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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3497 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 08/2025

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.

CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE PROVISION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF:

"New pneumatic tyres of a kind used in agricultural or forestry vehicles and machines,

having a rim size of less than 91 cm, classifiable under tariff subheading 4011.70.10, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the products are not available in the SACU market".

APPLICANT
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The applicant stated the following, *inter alia*, as reasons for the application:

- There are no local manufacturers of the subject products nor any other suitable substitutes in the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) with the last domestic manufacturer ceasing the manufacture of agricultural tyres in 2020;

- Consequently, local demand for the subject products is satiated through imports. The customs duty applicable to the subject products results in additional cost to the agricultural sector as agricultural tyres are mainly used for off-road tractors, which in turn adds needless cost to consumers of foodstuffs; and

- The duty also erodes the competitiveness of food products for the export market. This is especially relevant in the current economic climate. The duty also disproportionately impacts on the most vulnerable consumers in the SACU region.

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Representations should be made within **four (4) weeks** of the date of Notice. Enquiries: ITAC Ref: 05/2025 to ITAC officials, Ms. Lavhelesani Mulaudzi (lmulaudzi@itac.org.za), Ms. Mpho Mafole (mmafole@itac.org.za) and Tshepiso Sejamoholo (tsejamoholo@itac.org.za).

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