

NOTICE 369 OF 2015**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 04/2015**

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 comments 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.

INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Large bore welded steel pipes classifiable under tariff headings 7303, 7304, 7305, and 7306, from free of duty and 10% ad valorem to 15% ad valorem.

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted, inter alia, the following reasons for the application:

- Hall Longmore (Pty) Ltd has recently invested a substantial amount in upgrading its Electric Resistance Welded (ERW) mill to ensure that the SACU market can be serviced at the right quality. This investment contributed to retaining jobs locally. However, the local industry cannot be sustainable in the face of low priced imports;
- Hall Longmore (Pty) Ltd manufacturers bore welded steel pipes classifiable under tariff headings 7305 and 7306. However, there are close substitutes which compete directly with these products. These include ductile and seamless pipes which are classifiable under tariff subheadings 7303.00, 7304.19, 7304.23 and 7304.29. Therefore, the Commission must also consider these substitutes for an increase in the general rate of customs duties; and
- The domestic market share has declined even though Hall Longmore (Pty) Ltd is the only manufacturer of ERW steel pipe range in SACU.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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