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Amendment of rate of customs duty – Variable tariff formula



Customs duty on sugar classifiable under tariff sub-heading 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, and 1701.99 has been increased from a

free of duty to 213.1c/kg whilst customs duty on other wheat and meslin seeds and wheat and wheaten flour classifiable under TSH 1001.91 and 1001.99 as well as 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90 has been increased from 37.93c/kg and 56.90c/kg to 75.24c/kg and 112.85c/kg respectively in terms of the existing variable tariff formula.

Draft Amendments Under Consideration

SARS is considering comments submitted in response to the draft rule amendment to ensure the alignment of the Rules across the different trade agreements South Africa is party to as well as include a reference to the REX system used for products awarded GSP Norway status.

Draft Amendments for Public Comment

SARS has published the following notices for public comment:

Description

Due Date for comments

Draft amendments to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 to implement the phase-down of customs duty on specific commodities agreed upon in the SADC-EU EPA as well as create separate Tariff Sub-Heading for

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- Photoluminescent safety signs classifiable under Tariff Heading 39.19;
- Mayonnaise; and
- Smooth or crunchy peanut butter packaged for retail sale

The amendments will take effect from 1 January 2018.

Creation of a separate 8-digit tariff sub-heading to differentiate between food-grade and fertilizer-grade phosphoric and polyphosphoric acid based on the phosphorous content percentage.

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