

## **Report No. 71**

# **Reduction in the rate of duty on other festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes**

The International Trade Administration Commission herewith presents its Report No.  
. . . REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON OTHER FESTIVE, CARNIVAL OR  
OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ARTICLES, INCLUDING CONJURING TRICKS AND  
NOVELTY JOKES, with recommendations.

  
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OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ARTICLES, INCLUDING CONJURING TRICKS  
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**Synopsis**

The International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) considered an application for a reduction in the rate of duty on other festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes classifiable under tariff subheading 9505.90.

The motivation for the application was that the current duty had no protective purpose.

The Commission considered the whole category of items classifiable under tariff subheading 9505.90 and found sufficient justification for recommending a reduction in the rate of duty on other festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes.

**The application**

1. The Commission received an application for the reduction in the rate of duty from 30% ad valorem to free of duty on packs of cards, tables, screens, containers and other apparatus specially designed for the performance of conjuring tricks classifiable under tariff subheadings 9505.90.
2. The applicant stated that the product under consideration is not manufactured in the SACU region and that the current duty is a cost burden to the consumer and does not serve as protection or encouragement for domestic manufacture of the article.

**The tariff position**

3. Packs of cards, tables, screens, containers and other apparatus specially designed for the performance of conjuring tricks, are classifiable under tariff heading 9505.90 as follows:

Tariff heading	Description	General	EU	SADC
95.05	Festive, Carnival or Other Entertainment Articles, including Conjuring Tricks and Novelty Jokes:			
9505.10	- Articles for Christmas festivities	30%	30%	Free
	- Other	30%	30%	Free

#### Consideration

- 4 The Board considered a reduction in the duty on the full range of products classifiable under tariff subheading 9505.90 and found that none of these products are manufactured in the SACU.
- 5 The Commission considered the duty to be unnecessary cost-raising.
- 6 No objections were received from interested parties to a reduction in the duty on products classifiable under tariff subheading 9509.90.

#### Recommendation

- 7 The Commission recommends that the rate of duty on other festive, carnival or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes, classifiable under tariff subheading 9505.90 be reduced from 30% ad valorem to free of duty.

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