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Dear Minister

M15/2017: AMENDMENT OF REBATE ITEM 405.04/01.00 AND 405.04/02.00 (GOODS FOR DISABLED PERSONS OR FOR THE UPLIFTMENT OF INDIGENT PERSONS).

The Commission received a request from Retina South Africa for an amendment to rebate item 405.04/01.00 and 405.04/02.00 for goods for disabled persons or for the upliftment of indigent persons.

The following were cited by the applicant as reasons for amending the wording of the rebate items:

- To update the terminology when referring to persons with disabilities;
- To be more inclusive of all forms of disability; and
- To make the use of the rebate item more accessible and user-friendly

The following amendments to the description of rebate item 405.04/01.00 and 405.04/02.00 are requested by the applicant:

- To remove the phrase “physical or mental defects” in the description and to replace it with the word “disabilities”;
- To remove the word “handicapped” and replace it with the phrase “with disabilities”; and

- To include the phrase “or a certificate from a registered medical practitioner”.

In the light of the information at its disposal, the Commission decided to recommend the amendments to rebate item 405.04/01.00 and 405.04/02.00, as follows:

Table 1: Schedule 4/Part 1

Rebate Item	Rebate code	Description	Extent of Rebate
405.04	01.00	Goods (excluding motor vehicles) specially designed for use by persons with disabilities, subject to the production of a certificate from an official of the South African National Council for the Blind, the Deaf Federation of South Africa, the South African Federation for Mental Health, the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa or Epilepsy South Africa or of a body which is affiliated to the Council, Federation or League concerned, or a certificate from a registered medical practitioner, that such goods are for use exclusively by such persons with disabilities, such certificate being endorsed by the International Trade Administration Commission that such or similar goods are not ordinarily nor satisfactorily made in the Republic	Full duty
405.04	02.00	Machines, implements and materials for use in the manufacture of goods by persons with disabilities, subject to the production of a certificate from an official of the South African National Council for the Blind, the Deaf Federation of South Africa, the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa, or Epilepsy South Africa or a body which is affiliated to the Council, Federation or League concerned, or a certificate from a registered medical practitioner, that such machines, implements and materials are for the exclusive use by such persons with disabilities, such certificate being endorsed by the International Trade Administration Commission that such or similar goods are not ordinarily nor satisfactorily manufactured in the Republic	Full duty

Yours sincerely


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