

POLICY REVIEW

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CUSTOMS & EXCISE DRAFT RULES – COMMENT DUE

On **30 September 2009** the South African Revenue Service (SARS) published:

- Draft Rules: **Filament Lamps**; and
- **Section C of Part 3 to Schedule No.1 to the Customs and Excise Act (“Act”)** – **Filament Lamps**, for comment.

Comment is due by **07 October 2009**, with these rule amendments to the Act, to be introduced on **01 November 2009**. (The initial notification stated **01 October 2009**.)

CUSTOMS & EXCISE RULES – TO BE PROMULGATED

On **29 September 2009** SARS published Rule Amendments to the Act. These Amendments are in respect of **Section 18 “Removal of Goods in Bond”**; and **Section 18A “Exportation of Goods from Customs and Excise Warehouse”**.

The amendments will be effective from the date of the promulgation of the Taxation Laws Second Amendment Act, 2009. Though the date is not known it is expected to be very shortly.

2nd CORRECTION NOTICE TRADE REMEDY – GLASS

Following the publication of the first correction notice in the *Government Gazette* dated **04 September 2009** titled **Correction Notice of the Initiation of a Sunset Review of the anti-dumping duties on clear drawn and float glass originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China and India to Replace Notice No.1148 of 2009 Published on 21 August 2009**, the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa published its second correction notice in respect of this investigation on **25 September 2009**.

Simply titled **Correction Notice of the Initiation of a Sunset Review of the anti-dumping duties on clear drawn and float glass originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and India**. The tariff classification for clear drawn and float glass i.e. **7004.90** and **7005.29** was not stated in the notice.

The latest correction notice does not effect the comment date, which remains **05 October 2009**.

TARIFF APPLICATION – PLUGS & SOCKETS INSERTS

Comment i.r.o. the **rebate of the customs duty on plugs (including plug inserts)** and **sockets**, classifiable under tariff subheading **8536.69**, for the manufacture of **insulated electric cables** fitted with connectors, for a voltage not exceeding 250V, classifiable under tariff subheading **8544.42** is due by **16 October 2009**.

CUSTOMS & EXCISE R/AMENDMENT – RUSSIAN GSP

In the *Government Gazette* dated **02 October 2009** the South African Revenue Service published a notice in

respect of the **Agreement on the Rules of Determining the Origin of Goods of Developing Countries when Granting Tariff Preferences within the General Systems of Preferences**.

The Rule amendments to the Customs and Excise Act relate to Section 46A **Non-Reciprocal Preferential Tariff Treatment of Goods Exported from the Republic on Compliance with the Provisions of Origin and Other Requirements**.

SACU / MERCOSUR SIGNED TRADE AGREEMENT

The Common Market of the South (**MERCOSUR**) and the Southern African Custom Union (**SACU**) signed a Preferential Trade Agreement.

The Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay (**MERCOSUR**) and the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Swaziland (**SACU**).

Article 2 of the Agreement provides for the establishment of fixed preference margins as a first step towards the creation of a Free Trade Area (FTA) between SACU and MERCOSUR.

PRESENTATION INVITATION ON LATIN AMERICA

The Americas Bilateral Relations Unit from the Department of Trade and Industry (the *dti*) recently appointed Development Network Africa (DNA) to conduct a study on **trade opportunities in Latin America** and how South Africa can increase trade with the region.

The study has been concluded and an invitation has been extended to a workshop where DNA will share the outcome of the study that will shed a light on the opportunities and challenges on trading with Latin America.

TARIFF AMENDMENTS – 09 OCTOBER 2009

- The **deletion** of the Rebate Items that relate to the rebate of the anti-dumping duties on **acrylic fabrics**, classifiable under tariff subheadings **5512.21; 5512.29; 5515.29; 5515.91; 5801.34; 5801.35; 6001.10; 6001.22;** and **6001.92** imported from **People’s Republic of China** with retrospective effect from **25 June 2009**.
- The **creation** of a Rebate Item, **319.01/9306.29/01.06**, in respect of **cartridge cases** and **wads** used in the manufacture of **industrial cartridges**.

TRADE REMEDY AMENDMENTS – 09 OCTOBER 2009

The termination of anti-dumping duties on **acrylic fabrics**, classifiable under tariff subheadings **5512.21; 5512.29; 5515.29; 5515.91; 5801.34; 5801.35; 6001.10; 6001.22;** and **6001.92** imported from **People’s Republic of China** with retrospective effect from **25 June 2009**.