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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 2901 OF 2024

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION <u>CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS</u> <u>LIST 08/2024</u>

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.

APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE FACILITY ON:

"Profiles, of aluminium-copper-magnesium-zinc alloys, of a maximum cross-sectional dimension of 320mm or more but not exceeding 340mm, having a copper content of less than 0,1%, a magnesium content of less than 1% and a zinc content of less than 0.1%, with a yield strength of 220mpa or more but not exceeding 240mpa, classifiable under tariff subheading 7604.29".

APPLICANT:

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Enquiries: ITAC Ref: **13/2024**. Ms. Diphetogo Rathete/ Ms. Marhandza Rikhotso. Tel: 012 394 3683/3816 or drathete@itac.org.za/mrikhotso@itac.org.za.

As reasons for the application, the applicant cited, amongst others, the following:

- The specifications of the extruded profiles are beyond what the local industry can currently produce;
- While there are existing temporary rebate facilities under 76.04, the specifications do not precisely align with the applicant's product needs;
- The manufacturing of this product comes with a major capital investment and contributes to skills development in the country; and
- The import duty unnecessarily raises the cost of the finished product, the fuel tankers.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be made within four (4) weeks of the date of this notice.