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Tariff suspensions expiring per December 31, 2013

In the European Union goods imported from third countries are subject to customs duties. However, if particularly raw materials and semi-finished products are not produced in the European Union, or are not produced in the European Union at an economically viable price or not in sufficient quantity, it is possible to request for a tariff suspension.

Tariff suspensions are in principle valid for five years. However, in order to be able to request for a tariff suspension a minimum amount of Euro 15,000 import duties involved per year is required. If that minimum amount of import duties is not reached, a tariff suspension can be withdrawn. In the attached overview you will find a list of CN classification codes of which the Ministry of Economic Affairs wants to know if the duty suspension attached to this code still has to be maintained. If the minimum level of import duties involved is not reached, these duty suspensions are to be withdrawn, due to lack of economic reasons.

What does it mean for you?

If you import a product that corresponds with the CN code as mentioned in the attached overview, your use of the tariff suspension could come to an end.

What to do?

If you wish to prolong the use of the tariff suspension and your company benefits for a minimum of EUR 15,000 per year using this tariff suspension, please use the request for prolongation of a tariff suspension attached to this Customs Flash. You can send this request to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. For more information regarding this subject you can check the site <http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/internationaal-ondernemen/tariefschorsingen>. Of course you can always contact us if you have any questions regarding tariff suspensions.

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