

NOTICE 589 OF 2015

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 06/2015

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 applicants 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. REVIEW OF:

Rebate item 307.01/3920.20/01.06: Rebate of duty on plates, sheets, film, foil and strip of polymers of propylene, biaxially oriented, for the manufacture of self-adhesive tape of subheading 3919.10

APPLICANT:

International Trade Administration Commission of SA
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Further information: Interested parties wishing to respond to this publication notice must submit "Interested Party Questionnaire" which is available on request.

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

In its Report No. 3873, the Board on Tariffs and Trade (the Board), recommended the creation of rebate facility on biaxially oriented polypropylene film used in the manufacture of self-adhesive tape. The Board recommend that the rebate facility should be reviewed.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above address within **six (6) weeks** of the date of this notice.

2. CREATION OF A REBATE PROVISION FOR:

Knitted pile fabrics, other, of 100 per cent polyester fibres, classifiable under tariff subheading 6001.92 for use in the manufacture of other furnishing articles classifiable under tariff subheading 6304.91.90 under rebate item 311.42 for home textiles.

APPLICANT:

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AS REASON FOR THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT STATED THE FOLLOWING:

Local production costs are high and the twenty two (22%) duty on fabric serves only to reinforce these costs, and to further burden the already over-burdened and distressed local textile manufacturers who are competing mainly against speculative importers who are content with 30% duty on their ready-made products and are still able to be competitive

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above address within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.

3. REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

"Diesel, petrol and electric passenger vehicles not exceeding 800kg; diesel goods vehicles not exceeding 1 100kg and petrol and electric goods vehicles exceeding 800kg, from 25% *ad valorem* to free of duty", as follows:

Tariff heading	Description	Unit	Rate of Duty			
			General	EU	EFTA	SADC
87.03	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (excluding those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars;					
8703.21**	-- other vehicles with a mass not exceeding 800 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8703.31**	-- of a mass not exceeding 800 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8703.90**	-- electric vehicles with a mass not exceeding 800 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8703.90	-- other electric vehicles	U	free	free	free	free
87.04	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods:					
8704.21**	-- other, of a vehicle mass not exceeding 1100 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8704.31**	-- other, (excluding off the road logging trucks and three wheeled vehicles) of a vehicle mass not exceeding 800 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8704.90**	-- electric vehicles with a mass not exceeding 800 kg	U	free	free	free	free
8704.90**	-- other electric vehicles, of a mass not exceeding 2 000 kg or a G.V.M not exceeding 3500 kg or of a mass not exceeding 1 600 kg or a G.V.M not exceeding 3 500 kg per chassis fitted with a cab	U	free	free	free	free

APPLICANT:

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REASON:

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

- There are no local manufacturers of the subject products in the SACU region;
- The cost raising effect of the current duty has resulted in reduced market share of the local industry; and
- A reduction in the duty would increase the demand for the subject products and enable the applicant to expand its dealer network and operations in the African region.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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