading 8414.60.20, from 15% *ad valorem* to free of duty”

APPLICANT:

Defy Appliances (Pty) Ltd
P. O. Box 12004
JACOBS
4026

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **10/2019**. Mr. Tshepiso Sejamoholo / Ms. Ndivhudzannyi Mokou. Tel: 012 394 1605/3627 or email tsejamoholo@itac.org.za/nmokou@itac.org.za.

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted the following reasons for the application:

- Historically, Defy Appliances (Pty) Ltd sourced cooker hoods domestically from Remkor Manufacturing (Pty) Ltd, however, the domestic manufacturer has since discontinued the manufacture of cooker hoods, leaving Defy with no option but to import the product; and
- The company’s competitive position is negatively affected by the customs duty of 15% incurred on the cooker hoods.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. CREATION OF A REBATE FACILITY ON:

“Optic fibre cables, classifiable in tariff subheading 8544.70, for use in international submarine optic fibre cable infrastructure, at such times and in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided that optic fibre cables are not available in the SACU market; and

Electrical apparatus for making connections to or in electrical circuits, for a voltage not exceeding 1000 volts, other, classifiable in tariff subheading 8536.90.90, for use in international submarine optic fibre cable infrastructure, at such times and in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided that optic fibre cables are not available in the SACU market”.

APPLICANT:

Open Serve (a division of Telkom SA SOC Ltd)
61 Oak Avenue
Highveld
Techno Park
CENTURION
0157

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 09/2019, Enquires Mr. Pfarelo Phaswana and/or Mr. Pardon Hadzhi, Tel: 012 394 3628/3634 or email: pphaswana@itac.org.za/phadzhi@itac.org.za.

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted, *amongst others*, the following reasons for the application:

- The are no local manufacturers of optic fibre cables and electrical apparatus for use in the submarine optic fibre cable infrastructure;
- The subject products are not used in the domestic terrestrial market; and
- The applicable customs duty on the subject products has an unnecessary cost raising effect in the maintenance and repair of international submarine optic fibre cable infrastructure.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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