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This edition of *TradeSmart* highlights applications for a reduction in customs duty on thermal transfer printing ribbons, creation of a temporary rebate facility on structural steel and various technical amendments to Schedules No.1, 2 and 6.

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Tariff Application – Reduction in customs duty on Thermal transfer printing ribbons in cartridges

ITAC has received an application for a reduction in the customs duty on thermal transfer printing ribbons in cartridges classifiable under tariff subheading 9612.10, from a 15% rate of customs duty to a free rate of customs duty by way of creating a separate 8 digit tariff subheading (TSH).



The applicant indicated that there is no SACU manufacturer of the said commodity and that the current duty has a cost-raising effect. Interested parties should respond to ITAC by **19 May 2017**.

Tariff Application – Temporary Rebate Provision for structural steel



ITAC has received an application for the creation of a temporary rebate facility for "Structural Steel in the Form of U, I, H and L sections, of Other Alloy Steel, Not Further Worked than Hot-Rolled, Hot-Drawn or Extruded, of a height of 80mm or more", classifiable under TSH 7228.70 and 7216.40.

The applicant cites that the only manufacturer in SACU has temporarily ceased production, under business rescue and is therefore unable to meet local demand.

Written representations may be made to ITAC by **19 May 2017**.

Technical Amendments for Public Comment

The following amendments which have been published for comment, have come about as a result of requests from industry, other Government Agencies as well as HS 2017 amendments which were omitted at the time of publication.

The amendments are purely of a technical nature and will not affect the applicable rate of duty.

Commodity	Tariff Heading	Change in Customs Duty
Chicken	0207.14.9	Insertion of a separate 8 digit TSH 0207.14.92 for fowls of the species gallus domesticus (mixed portions) for more accurate trade data collection. Anti-dumping item 201.02/0207.14.92/01.08 is also inserted as a consequence of the insertion of TSH 0207.14.92.
Plastic	Various TSHs under 39.01, 39.02, 39.03 & 39.04	Deletion of various TSHs under 39.01, 39.02, 39.03 & 39.04 and insertion of new TSHs under 39.01, 39.02, 39.03 & 39.04 for more refined statistical data.
Aluminium	7602.00	Creation of additional TSH subheadings under the heading for aluminium waste and scrap which is 7602.00 for distinguishing between the various grades of aluminium and more accurate trade data collection.
Request from the Department of Environmental Affairs for the creation of separate TSHs for substances that contribute to the depletion	Various TSHs under 29.03, 29.06, 29.09, 38.24.	Deletion or substitution of various TSH under 29.03, 29.06, 29.09, 38.24 for more accurate trade data collection.

of the ozone layer and global warming.		
Screw studding	7318.15.35 ; 7318.15.41	Substitution of TSH 7318.15.35 & 7318.15.41 with 7318.15.36 & 7318.15.42 for more accurate trade data collection to ascertain the exact volume of the imported products, the nature of import competition as well as the correct statistical information.
Road wheels and rims	8708.70.10	Insertion of various TSH under 87.08 & 87.14 to differentiate between road wheel and rims fitted with tyres. Various environmental levy items affected by the proposed amendments are also proposed for amendment as a consequence of the insertion of various TSH under 87.08 & 87.14 and as consequent to the introduction of the tyre levy.
Saké	2206.00	Amendment of TSH 2206.00 in Part 1 of Schedule No.1 and item 104.17/2206.00 in Part 2A of Schedule No.1 of The Act to include saké which was erroneously left out of the HS 2017 updates.



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