

NOTICE 224 OF 2014**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 02/2014**

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 OF THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Graphite electrodes classifiable under tariff subheading 8545.11, from 10% *ad valorem* to free of duty”.

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ITAC Reference: [46/2013]. Enquiries and correspondence should be directed to:
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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The existent SACU manufacturer is ceasing manufacturing operations.

- The customs duty will no longer serve the purpose of supporting domestic manufacturing, employment and investment in the relevant industry.
- The existence of a customs duty could place an undue cost burden on the downstream industry.

2. REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Stranded wire, of wire which is plated, coated, or clad with brass, classifiable in tariff subheading 7312.10.20, from 5% *ad valorem* to free of duty, through the creation of an additional 8-digit tariff subheading.

APPLICANT:

Apollo Tyres South Africa (Pty) Ltd
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ITAC Ref: 45/2013, Enquiries and correspondence should be directed to Mr. Oatlotse Madito at Tel: 012 394 3692 or alternatively e-mail: omadito@itac.org.za and Mr. Mashudu Lukhwareni at Tel: 012 394 3661 or alternatively e-mail: mlukhwareni@itac.org.za.

THE APPLICANT STATED THE FOLLOWING REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- a) There are no local manufacturers of the subject product in the SACU region.
- b) There are costs involved in applying and administering rebate item (307.08/73.12/01.00) that would be eliminated.
- c) The administrative burden on government will also be reduced if the 3rd schedule rebate item is cancelled.
- d) Describing the product in more detail would ensure that the tariff subheading is not used by unscrupulous importers to evade customs duties applicable on other products manufactured by the SACU wire industry.

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