DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3638 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 07/2025

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.
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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. **EXTENSION OF THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF LOCAL ASSEMBLY FOR SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN VEHICLE KITS FOR PARTICIPATION UNDER THE APDP2, WITH LEAD ACID BATTERIES EXCLUDED as follows:**

"Original equipment components for specified motor vehicles as defined in rebate item 317.03 or 317.04 destined for assembly outside the borders of the Republic, must be in the minimum form of kits that have untrimmed painted bodies with no parts assembled to the body and may exclude lead acid batteries".

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION

In his policy directive, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition considered requests submitted by vehicle assemblers participating under the Automotive Production and Development Programme (APDP) to extend the minimum level of assembly required for the SKD vehicle kits to qualify on the basis that certain African countries require local sourcing of certain components as part of their localisation policy. Furthermore, making provision in terms Chapter 98 of the Customs and Excise Act and Amended APDP Regulations would allow for the exclusion of acid lead batteries from the SKD vehicle kits exported from South Africa, on the condition that there is evidence of domestic production of the component at the export destination.

The request is aligned to SAAM 2035's pillar of regional market development and ensuring that South Africa continues to serve as a competitive and relevant supplier of vehicles and components, while also supporting the broader strategy goals of industrialisation and regional integration across the African continent.

Publication Period:

Written representations must be submitted within two (02) weeks of the date of this Notice.

ITAC Ref: **10/2025**, enquires: Ms. Mpho Mafole, Ms. Nompumelelo Nkosi, Ms Lavhelesani Mulaudzi, and Ms Keleabetswe Muoe Tel: (012) 394 3697/1378/1678/1206 or by email: mmafole@itac.org.za/nnkosi@itac.org.za / lmulaudzi@itac.org.za and kmuoe@itac.org.za respectively.

2. REVIEW OF THE TARIFF STRUCTURE AND INVESTIGATION INTO THE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF AN IMPORT SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FOR STEEL PRODUCTS CLASSIFIABLE UNDER CHAPTERS 72, 73, 82, AND 83 OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT

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On 19 March 2025, ITAC published the above-mentioned review in the Government Gazette No. 52347, under Notice 3061 of 2025 for a period of four (4) weeks for interested parties to comment on a number of focus areas.

During the publication period, in excess of a hundred and fifty (150) comments were received from interested parties, ranging from requests for duty increases, the creation of rebate provisions, inclusion of specific products under import control and other general comments on the potential impact of the review on the steel value chain.

This culminated to the Commission publishing its preliminary determinations on the matter on 20 August 2025. Following the publication of the preliminary determination, the Commission received additional submissions (109 written submissions) from interested parties on all the aspects of the investigation covered. The Commission has since made its final determination on all the areas published on 20 August 2025 and a report to this effect will be forwarded to the Minister for his consideration after which it will be made public.

Additional areas arising from the Commission's preliminary determinations

During the comment period that subsequently followed the preliminary determination, additional requests were received from interested parties for the addition of products on the list to be considered for possible duty increases; requests for additional rebate provisions to be created; and requests for more products to be considered for addition on the import control list **(see Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 below).** In light of the above, the Commission hereby invites interested parties to submit comments on the following additional aspects:

- The possible increase in the rate of customs duty, to the respective WTO bound rates, on the products listed in Table A;
- The possible creation of the proposed rebate provisions listed in Table B; and
- The possible introduction of import permit controls for the importation of all products listed in Table C.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be made within **two (2) weeks** of the date of this notice.

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **20/2024**. Ms Rethabile Molala/ Ms Nonqubeko Sikhakhana/Ms Princess Matsepane. Tel: 012 394 5162/3835/3699 or email rmolala@itac.org.za/nsikhakhana@itac.org.za/ pmatsepane@itac.org.za.

