

NOTICE 245 OF 2015

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 03/2015

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following applications concerning the Customs Tariff. Any objection to or comments on these 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 these applications 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.

1. REVIEW OF REBATE ITEM 316.17 FOR SEMI-KNOCKED DOWN (SKD) TELEVISION ASSEMBLING

APPLICANT:

The Department of Trade and Industry
Private bag X84
Pretoria
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Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 23/2014: Mr. Njabulo Mahlalela, Tel: 012 394 3684, Email: nmahlalela@itac.org.za and/or Mr. Dumisani Mbambo, Tel: 012 394 3743, Email: dmbambo@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE REVIEW:

The applicant submitted the following reasons for the application:

- i) There is a need for a long term vision that will ensure the sustainability of the local electronics manufacturing industry.
- ii) The jobs created under the SKD model are for unskilled workers which is making them vulnerable because such jobs do not provide workers with employment security.
- iii) The SKD model of assembly limits the ability of companies to be innovative and technology transfer to local firms is minimal under this model of assembly.
- iv) SKD assembled products do not meet the requirements stipulated under the rules of origin governing trade between SACU and other countries. Such a limitation negatively affects the industry's ability to exploit growing markets, particularly in Africa.
- v) The CKD assembling model must be a minimum requirement for the electronics industry to ensure growth and investment. CKD assemblers are better positioned to diversify their product range and have multiple assembling contracts.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Adhesive Bandages classifiable under tariff subheading 3005.10; from free of duty to 20% ad valorem by creation of additional 8-digit tariff subheadings, as follows:

3005.10.xx ---Adhesive Bandages.

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APPLICANT:

BSN Medical (Pty) Ltd
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AS REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT STATED THE FOLLOWING:

Approximately 84% of the market is consuming imported products while the applicant, being the sole manufacturer of the subject products in the SACU, holds only 16% market share. The lack of domestic demand leaves the local production facility vulnerable to closure as the low volume of domestic demand does not justify having the facility open in the SACU.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

3. CREATION OF REBATE OF FULL DUTY ON:

“Steel panels with an inner core of Portland cement, classifiable in tariff subheading 7308.90.90 for the manufacture of elevated (raised) flooring systems for buildings classifiable in tariff subheading 7308.90.90”

APPLICANT:

Pentafloor Access Flooring (Pty) Ltd

P. O Box 37169

Birnam Park

Johannesburg

2015

ITAC Reference: [21/2014]. Enquiries and correspondence should be directed to:

Mr. S Tshabalala on Tel: (012) 394 3739/; or email: stshabalala@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- There are no known manufacturers of bare panels in the SACU.
- In order for the company to become competitive in the local market it requires the importation of other inputs (bare panels) for the manufacture of the complete flooring system. This will ultimately help the South African manufacturing to grow and offer more job opportunities.
- The SACU market is dominated by the companies who are involved in the business of only importing the complete flooring system and selling it to the end user.

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