

## **Report No. 113**

# **Revision of the duty structure on fork-lift trucks, self-propelled works trucks and reach stackers**

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report No. 113:  
REVISION OF THE DUTY STRUCTURE ON FORK-LIFT TRUCKS; SELF-PROPELLED  
WORKS TRUCKS AND REACH STACKERS, with recommendations.

  
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SELF-PROPELLED WORKS TRUCKS AND REACH STACKERS

Synopsis

The International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) considered an application for a revision of the duty on fork-lift trucks, self-propelled works trucks and on reach stackers. The Commission recommended that the duty on reach stackers is reinstated; the duty on self-propelled works trucks reduced; and the duty on certain forklift trucks reduced.

**The application and the tariff position**

1. The International Trade Administration Commission considered an application for a revision of the duty on fork-lift trucks, self-propelled works trucks, and reach stackers classifiable under tariff subheading 8427.20.
2. Bond Industries, the only domestic manufacturer of fork-lift trucks, did not object that the current mass limit of 6 000 kg be increased to 10 000 kg. It does not manufacture fork-lift trucks of a mass less than 10 000 kg. However, Bond Industries applied for the creation of a tariff subheading to accommodate reach stackers at an *ad valorem* duty of 15%, a tariff line which previously existed but was inadvertently deleted by the customs authorities.
3. The application was published in the Government Gazette on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2005 for comment from industry. No objections were received.
4. The current tariff position on fork-lift trucks is as follows:

Tariff heading	Description	General	EU	SADC
84.27	Fork-lift trucks; Other works Trucks Fitted With Lifting or handling Equipment:			
8427.10	-Self-propelled trucks powered by an electric motor	Free	Free	Free
8427.20	-Other self-propelled trucks:			
8427.20.10	=Of a mass not exceeding 6 000 kg	Free	Free	Free
8427.20.20	=Of a mass exceeding 6 000 kg	15%	13,2%	Free
8427.90	-Other trucks:			
8427.90.20	=Manually operated pallet trucks	15%	13,2%	Free
8427.90.90	=Other	Free	Free	Free

5. Self-propelled works trucks are not manufactured domestically and the duty of 15% *ad valorem*, which is currently in place, has an unnecessary cost-raising impact on end-users. The same applies to forklift trucks with a mass not

exceeding 10 000 kg. It is also recommended below that the tariff line for reach stackers which was inadvertently removed by the customs authorities, be reinstated.

### Findings and recommendation

6. The Commission recommends that the tariff structure be amended, as follows:

Tariff heading	Description	General	EU	SADC
84.27	Fork-lift trucks; Other works Trucks Fitted With Lifting or handling Equipment:			
8427.20	-Other self-propelled trucks:			
<b>8427.20.30</b>	<b>=Reach stackers of the boom type designed for container handling</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>8427.20.40</b>	<b>=Other fork-lift trucks of a mass not exceeding 10 000kg</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>8427.20.50</b>	<b>= Fork-lift trucks of a mass exceeding 10 000kg</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>13,2%</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>8427.20.90</b>	<b>=Other</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
8427.90.20	=Manually operated pallet trucks	15%	13,2%	Free
8427.90.90	=Other	Free	Free	Free

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