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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3803 OF 2026

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE FACILITY FOR THE IMPORTATION OF:

"Grooved couplings, for a pipe with an outside diameter of 42 mm or more but not exceeding 324 mm, classifiable in tariff subheading 7307.11.90, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the goods are not available in the SACU market"; and

"Other cast grooved couplings, for a pipe with an outside diameter of 42mm or more but not exceeding 324 mm, classifiable in tariff subheadings 7307.19.80 and 7307.19.90, in such quantities, at such times and subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, provided the goods are not available in the SACU market".

APPLICANT:

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

Reasons for the application includes, *inter alia*, the following:

- Currently, the market for grooved couplings is fully serviced by imports following the discontinuation of local manufacturing activities. Despite the domestic industry's attempts to re-enter the market, a number of challenges, including increased competition from low priced imports have prevented it from doing so;
- While there is a need to provide protection to the domestic industry to incentivise its re-entry into the market, there is also a need to balance this against the need to avoid shortages in the supply of the product in the short to medium term so as to not unfairly disadvantage importers of the product in the interim period when domestic manufacturing has not yet commenced.

Publication Period:

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

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