

**GUIDELINES, RULES, AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO PERMITS ISSUED UNDER REBATE ITEM 316.17/00.00/05.00 FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PARTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF RECEPTION APPARATUS FOR TELEVISION INCORPORATING A DISPLAY OTHER THAN A CATHODE-RAY TUBE (CRT) CLASSIFIABLE IN SUBHEADINGS 8528.72.90 AND 8528.73.90**

1. **PURPOSE**
	1. This document serves to provide reference and procedural guidelines applicable to applications for permits in terms of the rebate provision of **316.17/00.00/05.00.**
	2. This document, therefore, addresses the guidelines, rules and conditions applicable to the aforementioned rebate item and the permit application process to be followed by applicants.
2. **REBATE PROVISION**
	1. Rebate Item **316.17/00.00/05.00** of Schedule No. 3, Part 2 to the Customs and Excise Act, No. 91 of 1964 (Customs and Excise Act) makes provision for rebate of the full ordinary customs duty applicable to:

*“Goods of any description (excluding mounted or populated circuit boards and display panels, irrespective of their degree of completion, any other apparatus classifiable in heading 85.28 and other electric conductors, for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, fitted with connectors classifiable in tariff subheading 8544.42), at such times, in such quantities and under such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit, for the manufacture of reception apparatus for television incorporating a display other than a cathode-ray tube (CRT) classifiable in subheadings 8528.72.90 and 8528.73.90, whether or not combined in the same housing with radio-broadcasting receivers or sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus”*

1. **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
	1. Applicants must register with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) as users of the rebate provision before applying for rebate permits, and they must acquaint themselves with the requirements of SARS.
	2. Applicants must acquaint themselves with the provisions of the Customs and Excise Act, the International Trade Administration Act, No. 71 of 2002 (ITA Act) and other legislation relating to the importation of goods into the Republic of South Africa.
	3. The applicant shall provide International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) with the required information as per the relevant application form (**Annexure A)**. Should the space provided in the application form not be sufficient, applicants should use the format of the application form as a guide for the format in which the required information should be submitted.
	4. These guidelines must be read and understood before completing the application form. Completed original applications for permits may be emailed to:

Mr N Mahlalela and Ms Phatheka Busika at nmahlalela@itac.org.za and pbusika@itac.org.za respectively.

Or hand delivered to:

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Pretoria

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* 1. Should an application be found to be deficient, it will not be processed further and the applicant will be informed accordingly. An application will be regarded as deficient if the following is found:
1. The application is not submitted in the correct format;
2. The application does not comply with the guidelines, rules and conditions as set out in this document;
3. The requested information is not submitted; and
4. The application contains conflicting information or incorrect information.
	1. Applicants who submit deficient applications must re-submit duly completed application forms to replace the deficient application forms, should they wish to proceed.
	2. Applications must be made well in advance of the shipment of the goods, as rebate permits will not be issued retrospectively. Applicants should allow an issuance period of fourteen (14) days from the date ITAC received a properly documented and duly completed application.
	3. Permits for the respective rebate item are valid for the period stipulated on the permit and no extensions will be granted.
	4. The permits are issued at the discretion of the ITAC. Should the application be rejected, the applicant will be informed in writing of the decision and the reasons thereof to enable them to seek appropriate recourse.
5. **APPLICABLE CONDITIONS**
	1. A rebate permit will only be considered if all of the following information has been submitted and verified by ITAC upon inspection at the premises:
		1. Amount of capital invested in the operation;
		2. Employment figures;
		3. A full list of the equipment contained in the installation;
		4. The assembly lines and the amount of staff per line;
		5. A breakdown of the assembly instruction guide to determine how many stages are needed for the assembly of flat panel televisions;
		6. The cost of flat panel television sets through the submission of commercial invoices accompanied by cost and price structures;
		7. All Television sets made in South Africa must have a letter of authority (LOA) from the SABS; and
		8. Submission of the completed attached production stages questionnaire.
	2. The products imported under the rebate provision may only be used in the SACU region.
	3. Applicants must comply with the provisions of the Customs and Excise Act, the ITA Act and all other South African legislation relating to the importation of goods into the Republic of South Africa, relevant to the transaction.
	4. The rebate user binds itself to the submission of any industry data requested by ITAC for reporting and monitoring purposes.
	5. Any request for an amendment of the rebate permit will only be considered when an error was made by ITAC upon the issuance of a permit.

