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Reduction in the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its **Report No. 136**: Reduction in the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, from 15% ad valorem to free of duty



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**REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON POLYURETHANE TAPE, SELF-
ADHESIVE ON BOTH SIDES, FROM 15% AD VALOREM TO FREE OF DUTY**

Synopsis

The Commission considered an application by Kenoron Products (Pty) Ltd for a reduction in the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, classifiable under tariff subheadings 3919.10.07 and 3919.90.07 with a rate of duty of 15 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.

As reason for the application, Kenoron submitted that polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, is not manufactured in the SACU and that the current rate of duty is not justified. The application was published in the Government Gazette of 13 May 2005 for interested parties to comment.

Following the publication in the Government Gazette, an importer of the product concerned supported the application on the basis that polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, is not manufactured in the SACU and that the duty has cost-raising implications for the downstream industry using the product concerned.

The Commission therefore recommended that the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, be reduced from 15 % ad valorem to free of duty, by creating two additional 8-digit tariff subheadings.

1. Discussion

- 1.1 The Commission considered an application by Kenoron Products (Pty) Ltd for a reduction in the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, classifiable under tariff subheadings 3919.10.07 and 3919.90.07 from 15 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.
- 1.2 The tariff structure for polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Tariff position of polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides

Tariff Heading	Tariff Sub Heading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
			General	EU	SADC
39.19		Self-adhesive Plates, Sheets, Film, Foil, Tape, Strip and Other Flat Shapes, of Plastics, Whether or Not in Rolls:			
	3919.10	In rolls of a width not exceeding 20 cm			
	3919.10.07	Of other condensation, polycondensation or polyaddition products	15%	13.2%	free
	3919.90	-Other:			
	3919.90.07	=Of other condensation, polycondensation or polyaddition products	15%	13.2%	free

- 1.3 The above tariff structure makes provision for polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, in rolls not exceeding 20 cm and polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, in any other form exceeding 20 cm.
- 1.4 Following the publication in the Government Gazette, an importer of the product concerned supported the application on the basis that polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, is not manufactured in the SACU and that the duty has cost-raising implications for the downstream industry using the product concerned.
- 1.5 Polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, is used for various applications such as mirror and badge mounting and glazing. The import of polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, has increased significantly

between 2002 and 2004.

- 1.6 A reduction in the rate of duty on the product concerned will lead to reduced input costs for the downstream manufacturers.

2. Recommendation

In view of the above, the Commission recommended that the rate of duty on polyurethane tape, self-adhesive on both sides, classifiable under tariff subheadings 3919.10.07 and 3919.90.07 be reduced from 15 % ad valorem to free of duty, by creating additional 8-digit tariff subheadings.