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Synopsis

The Commission considered the revision of the rates of duty on fish classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act. In the Commission's report No. 4203 it recommended that the rates of duty on fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act be reduced to free of duty, where a duty is applicable, excluding products classifiable under tariff subheadings 0302.11, 0302.12, 0302.19, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.21, 0303.22, 0303.29, 0304.10.90, 0304.20.90, 0304.90.90, 0305.30.90, 0305.41, 0305.49.90, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 which would be separately investigated.

The Commission now further investigated the aforementioned tariff subheadings and recommended the removal of all the specific duties but retaining the ad valorem duty of 25 per cent under tariff subheadings 0302.11, 0302.19, 0303.21, 0303.29, 0304.10.90, 0304.20.90, 0304.90.90, 0305.30.90 and 0305.49.90. Duties on all products classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act, pertaining to SADC, remain at free of duty. The Commission further decided that tariff subheadings 0302.12, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.22, 0305.41, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 be published in the Government Gazette for comment on an increase in the rate of duty on these products from 6c/kg to 25 per cent ad valorem.

Discussion

The Commission considered the revision of the rates of duty on fish classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act. In the Commission's report No. 4203 it recommended that the rates of duty on fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act be reduced to free of duty, where a duty is applicable, excluding products classifiable under tariff subheadings 0302.11, 0302.12, 0302.19, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.21, 0303.22, 0303.29, 0304.10.90, 0304.20.90, 0304.90.90, 0305.30.90, 0305.41, 0305.49.90, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 which would be separately investigated. The existing tariff position is as follows:

Tariff subheading	Description	Rate of duty	
03.02	Fish, fresh or chilled		
0302.11	Trout	General	25% or 70c/kg
		EU	25% or 70c/kg
		SADC	free
0302.12	Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon And Danube Salmon	General	6c/kg
		EU	6c/kg
		SADC	free
0302.19	Other	General	25% or 70c/kg
		EU	25% or 70c/kg
		SADC	free

03.03	Fish frozen		
0303.11	Red Salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0303.19	Other	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0303.21	Trout	General EU SADC	25% or 70c/kg 25% or 70c/kg free
0303.22	Atlantic Salmon and Danube Salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0303.29	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 70c/kg 25% or 70c/kg free
03.04	Fish fillets and other fish meat		
0304.10.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 200c/kg 25% or 200c/kg free
0304.20.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 200c/kg 25% or 200c/kg free
0304.90.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 200c/kg 25% or 200c/kg free
03.05	Fish, dried, salted or in brine; Smoked fish		
0305.30.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 200c/kg 25% or 200c/kg free
0305.41	Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon And Danube Salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0305.49.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% or 200c/kg 25% or 200c/kg free
0305.59.90	Other	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0305.69	Other	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free

Duties on all products classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act, pertaining to SADC, remain at free of duty.

Recommendation

The Commission recommended the removal of all the specific duties but retaining the ad valorem duty of 25 per cent under tariff subheadings 0302.11, 0302.19, 0303.21, 0303.29, 0304.10.90, 0304.20.90, 0304.90.90, 0305.30.90 and 0305.49.90. Duties on all products classifiable under Chapter 3 of the Customs and Excise Act, pertaining to SADC, remain at free of duty. The Commission also recommended that tariff subheadings 0302.12, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.22, 0305.41, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 be published in the Government Gazette for a possible increase to 25 per cent ad valorem.

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