

NOTICE 524 OF 2013**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATION****LIST 11/2013**

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. REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Laminates of phenolic resins with a basis of paper, classifiable in tariff subheading 3921.90.05 from 10 per cent to free of duty, by the creation of a new 8-digit subheading under 3921.90 for: laminates of phenolic resins with a basis of paper, thermosetting.

APPLICANT:

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ITAC Ref: 05/2012, Enquiries: Mr. C Grobbelaar Tel: 012 394 3672 or Email: cgrobbelaar@itac.org.za

REASON FOR THE APPLICATION:

As a reason for the application, the applicant indicated that the product is not manufactured in the SACU and it is unlikely to be manufactured due to high capital costs.

This product is used as a input in the manufacturing of an end product as well as sold directly in the SACU market.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

2. INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Certain screws, bolts and nuts classifiable under tariff subheadings 7318.15.39, 7318.15.43 and 7318.16.80 from the existing 10% duty to the 30% bound rate”

APPLICANT:

CBC Fasteners (Pty) Ltd
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REASONS FOR APPLICATION AS STATED BY THE APPLICANT

- SACU manufacturers need to be protected against price undercutting from Chinese exporters exempted from the existing dumping duty on fasteners.
- CBC fasteners Pty Ltd is unable to recover manufacturing overheads at the current low levels of production. There is an urgent need for CBC and other SACU manufacturers to increase the volumes required to sustain critical mass and have sustainable businesses that continue to contribute to employment whilst maintaining investment.
- Domestic producers are facing significant price disadvantages against imported screws, bolts and nuts from Asian countries.
- The dumping duties imposed by ITAC against imports from China are a clear indication that there is a problem in the industry. Therefore, the requested duty increase of 20% is justified.
- Increasing the customs duties to the bound level of 30% will level the playing field for manufacturers.

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3. REBATE OF DUTY ON:

- Polyurethane flat shapes with dimensions not exceeding 50 mm x 2 mm x 10 mm, self-adhesive on one side only, in rolls of a width not exceeding 20 cm, classifiable under tariff subheading 3919.10.07, for the manufacture of dust masks;
- Silicone elastomeric straps with a length not exceeding 315 mm and with width not exceeding 7 mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 3926.90.90, for the manufacture of dust masks;
- Natural rubber straps with a length not exceeding 315 mm with a width not exceeding 7 mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 4016.99.90, for the manufacture of dust masks; and
- Inner and outer shells of non-woven material, classifiable under tariff subheading 6307.90.10, for the manufacture of dust masks.

APPLICANT:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION AS STATED BY THE APPLICANT:

- Re- introduce local manufacturing;
- Increase labour work force from 130 heads to 145 heads;
- Reduce the cost of production to the market and allow it to be competitive as the costs will have decreased;
- Advance investment and promote employment by 2015.

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