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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

NOTICE 723 OF 2017

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 10/2017

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.

THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE FACILITY ON SAFEGUARD DUTY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN HOT ROLLED STEEL CLASSIFIABLE UNDER TARIFF HEADINGS 72.08 AND 72.25, AS FOLLOWS:

“Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of 3 mm or more but not exceeding 8 mm, (excluding those with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more) with a yield strength of 700 MPa or more, classifiable in tariff heading 7208.5, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market;

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of less than 3 mm or more than 8 mm, (excluding those with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more) with a yield strength of 700 MPa or more, classifiable in tariff heading 7208.5, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market;

Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of 2 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more, classifiable in tariff heading 7208.5, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market;

Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of 3 mm or more but not exceeding 8 mm, (excluding those with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more) with a yield strength of 700 MPa or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 7225.40, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market;

Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of less than 3 mm or more than 8 mm, (excluding those with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more) with a yield strength of 700 MPa or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 7225.40, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market; and

Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width exceeding 600 mm or more but not exceeding 1800 mm, not in coils, not further worked than hot-rolled and of a thickness of 2 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm with a Brinell hardness of 425 HBW or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 7225.40, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market”.

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- There are currently no manufacturers of the hot rolled steel used in the manufacture of trailers in the SACU region; and
- The safeguard duties that were recently imposed on the subject products are negatively affecting the downstream industry manufacturing trailers.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Written submissions should be made within **14 days** of the date of this notice.