**Note: No amendments will be effected in instances where the applicant was responsible for submitting of incorrect information. In such instances a new application will be required.**

* 1. Should the permit holder misplace a rebate permit, the permit holder will be required to submit an application in the form of an affidavit for a re-issue of the rebate permit. This must clearly set out the circumstances giving rise to the loss of the original permit and show good cause or reasons why a substitute permit should be issued. ITAC may consider issuing a replacement of the lost original permit provided the above is duly submitted.
	2. ITAC may satisfy itself as to the accuracy of the information supplied to it by the applicant by conducting verifications at such time and place as it deems necessary, including verification visit(s) at the premises of the applicant that provided the information.
	3. ITAC may inform the applicant concerned of the dates of the intended visit, and where such information is provided, the verification will be conducted on those dates.
	4. Following a verification visit, ITAC shall compile a verification report indicating what information was verified and may make the same available to the applicant.
1. **NON-COMPLIANCE**
	1. Where non-compliance is detected, appropriate action will be taken against the relevant party or parties in terms of the ITA Act and/or the Customs and Excise Act. This action may include (without limitation) criminal charges or the withdrawal of the permit/s concerned and it may affect future applications for permits.
	2. Should it be found that the goods imported in terms of the rebate permit are used for a purpose other than that described in the rebate provision and in the permit, the applicable customs duty and penalties will be imposed by SARS.



 **Annexure A**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR REBATE ITEM 316.17/00.00/05.00 FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PARTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF RECEPTION APPARATUS FOR TELEVISION INCORPORATING A DISPLAY OTHER THAN A CATHODE-RAY TUBE (CRT) CLASSIFIABLE IN SUBHEADINGS 8528.72.90 AND 8528.73.90**

***PLEASE NOTE:***

**IT IS IMPERATIVE TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT TITLED “GUIDELINES, RULES AND CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO PERMITS ISSUED UNDER REBATE 316.17/00.00/05.00 FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PARTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF RECEPTION APPARATUS FOR TELEVISION INCORPORATING A DISPLAY OTHER THAN A CATHODE-RAY TUBE (CRT) CLASSIFIABLE IN SUBHEADINGS 8528.72.90 AND 8528.73.90”, BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FORM.**

If the space provided for on the application form is insufficient, please use the lay-out of this application form as a guideline of the form in which the requested information should be submitted.

1. **Details of Applicant:**
	1. Name of Applicant: …………………………………………………………………………..

1.2 VAT Registration No.: 1.3 Importer’s code:

 ……………………………… ………………………………...

1.4 Physical Address: ………………………………………………………………….............

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1.5 Municipality and District where manufacturing facility is based:

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* 1. Contact Details:

1.5.1 Contact Person: …………………………………………………………………………..

* + 1. Contact Number:

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* + 1. Email Address: ……………………………………………………………………
1. **Details of Manufacturer (if different from paragraph 1 above):**
	1. Company name:

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* 1. VAT Registration No.: 2.3 Importer’s code:

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* 1. Physical Address:

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2.5 Municipality and District where manufacturing facility is based:

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1. **Furnish the following summary information in respect of each of the products to be imported.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Product Description** |  |
| **Tariff Subheading** |  |
| **Customs Value (FOB) in Rands**  |  |
| **Quantity** **(i.e. kg)** |  |
| **Country/ies Importing from** |  |
| **State whether the manufacturing process includes the population of blank circuit boards** |  |

