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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3139 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 03/2025

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 comment 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).

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. INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY APPLICABLE TO:

"Grooved couplings, for a pipe with an outside diameter of 42 mm or more but not exceeding 324 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 7307.11.90, by the creation of a separate tariff subheading for the said products"; and

"Other cast grooved couplings, for a pipe with an outside diameter of 42mm or more but not exceeding 324 mm, classifiable in tariff subheadings 7307.19.80 and 7307.19.90, by the creation of a separate tariff subheading for the said products".

APPLICANT:

Rand York Castings (Pty) Ltd

33 Umhlanga Plaza

4 Lagoon Drive

Umhlanga Rocks

Durban

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As reasons for the application, the applicant cited, amongst others, the following:

- Currently, the market for grooved couplings is fully serviced by imports following the discontinuation of local manufacturing activities. Despite the applicant's attempts to re-enter the market, increased challenges, including increased competition from low priced imports have prevented it from doing so;
- The initiation of grooved couplings manufacturing in South Africa holds the promise of securing local supply for infrastructure projects, both within the country and across the continent; and
- Tariff support is essential, not only due to its potential to enhance the domestic industry's price competitiveness against foreign competition, but also to facilitate entry into the broader African market, especially in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **18/2024**. Mr. Pfarelo Phaswana/Ms. Lavhelesani Mulaudzi. Tel: 012 394 3628/1678 or email pphaswana@itac.org.za / lmulaudzi@itac.org.za

2. INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY APPLICABLE TO:

"Certain rock drilling parts, classifiable under tariff subheading 8467.99.90, from free of duty to the WTO bound rate of 20% ad valorem".

APPLICANT:

Derry Engineering (Pty) Ltd

155 Haring Road

Wadeville

Germiston

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As reasons for the application, the applicant cited, amongst others, the following:

- The rock drilling components subject to this application are currently imported into South Africa free of duty. By contrast, the main raw material used to manufacture the subject product carries an import duty of 10%, resulting in a negative effective rate of protection;
- The intensified low-priced imports, mainly originating in India, have distorted the trading environment and effectively replaced local volumes;
- Due to increased import volumes, the applicant has lost significant market share, which has led to job losses;
- Tariff support will enable the domestic industry to replace the high volumes of significantly low-priced imports, mainly originating from Asian countries. As imports are replaced by local production, new job opportunities could be created and domestic capability to manufacture the subject products would be preserved.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be made within **four (4) weeks** of the date of notice. Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **17/2024**. Mr. Pfarelo Phaswana/Mr. Pardon Hadzhi. Tel: 012 394 3628/3634 or email pphaswana@itac.org.za/phadzhi@itac.org.za.