

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
NOTICE 450 OF 2019
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS
LIST 06/2019

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. REBATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), in aqueous solution, classifiable in tariff subheading 2815.12, for the manufacture of semi-chemical fluting paper, in rolls or sheets, classifiable in tariff 4805.11, in such

quantities, at such times and under such conditions as the International Trade Administration May allow by specific permit.

[Ref no: 27/2017, Enquiries: Email: Ms. Elizabeth Kekana, Fax: (012) 394 4668, email: ekekana@itac.org.za, and Mr Nkulana Phenya, Fax: (012) 394-4677; Email: nphenya@itac.org.za.]

APPLICANT:

SAPPI Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd T/A SAPPI Tugela Mill
Private Bag X6034

MANDENI

4490

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

As a reason for the application, the applicant indicated that the local manufacturers of caustic soda cannot meet the domestic demand. Sappi further stated that the creation of duty would improve the company's competitiveness, create job opportunities and would increase the company's cash flow which can be used for expansion purposes.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be submitted to ITAC within four **(4) weeks** of the date of this notice.

2. REVIEW OF THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON COATED STEEL, CLASSIFIABLE UNDER TARIFF SUBHEADINGS 7210.41, 7210.49, 7212.30, 7210.61, 7210.90, 7225.99, 7210.70 AND 7212.40

APPLICANT:

International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC)

Private Bag X753

PRETORIA

0001

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **13/2019**. Mr. Njabulo Mahlalela/ Ms. Lufuno Maliaga. Tel: 012 394 3684/3835 or email nmahlalela@itac.org.za/lmaliaga@itac.org.za.

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The Commission is reviewing the duty structure in order to determine its impact on the steel industry value chain.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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