

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
NOTICE 308 OF 2017
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS
LIST 03/2017

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:

Thermal transfer printing ribbons in cartridges classifiable under tariff subheading 9612.10, from 15% *ad valorem* to free of duty, by way of creating a separate 8-digit tariff subheading.

APPLICANT:

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REASONS AS CITED BY THE APPLICANT:

- There is no local manufacturer of ribbons. As a result, the customs duty currently applicable on the ribbons has a cost-raising effect on the downstream industry;
- The cost of setting up an exclusive ribbons manufacturing plant in South Africa is very high and it is unlikely that such investment will be made locally in the near future; and
- The reduction of customs duty on ribbons will significantly promote the South Africa's reliance on technology and enable it to become a competitor in the global market, in other fields of trade, industry and technology.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Written submissions must be made within **four (4) weeks** of the date of the notice.

2. CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE FACILITY ON STRUCTURAL STEEL IN THE FORM OF U, I, H AND L SECTIONS, OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL, NOT FURTHER WORKED THAN HOT-ROLLED, HOT-DRAWN OR EXTRUDED, OF A HEIGHT OF 80MM OR MORE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER TARIFF SUBHEADING 7228.70 AND 7216.40:

Rebate Item	Tariff Heading	Rebate code	Description	Extent of Rebate
460	7216.40	-	L sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height exceeding 150 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 7216.40, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available on the SACU market;	Full duty
460	7228.70	-	U, I or H sections, of other alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height of 80 mm or more, classifiable in tariff subheading 7228.70, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available on the SACU market;	Full duty
460	7228.70	-	"L" sections, of other alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded, of a height exceeding 150 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 7228.70, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available on the SACU market	Full duty

APPLICANT:

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ENQUIRIES:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant cited *inter alia* the following reasons as motivation for the application:

- There is no local manufacturer of the subject product in the SACU Region. EVRAZ Highveld Steel Vanadium (Pty) Ltd (EVRAZ) was the sole manufacturer of the subject products and has temporarily ceased production and is currently under business rescue.
- In its Report No 517, the Commission committed to consider applications for tariff relief for products previously manufactured by EVRAZ until such time that manufacturing has resumed.
- There is no alternative for users of the products concerned, other than to import and therefore the current duties will have an unnecessary cost raising effect for the downstream industry.
- Should the creation of a rebate facility be supported, downstream industry will be well positioned to compete against similar imported products and thereby providing the added benefit of assisting the downstream industry.

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