DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 1036 OF 2022

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION <u>CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS</u>

LIST 07/2022

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 <u>http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf</u>. These regulations require that if any information is considered to be confidential, then a <u>nonconfidential version of the information must be submitted</u>, 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.

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CREATION OF A REBATE FACILITY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF STRANDED WIRE, ROPES AND CABLES, CLASSIFIABLE UNDER TARIFF SUBHEADING 7312.10.40, AS FOLLOWS:

"Other ropes and cables, of wire which is plaited, coated or clad with zinc, classifiable in tariff subheading 7312.10.40, for the manufacture of conveyor belts and belting classifiable in tariff subheading 4010.1, provided the goods are not available in the SACU region".

APPLICANT:

Dunlop Belting Products (Pty) Ltd 22 - 24 Lincoln Rd Benoni South Benoni 1500

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

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

- There is currently no SACU manufacturer of steel cord of a kind used to manufacture conveyor belting in the SACU region as all the previous manufacturers of this product in the region have closed down;
- The existing customs duty thus serves no purpose other than adding an unnecessary cost burden to the importers of steel cord; and
- Should the application be approved, the duty relief will assist the applicant in its growth plans, preserve existing jobs and enable the creation of additional jobs.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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