

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: TEMPORARY POULTRY REBATE OF ORDINARY CUSTOMS DUTIES  
IN SCHEDULE 1, PART 1 OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT. NO.91, 1964 FOR REBATE ITEMS**

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<b>Query</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<p><b>1. General TRQ Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)?</li> <li>• How does the TRQ system work for chicken meat rebates?</li> </ul>	<p>A Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) is a trade policy tool that allows a specified quantity of a product, in this case, broiler meat, to be imported at a lower tariff rate than the out-of-quota rate.</p>
<p><b>2. Allocation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What criteria are considered in determining the allocation of TRQ for chicken meat rebates to applicants?</li> </ul>	<p>The TRQ for chicken meat will be allocated based on historical import volumes, and other relevant factors and will be shared amongst the HDIs, HIs and New entrants – as defined in the guidelines.</p>
<p><b>3. Conditions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any specific conditions or requirements for eligibility for the rebate provision?</li> </ul>	<p>This rebate provision is exclusively applicable to address the shortages of poultry products linked to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (“HPAI”) in South Africa;</p>

The rebate will be a standing rebate, which will only be utilized in instances where the Director General: The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (“DALRRD”), has reported an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (“HPAI”) in South Africa, linked to a shortage of poultry products as a result of the outbreak.

Goods shall not be sold or disposed of to any party who is not entitled to any privileges under the rebate item, or removed to the area of Botswana, Lesotho, Eswatini or Namibia;

Permits issued in terms of Rebate provisions 460.03/0207.12/01.06, 460.03/0207.14.1/01.07, 460.03/0207.14.2/01.07 and 460.03/0207.14.9/02.07 may be valid for a period of three-month or such period as deemed appropriate by ITAC and no extensions will be granted. Consequently, if the entire quantity of goods stipulated in a permit are not cleared for home consumption on or before the expiration of the permit, the volume of unused quota allocation shall be forfeited on the date that the permit expires.

This rebate provision does not apply to anti-dumping duties;

	<p>Contraventions of the provisions contained in relevant legislation including, inter alia, the International Trade Administration Act (“ITA Act”), the Customs and Excise Act (“C&amp;E Act”) and/or the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act (“B-BBEE Act”) may result in the withdrawal or cancellation of the rebate permit and/or the seizure of products being imported under said permit and/or may result in criminal prosecution in terms of the ITA Act, the C&amp;E Act and/or the B-BBEE Act.</p>
<p><b>4. Can this rebate permit be used to clear products from bond?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Applicants may procure the products specified in the rebate permit from the bonded warehouse, subject to adherence to the provisions outlined in sections 19 and 20 of the Customs and Excise Act, as well as any applicable import control legislation</p>
<p><b>5. Deadline for applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there an opening period and deadline for submitting applications?</li> </ul>	<p>Yes. Applications in terms of the rebate provisions concerned must be submitted within 10 days from the date of a publication notice published in the Government Gazette, commencing on 30 January 2024. If you have not submitted your application within the aforementioned timeframe your application will not be considered for that particular quarter.</p>
<p><b>6. Application Process:</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can companies apply for a permit under the rebate provision?</li> </ul>	<p>Companies can apply for the rebate permit by submitting the EXCEL-based application form and supporting documents to the stipulated officials in the Guidelines concerned.</p> <p>The application form can be accessible from the following link:  <a href="http://www.itac.org.za/pages/services/tariff-investigations/guidelines-questionnaires">http://www.itac.org.za/pages/services/tariff-investigations/guidelines-questionnaires</a></p>
<p><b>7. Quantities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the total quantity of chicken meat included in the TRQ for the first three months of 2024?</li> </ul>	<p>The total quantity of chicken meat included in the TRQ for the first three months of 2024 is 43 000 tons which will be distributed amongst all qualifying applicants.</p>
<p><b>8. Tariff Subheadings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What tariff subheadings qualify for the TRQ?</li> </ul>	<p>The tariffs subheadings associated with the chicken meat TRQ include: 0207.12.20, 0207.12.90, 0207.14.1, 0207.14.2 and 0207.14.9.</p>
<p><b>9. Future Allocations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will there be additional TRQ allocations for chicken meat after the first 3-month period?</li> </ul>	<p>If it is found that the path of the outbreak is entrenched and that broiler meat shortages persist, then the rebate may be extended for another period as deemed appropriate by the Commission in consultation with DALRRD.</p>
<p><b>10.</b>What computer software/application will the applicant require to populate the excel form?</p>	<p>Standard computer based Microsoft office software, with excel spreadsheets application (i.e. MS excel). Although other excel-</p>

