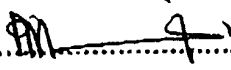


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Synopsis

The Commission considered an application for the rebate of the duty on rubber rods classifiable under tariff subheading 4008.29 for the manufacture of suspension units used for anti-vibration, dampening, and tensioning or oscillating purposes.

As reason for the application, the applicant stated that the grade of rubber required for the application is not available in the SACU.

The application was published in the Government Gazette for public comment, and no objections were received.

The Commission found that the rubber rods required for the applicant's application were not available in the SACU and that the duty payable on this product was not justified and hence recommended the creation of a rebate facility

The Application and Tariff Position

1. The Commission considered an application for the rebate of the duty on rubber rods classifiable under tariff subheading 4008.29.

2. As reason for the application, the applicant stated that rubber rods for anti-vibration, dampening, and tensioning or oscillating purposes were not available in the SACU.
3. Notice of the investigation was published in the Government Gazette for public comment, and no objections were received.
4. The existing classification of the rubber rods is as follows:

Table 1: Vulcanised Rubber Rods

Heading	Sub Heading	Article Description	RATES OF DUTY		
			Gen	EU	SADC
40.08		Pates, Sheets, Strip and Profile Shape of Vulcanized Rubber (Excluding Hard Rubber)			
	4008.29	Other	15%	15%	Free

Consideration

5. The Commission found that the product in question was not available in the SACU. A reduction in the duty was not considered, as many other products are classifiable under the same tariff subheading. A reduction of duty would have resulted in the erosion of the protection afforded to other manufactures of products.
6. The duty on the final product is zero. The Commission found that rebating the duty on the imported rubber rods should redress this anomalous situation.
7. The Commission supported the application, as the duty has an unnecessary cost-raising impact.

Recommendation

8. The Commission recommends that a rebate provision for vulcanised rubber rods classifiable under tariff subheading 4008.29 for the manufacture of suspension

units used for anti-vibration, dampening, tensioning or oscillating purposes, be created.