

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
NOTICE 104 OF 2020
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS
LIST 03/2020

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 representations 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. REDUCTION IN CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Air conditioning machines, comprising motor- driven fan and elements, including those machines which humidity cannot be separately regulated, of a kind designed to be fixed to a window wall, ceiling or floor, self-contained or a split system used for buildings, compressor operated, having a rated cooling capacity not exceeding 8.8 kilowatts, classifiable under tariff subheading 8415.10.10, from 15% ad valorem to free of duty”.

APPLICANT:

Imperial Air Conditioning (Pty) Ltd
Suite 34
Private Bag X7
Northriding
2162

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 20/2019. Ms. Nompumelelo Mahlangu/ Ms. Nonhlanhla Khumalo. Tel: 012 394 1378/3693 or email nmaahlangu@itac.org.za/nkhumalo@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted the following reasons for the application:

- There are currently no local manufacturers or assemblers of the subject product within SACU;
- The duty levied does not protect the local market but imposes an unnecessary cost raising effect on the selling price.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

High chrome grinding media balls, classifiable under tariff subheading 7325.91, from free to 15% *ad valorem*”

APPLICANT:

Grinding Media South Africa (Pty) Ltd (GMSA)
GMSA Private Bag X1056
Germiston
1400

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 25/2019, Enquires: Mr Tshepiso Sejamoholo and Ms Pateka Busika. Tel: (012) 394 1605/3595 and/or e-mail: tsejamoholo@itac.org.za/pbusika@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

As motivation for the application, the applicant cited, *inter alia*, the following:

- There has been an increase in low-priced imports of high chrome grinding media balls, putting severe pressure on output, capacity utilisation, profit margins and the viability of local manufacturing;
- The SACU industry is struggling to compete with imports due to cost push pressures, with contributing factors including the prices of scrap, ferrochrome and electricity; and
- The current trend poses a threat of large scale job losses and reduces the ability to re-invest in productive machinery.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Written representations must be submitted within **four (4) weeks** from the date of this notice.

3. REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, plated or coated with tin ("tinplate"), classifiable under tariff subheadings 7210.11, 7210.12.10, 7210.12.90, and 7212.10, from 10% *ad valorem* to free of duty

APPLICANT:

International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC)

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Pretoria

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Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 26/2019. Mr. Njabulo Mahlalela/ Ms. Pateka Busika. Tel: 012 394 3684/3595 or email nmahlalela@itac.org.za/pbusika@itac.org.za.

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION (SELF-INITIATION):

- The only domestic manufacturer of tinplate, ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited, has ceased manufacturing of the product.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be made within **two (2) weeks** of the date of this notice.