

## DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

## NOTICE 370 OF 2021

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONSLIST 07/2021

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following application concerning the Customs Tariff. Any objection to or comment on this representation 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 this application 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.*

**INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:**

"Shower doors, classified under tariff subheading 7610.10, by the creation of a separate 8-digit tariff subheading for the said goods", from 10% to 15% *ad valorem*; and

Shower doors, classified under tariff subheading 7020.00, by the creation of a separate 8-digit tariff subheading for "shower doors", from free to 15% *ad valorem* "

**APPLICANT:**

Finestra Shower Doors, a division of Casso Cabinets (Pty) Ltd  
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Edenvale  
1610

Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **04/2021**. Enquires: Ms. D. Rathete and Mr. T. Sejamoholo Tel: 012 394 3683/1605 and/or e-mail: drathete@itac.org.za/tsejamoholo@itac.org.za.

**REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:**

As motivation for the application, the applicant cited, *inter alia*, the following:

- The domestic industry manufacturing shower doors has made significant capital investment in the manufacture of the subject product;
- The industry is a labour-intensive and supports locally manufactured upstream products such as glass and aluminium extrusions;
- The domestic industry is currently in distress owing to rising inputs costs and strengthening exchange rate;
- There has been a significant increase in low-priced import volumes of shower doors, mainly originating from East Asian countries;
- The increase of low-priced import has resulted in pressure on profit margins and increased the likelihood further job losses; and
- An increase in the general rate of customs duty will assist the industry to be competitive against imports, curb further job losses, additional invest and create employment.

**PUBLICATION PERIOD:**

Written representations must be submitted within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.