

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3316 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONSLIST 06/2025

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following application concerning the Customs Tariff. Any objection to or comment on this representation should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001. Attention is drawn to the fact that the rate of duty mentioned in this application is that requested by the applicant and that the Commission may, depending on its findings, recommend a lower or higher rate of duty.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The submission of confidential information to the Commission in connection with customs tariff applications is governed by section 3 of the Tariff Investigations Regulations, which regulations can be found on ITAC's website at <http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf>. These regulations require that if any information is considered to be confidential, then a non-confidential version of the information must be submitted, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version the regulations are strictly applicable and require parties to indicate:

- ☐ *Each instance where confidential information has been omitted and the reasons for confidentiality;*
- ☐ *A summary of the confidential information which permits other interested parties a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and*
- ☐ *In exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary, reasons must be submitted to this effect.*

This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the Commission, which unless clearly indicated to be confidential, will be made available to other interested parties.

The Commission will disregard any information indicated to be confidential that is not accompanied by a proper non-confidential summary or the aforementioned reasons. If a party considers that any document of another party, on which that party is submitting representations, does not comply with the above rules and that such deficiency affects that party's ability to make meaningful representations, the details of the deficiency and the reasons why that party's rights are so affected must be submitted to the commission in writing forthwith (and at the latest 14 days prior to the date on which that party's submission is due).

Failure to do so timeously will seriously hamper the proper administration of the investigation, and such party will not be able to subsequently claim an inability to make meaningful representations on the basis of the failure of such other party to meet the requirements.

APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY FROM 15% TO 20% AD VALOREM DUTY ON:

"Tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of ethylene, seamless, without fittings, multi-layered, having an intermediate layer of aluminium and with an outside diameter not exceeding 32 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 3917.39.20, by the creation of a separate 8-digit for the said goods"; and

"Tubes, pipes and hoses of polymers of ethylene, seamless, with fittings, multi-layered, having an intermediate layer of aluminium and with an outside diameter not exceeding 32 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 3917.39.90, by the creation of a separate 8-digit for the said goods".

Applicant: RIIFO SOUTHERN AFRICA (PTY) LTD
2 Nobel Avenue
Modderfontein
Johannesburg
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As motivation for the application, the Applicant submitted, *inter alia*, that:

- *Riifo has invested in establishing a local manufacturing facility for multilayer pipes in South Africa, capable of manufacturing products with an outside diameter up to 32mm, in Modderfontein. The product was previously only imported into the Southern African Customs Union. The plant, which began production in July 2023, aims to reduce reliance on imports and lower transportation costs for local customers.*
- *However, large volumes of low-priced imports are directly competing with Riifo's locally produced pipes, threatening the viability of the new investment. To ensure the plant operates at economically sustainable levels, recovers overhead costs, and continues creating jobs, an increase in customs duty is necessary.*

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PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above ITAC officials within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.