

NOTICE 1155 OF 2014**INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION****CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS****LIST 09/2014**

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 comment 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. INCREASE IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

Zinc coated/galvanised steel, aluminium-zinc coated steel and paint coated steel, classifiable under tariff subheadings 7210.41, 7210.49, 7212.30, 7210.61, 7210.90, 7225.99, 7210.70 and 7212.40, from free of duty to 10 % *ad valorem*.

APPLICANT:

**Southern Africa Coil Coaters Association (SACCA),
Comprising of:**

ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited
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Vanderbijlpark
1911

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Cato Ridge
3680

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REASONS AS STATED BY THE APPLICANT:

The applicant submitted, *inter alia*, the following reason for the application:

- Imports have exponentially increased over the last five years from Asian countries making domestic production static.
- South African producers of the subject product are suffering from intense import competition on the price of the subject product. Even though per-unit prices have risen over the last three years, it has been at a pace substantially lower than the increase in per unit cost of production. This has resulted in prices being significantly suppressed especially for galvanized and painted steel.
- The tariff increase requested will be a relief to the serious economic conditions of the industry. It will prevent imports from entering the country at impermissible low prices.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above address within **five (5) weeks** of the date of this notice.

2. REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Other, cylindrical (excluding those of a height not exceeding 7mm), of a diameter exceeding 19mm, classifiable under tariff subheading 8506.50.25, from 10% *ad valorem* to free of duty

APPLICANT:

N & Z Instrumentation & Control (Pty) Ltd
303 Johannesburg Road
La Rochelle
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ITAC Reference: [07/2014]. Enquiries and correspondence should be directed to:
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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION AS STATED BY THE APPLICANT:

- i. Reliable flow metering and level measurements are vital parts of water management. Recently developed battery powered magnetic flow meters give best performance in these applications and requires batteries with the highest power capacity. The subject batteries are the highest power available which provide savings in terms of water management;
- ii. Standard procedure throughout the world is to use lithium 3.6V batteries as they are small with high capacity. They have high voltage than standard batteries and a longer life span;
- iii. Local battery manufacturers produce lower voltage batteries which are not suitable for industrial purposes; and
- iv. There are no known SACU manufacturers of 3.6V lithium batteries.

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