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its Report No. 46: INCREASE IN THE RATES OF DUTY ON SALMON AND  
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**Synopsis**

The Commission considered an application for an increase in the rates of duty on salmon and other fish. The reason for the application was that trout production has for some time spearheaded the development of aquaculture in SACU and as the aquaculture industry is still in its infant stage, its potential is well worth fostering and protecting. Further, trout and salmon sell into the same niche market.

Comments were received in support of the application while no objections against the application were received. The Commission found that the trout industry is able to increase its production of trout significantly, but low priced imports hampered any further development in this industry. The Commission therefore decided to recommend an increase in the general and EU rates of duty on salmon and other fish classifiable under tariff subheadings 0302.12, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.22, 0305.41, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 from 6c/kg to 25 per cent ad valorem.

**Discussion**

- 1 The Commission considered an application for an increase in the rates of duty on salmon and other fish classifiable under tariff subheadings 0302.12, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.22, 0305.41, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 from 6c/kg to 25 per cent ad valorem.
2. The reason for the application was that trout production has for some time spearheaded the development of aquaculture in SACU and as the aquaculture industry is still in its infant stage, its potential is well worth fostering and protecting. Further, trout and salmon sell into the same niche market.
3. The application was published in the Government Gazette dated 10 October 2003.
- 4 The tariff structure of products concerned is as follows:

<b>Tariff subheading</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate of duty</b>	
<b>03.02</b>	<b>Fish, fresh or chilled</b>		
0302.11	Trout	General	25%
		EU	25%
		SADC	free

0302.12	Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon and Danube Salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0302.19	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
<b>03.03</b>	<b>Fish frozen</b>		
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% 25% free
0303.22	Atlantic Salmon & Danube salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free
0303.29	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
<b>03.04</b>	<b>Fish fillets and other fish meat</b>		
0304.10.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
0304.20.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
0304.90.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
<b>03.05</b>	<b>Fish, dried, salted or in brine; Smoked fish</b>		
0305.30.90	Other	General EU SADC	25% 25% free
0305.41	Pacific Salmon, Atlantic Salmon Danube Salmon	General EU SADC	6c/kg 6c/kg free

0305.49.90	Other	General	25%
		EU	25%
		SADC	free
0305.59.90	Other	General	6c/kg
		EU	6c/kg
		SADC	free
0305.69	Other	General	6c/kg
		EU	6c/kg
		SADC	free

5. The SACU producers of salmon trout (A large trout which is commonly known in the market as salmon trout) currently supply 40 per cent of the SACU market.
6. Import statistics indicated a substantial increase in the volume of imports of fresh and frozen salmon (which is being sold in direct competition with SACU produced trout), for the period January 1999 to December 2003. The increase in import percentages varied from 16.6% to 520% per annum over the period January 1999 to December 2003.
7. Industry role players argued that if the current duty on salmon is not increased to counteract low priced imports, the industry stands to lose many job opportunities and any further development in this industry would be adversely affected. They further indicated that an increase in the rate of duty would increase production of salmon trout by approximately 165 per cent within two years and the workforce would be doubled by 2008. Supporting industries, associated with the trout industry, would also be positively affected by growth in the salmon trout industry.
8. Comments were received in support of the application for an increase while no objections were received against the application.

### **Recommendation**

9. In view of the above the Commission decided to recommend an increase in the general and EU rates of duty on salmon and other fish classifiable under tariff subheadings 0302.12, 0303.11, 0303.19, 0303.22, 0305.41, 0305.59.90 and 0305.69 from 6c/kg to 25 per cent ad valorem.

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