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Reduction in the rate of duty on colour charts

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents
its Report No. 47: REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON COLOUR
CHARTS


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Synopsis

The Commission considered a reduction in the rate of duty on colour charts classifiable under tariff subheading 4911.10.90. The reason for the application was that no similar product is manufactured within the SACU to ISO 9002 standards. The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) has taken on the system as the new national standard. The Commission decided to recommend a reduction in the rate of duty to free of duty on colour-charts by the creation of an additional 8-digit tariff subheading, as follows: "Colour-cards for paints or similar surfacing preparations, whether or not in book form".

Discussion

NCS Colour Systems, applied for a reduction in the rate of duty on colour charts of a kind used in ergonomical studies classifiable under tariff subheading 4911.10.90 with a rate of duty of 15 per cent ad valorem.

The application for the creation of an additional 8-digit tariff subheading was published in the Government Gazette on 12 December 2003. No objections were received to the application for a reduction in the rate of duty.

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The existing tariff position is as follows:

Tariff subheading	Description	Rate of duty
49.11	Other printed matter, including Printed pictures and photographs	
4911.10	Trade advertising material, commercial catalogues and the like:	
4911.10.90	Other	General: 15% EU: 15% SADC: free

The applicant submitted that the product concerned allows SACU companies exporting their products to match colour standards worldwide.

Recommendation

The Commission recommended a reduction in the rate of duty to free of duty on colour-charts by the creation of an additional 8-digit tariff subheading, as follows: "Colour-cards for paints or similar surfacing preparations, whether or not in book form".

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