

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

NOTICE 18 OF 2020

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONSLIST 01/2020

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. CREATION OF A REBATE PROVISION ON:

“Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) classifiable in tariff subheading 4002.19.90, for the manufacture of tyres classifiable in tariff heading 40.11”.

APPLICANT:

Sumitomo Rubber (Pty) Ltd
P. O. Box 925
DURBAN
Kwazulu Natal
4000

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted the following reasons for the application:

- Currently, there is no local manufacturer of styrene-butadiene rubber in the SACU region. The sole manufacturer of the subject product, Karbochem (Pty) Ltd, closed down in 2018.
- The customs duty on styrene-butadiene rubber imposes additional input costs in the tyre manufacturing process.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. INCREASE:

Increase the extent of rebate for rebate item 306.02/5208.21/01.06 from full duty less 11% to rebate of the full duty for woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 per cent or more by mass of cotton, of a mass not exceeding 100 g/m² bleached, in a plain weave, for the manufacture of wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressings, adhesive plasters, poultices), impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances or put up in forms or packings for retail sale, for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes.

APPLICANT:

BSN Medical (Pty) Ltd
PO Box 526
Pinetown
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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT:

- *“Currently, the bulk of rolls of gauze swabs are imported under tariff subheading 5208.21 with full duty less 11%. The rise in manufacturing costs has escalated, hence to apply for full duty.*
- *The company employs 397 people, and the closure of the production facility would result in 197 direct employees losing their jobs.*
- *The impact will be compounded upstream the supply chains as the company sources material and services from various local suppliers”.*

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