

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
NOTICE 508 OF 2016

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS
LIST 07/2016

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 THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Compound containing an unfused triazine ring (whether or not hydrogenated) in structure: Atrazine, classifiable under tariff subheading 2933.69.30, from 10 per cent ad valorem to free of duty.

APPLICANT:

Arysta LifeScience SA (Pty) Ltd

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REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

As a reason for the application, the applicant indicated, among others, the following:

"Atrazine was once manufactured by Dow AgroScience South Africa. Presumably the reason for the 10% duty protection. Currently there are no Atrazine technical manufacturers in the SACU."

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. CREATION OF A REBATE PROVISION ON:

Other switches, with moulded casings of plastics or other insulating material, with a current rating not exceeding 800 A, classifiable in tariff subheading 8536.50.50 for the manufacture of electric blankets classifiable in tariff subheading 6301.10.

Other electrical conductors, for a voltage exceeding 80 V, not fitted with connectors, classifiable in tariff subheading 8544.49.90 for the manufacture of electric blankets classifiable in tariff subheading 6301.10."

APPLICANT:

Stingray Accessory Manufacturers (Pty) Ltd
P.O Box 30014
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Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **11/2016**, Enquires: Lufuno Maliaga and Diphetogo Rathete, Tel: 012 394 3835/3683 alternatively e-mail: lmaliaga@itac.org.za/drathete@itac.org.za

REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

∞The applicant has been manufacturing electric blankets locally for the past 36 years without any trade assistance;

∞The local manufacture is faced with increasing production cost in the manufacture of electric blankets; and the rebate provision will assist in lowering cost of production.

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3. AMENDMENT OF REBATE PROVISION 320.01 BY:

The inclusion of goods used in the manufacture of furniture products classifiable under tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and 94.04, as follows:

3926.90.90	Fittings of plastics, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
4409.29.90	Wooden dowels (excluding those of bamboo), non-coniferous, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
7317.00.02	Wire nails of iron or steel, with shanks pointed at one end, presented in strips, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
7317.00.40	Staples of iron or steel, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff heading 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
8301.30.00	Locks and keys of base metal, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.

8302.10.00	Hinges of base metal, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
8302.42.90	Base metal mountings, fittings and similar articles suitable for furniture, other, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 9403 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.
8305.20.00	Staples in strips of base metal, for use in the manufacture of furniture classifiable in tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and mattress supports of subheading 9404.10.

APPLICANT:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

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

- Growing input costs coupled with cash-strapped customer base is making it difficult for the local industry to manufacture furniture products on a sustainable basis;
- As a result, the domestic industry is faced with increasing competition vis-à-vis imports of the similar end products; and
- Therefore, reduction of input costs through a rebate of the import duties on input material will ensure that the local furniture industry remains competitive.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Written representation must be submitted within **four (4)** weeks of the date of this notice to the address below.