



International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa

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## **Report No. 38**

# **Reduction in the rate of duty on radial deep groove ball bearings**

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report  
No.38: REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON RADIAL DEEP GROOVE BALL  
BEARINGS, with recommendation.

  
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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
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GROOVE BALL BEARINGS**

**Synopsis**

The International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) considered an application for a reduction in the rate of duty on radial deep groove ball bearings. These products are no longer manufactured domestically.

The relatively small domestic market made manufacture of these bearings only marginally economical. Expanding the export market, was found not to be profitable because of the competitiveness of this market. The duties imposed on these bearings do not serve a development purpose, but only add to the cost of automotive and industrial products.

The Commission found sufficient justification for recommending the reduction in the rate of duty on radial deep groove ball bearings.

**The application and the tariff position**

1. SKF South Africa (Pty) Ltd applied for a reduction in the rate of duty on radial deep groove ball bearings, classifiable under tariff subheadings 8482.10.10 and 8482.10.15 respectively.
2. It was stated by the applicant that the import duties imposed on these bearings serve no development purpose, and only add to the cost of automotive-, agricultural- and industrial product industries.
3. Radial deep groove ball bearings are classifiable as follows:

Tariff sub-heading	Article Description	Rates of Duty		
		General	EU	SADC
8482.10 8482.10.10	Ball bearings: = Other radial deep groove bearings, single row, with a square bore, with an aggregate of the borer across the square plus outside diameter plus width of 140mm or more but not exceeding 154mm	20%	18%	free
8482.10.15	= Other radial deep groove bearings single (excluding angular contact bearings and those	20%	18%	free

	with a square bore) with an aggregate of the inside diameter plus outside diameter plus width of 61mm or more but not exceeding 230mm			
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4. During 2002, 2,9m units were imported at a free on board value of R87,7m.

**Comment on the application**

5. The application was published on 12 September 2003 and attracted no objections.

**Consideration and recommendation**

6. The Commission took into consideration that the radial deep groove ball bearings are not manufactured domestically and that the duty on these items has an unnecessary cost-raising effect on the downstream industries such as the automotive-, agricultural- and industrial machinery and equipment industries.
7. The Commission therefore recommends that the duty of 20% ad valorem on bearings, classifiable under tariff subheadings 8482.10.10 and 8482.10.15 be reduced to free of duty.

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