	<p>based application forms might be compatible with other spreadsheets applications such as google sheets, MS Excel is recommended.</p>
<p>11. Is there any specific information or instructions to note in the regarding the excel-based application forms?</p>	<p><b>Yes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note the instructions on the information page of each application form and specific instruction on each cell in the application form.</li> <li>• The excel application forms have <b>pre-populated data with drop-down lists on specific cells</b> (i.e. SMME, Firm size, plant location etc.).</li> <li>• There are cells with specific instructions on how the data should be captured (i.e. date format etc.).</li> <li>• There is a data collection sheet linked to the application form which automatically record the data.</li> <li>• Only make use of the EXCEL application form available on the ITAC website. Do not recreate your own EXCEL-application as this application has pre-populated data and it is linked to the data collection sheet. Do not add or delete rows, columns or cells. This will result in an error when extracting the data to the data collection sheet.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is important to note all instructions on specific cells (format and data validation rules etc.) which are reflected in the respective cells within the application form.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: ONLY USE THE FORM DOWNLOADED FROM THE ITAC WEBSITE AT <a href="http://WWW.ITAC.ORG.ZA">WWW.ITAC.ORG.ZA</a> - PLEASE DO NOT RECREATE YOUR OWN APPLICATION FORM AS IT WOULD AFFECT THE LINKS TO THE DATA COLLECTION SHEET, RESULTING IN DATA EXTRACTION ERRORS.</b></p>
<p>12. Will my application be delayed if the form is not fully completed or if the required supporting information is not submitted?</p>	<p>Yes, incomplete application forms and information that have been omitted will result in delays. Such applications and information will result in enquiries/queries with the applicant until the information is provided within the deadline as would be stipulated by ITAC.</p>
<p>13. Will ITAC share applicant's information? If yes, whom will the information be shared with.</p>	<p>The Information will be treated as confidential, in line with the ITA Act, the POPI Act and other relevant legislation. The information may be shared in anonymised and aggregated form with the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition for statutory reporting purposes.</p> <p>In terms of confidentiality of information, kindly refer to Part D, Section 36 of the ITA Act.</p>

	Demographic markers and firm-level data which is required for ITAC's reporting in order to enable ITAC to advise the Executive in a manner that would add value to future decisions.
<b>14.</b> Are applicants allowed to populate the Excel form and convert it into a pdf format (or scanned copy) and submit to ITAC.	No, the applications should be submitted electronically in the required Excel application form format obtained from the ITAC website. However, the affidavit must be signed and submitted in PDF format.
<b>15.</b> Should the application be submitted in another format, will ITAC process the application?	The application will be referred back and the applicant will be required to submit the application in Excel format as per the application form format requirement.
<b>16.</b> Should I have further questions regarding the application process, who should I contact?	For any queries relating to rebate items 460.03/0207.12/01.06, 460.03/0207.14.1/01.07, 460.03/0207.14.2/01.07 and 460.03/0207.14.9/02.07, please send your queries to Mr Scelo Mshengu <a href="mailto:smshegu@itac.org.za">smshegu@itac.org.za</a> / Mr Joseph Mawasha <a href="mailto:jmawasha@itac.org.za">jmawasha@itac.org.za</a> / Ms Elizabeth Kekana <a href="mailto:ekekana@itac.org.za">ekekana@itac.org.za</a> / Ms Dolly Ngobeni: <a href="mailto:dngobeni@itac.org.za">dngobeni@itac.org.za</a> / Mrs Amina Varachia <a href="mailto:avarachia@itac.org.za">avarachia@itac.org.za</a>