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TABLE 1

Tariff Heading / Subheading	Article Description	Applied Rate	WTO Bound Rate
7312.10.23	Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated: Stranded wire, ropes and cables: Ropes and cables, of wire which is not plated, coated or clad, of a diameter not exceeding 13 mm (excluding that of wire of stainless	5%	15%
7312.90.10	Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated: Other: Slings and the like, of rope of a diameter not exceeding 4 mm (excluding that of wire plated, coated or clad with copper and that identifiable as conveyor belt cord)	Free	15%
7315.90.90	Chain and parts thereof, of iron or steel: Other parts: Other	10%	15%
7314.20	Cloth (including endless bands), grill, netting and fencing, of iron or steel wire, expanded metal of iron or steel: Grill, netting and fencing, welded at the intersection, of wire with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of 3 mm or more and having a mesh size of 100 cm^2 or more	5%	15%
7320.20.90	Springs and leaves for springs, of iron or steel: Helical springs: Other	5%	15%
7320.90	Springs and leaves for springs, of iron or steel: Helical springs: Other	5%	15%
7219.13.10	Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600 mm or more: Of a thickness of 3 mm or more but less than 4,75 mm: Of a width exceeding 1574 mm	Free	10%
7219.14.10	Flat-rolled products of stainless steel, of a width of 600 mm or more: Of a thickness of less than 3 mm: Of a thickness of less than 0,3 mm; of a width exceeding 1574 mm	Free	10%
7308.40.10	Structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, lock-gates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frame-works, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutters, balustrades, pillars and columns), of iron or steel; plates, rods, angles, shapes, sections, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures, of iron or steel: Equipment for scaffolding, shuttering, propping or pit-propping: Mining appliances	Free	15%
7318.16.29	Screws, bolts, nuts, coach screws, screw hooks, rivets, cotters, cotter-pins, washers (including spring washers) and similar articles, of iron or steel: Nuts: Other	10%	30%
7325.10	Other cast articles of iron or steel: Of non-malleable cast iron	Free	15%
7304.39.35	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (excluding cast iron) or steel: Other: Other, of a wall thickness exceeding 25 mm or an outside crosssectional dimension exceeding 170 mm	Free	15%
7304.41	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (excluding cast iron) or steel: Other, of circular cross-section, of stainless steel: Cold-drawn or cold-rolled (cold-reduced)	Free	15%
7304.49	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (excluding cast iron) or steel: Other, of circular cross-section, of stainless steel: Other	Free	15%
7304.59.45	Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (excluding cast iron) or steel: Other: Of a wall thickness exceeding 25 mm or an outside cross-sectional dimension exceeding 170 mm	Free	15%
7209.28	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, cold-rolled (cold-reduced), not clad, plated or coated: Not in coils, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced): Of a thickness of less than 0,5 mm	Free	10%
7326.19	Other articles of iron or steel: Forged or stamped, but not further worked: Other	Free	15%
7214.10	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted: Forged	10%	10%
8483.10	Transmission shafts (including cam shafts and crank shafts) and cranks; bearing housings and plain shaft bearings; gears and gearing; ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers, including torque converters; flywheels and pulleys, including pulley blocks; clutches and shaft couplings (including universal): Transmission shafts (including cam shafts and crank shafts) and cranks	Free	10%
8483.40	Transmission shafts (including cam shafts and crank shafts) and cranks; bearing housings and plain shaft bearings; gears and gearing; ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers, including torque converters; flywheels and pulleys, including pulley blocks; clutches and shaft couplings (including universal): Bearing housings, not incorporating ball or roller bearings; plain shaft bearings: Gears and gearing (excluding toothed wheels, chain sprockets and other transmission elements presented separately); ball or roller screws; gear boxes and other speed changers, including torque converters	Free	10%

TABLE 2

Tariff Heading / Subheading	Article Description	Extent of Rebate
	Proposed Creatoin of Additional Rebate Provisions	
72.13	*Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel, classifiable in tariff heading 72.13, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and that the products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
72.14	*Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling, classifiable in tariff heading 72.14, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and also that the products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
72.15	*Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, classifiable in tariff heading 72.15, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and that the products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
72.16	*Angles, shapes and sections of iron or non-alloy steel, classifiable in tariff heading 72.16, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and that the products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
72.17	*Wire of iron or non-alloy steel classifiable in tariff heading 72.17, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and that the products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
	Proposed Rebate arising from the 20 August 2025 Publication	
7302.1	*"Rails, of iron or steel, of a length of 50 m or more but not exceeding 60 m, of a mass of 48g/km or more but not exceeding 60kg/m, for railway application, classifiable under tariff subheading 7302.10, in such times, in such quantities and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the goods are not available in the SACU market"*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
	Proposed Amendment of Rebate Item 460.15/72.08/01.04 to also enable the rebating of Schedule 2 duties.	
72.08	*Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market and that the flat-rolled products are not specifically covered by another rebate provision in Schedule No. 4 for the same industry and purpose*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2
	Proposed Quota Rebate.	
72.08	*Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated, &classifiable under tariff heading 72.08, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, subject to an annual maximum volume of 85 000 tonnes*	Full Duty in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2

TABLE 3

Product Description	Affected Tariff Subheadings
Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots	7206
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	7207
Uncoated flat hot-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel of a width of 600 mm or more	7208
Uncoated flat cold-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more	7209
Uncoated flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm	7211
Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of other alloy steel	7227
Other bars and rods of other alloy steel	7228
Wire of other alloy steel	7229
Nails, tacks, drawing pins, corrugated nails, staples of iron or steel	7317
Springs and leaves for springs, of iron or steel	7320
Other cast articles of iron or steel	7325