1. **Furnish the following information in respect of the final product:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Product Description** |  |
| **Tariff Subheading** |  |
| **Customs Value (FOB) in Rands**  |  |
| **Quantity** **(i.e. kg)** |  |
| **Country/ies of export** |  |

1. **Please provide details of the nature of business of the applicant taking into consideration the imported goods to which the rebate provision or permit relates:**

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**5. Kindly indicate the employment figures in relation to the end product to be manufactured (if applicable):**

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| --- | --- |
| **Applicant’s Total Employment** |  |
| Female |  |
| Male |  |
| Youth (18- 35 years) |  |
| **Total Direct Factory Workers** |  |
| Female |  |
| Male |  |
| Youth (18- 35 years) |  |

**AFFIDAVIT**

**Submit the following declaration by the CEO or duly authorized representative of the company:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (full names) with Identity Number

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the applicant)

hereby declare under oath that I am duly authorised to depose hereto, and that the information furnished in this permit application for rebate item **316.17/00.00/05.00** for the importation of photovoltaic cells assembled in modules or made up into panels classifiable under tariff subheading 8541.43, is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

**NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I CERTIFY THAT THE DEPONENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE/SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT, AND THAT HE/SHE HAS NO OBJECTION TO TAKING THE PRESCRIBED OATH, AND THAT HE/SHE CONSIDERS THIS OATH TO BE BINDING ON HIS/HER CONSCIENCE. THE STATEMENT WAS SWORN TO/ AFFIRMED BEFORE ME AND THAT THE DEPONENT’S SIGNATURE WAS PLACED THEREON BEFORE ME.**

**SIGNED and SWORN to before me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**COMMISSIONER OF OATH**

­**FULL NAMES:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**DESIGNATION:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check List**

Please note: Before the rebate item **316.17/00.00/05.00** application form is submitted to ITAC, the applicant is required to complete the check list which is shown in table 1 below:

**Table 1: Check List**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Documents and information to be submitted** | **Mark with an X** |
| Importer’s Code |  |
| VAT registration no. |  |
| Copy of previous permit (if applicable) |  |
| Employment figures |  |
| Signed affidavit |  |

**STAGES OF PRODUCTION FOR SKD AND CKD (These stages are only a guide)**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **SKD / CKD Permit Criteria** |  |
|   |   |   |   |
|   | **#** | **Item** | **Compliance YES/NO** |
|   |  |  |   |
| SKD CRITERIA |   | **To meet the SKD permit criteria, the following production facilities (1 - 27) must be present and operational in the SKD factory** |   |
|   |   |   |
|   | **The following production facilities must be present:** |   |
| 1 | High voltage test |   |
| 2 | Final Testing of all functions |   |
| 3 | Final testing of all signal interfaces |   |
| 4 | White balance alignment facility |   |
| 5 | Soak testing (Burn in ) facility |   |
| 6 | Switch-on test position |   |
| 7 | Main assembly stages |   |
| 8 | Sub-assembly stages |   |
| 9 | Programming equipment for a minimum of HDCP licence |   |
| 10 | Fault finder(s), suitably qualified and trained with minimum of oscilloscope and signal sources) |   |
|   |   |   |
|   | **The following test equipment must be present:** |   |
| 11 | Professional High voltage testing equipment (to IEC 60065)  |   |
| 12 | Facility for soaking LCD television set |   |
| 13 | Signal sources as listed below: |   |
|  14 | HF analogue signals |   |
|  15 | Composite video baseband signals |   |
|  16 | S-Video signals |   |
| 17 | Audio signals (baseband) |   |
| 18 | Component video signals (YPbPr) |   |
| 19 | VGA signals with appropriate resolutions for products under test |   |
|  20 | HDMI signals with 720 and 1080 line resolutions  |   |
|  21 | HDMI Signals that are HDCP protected |   |
|  22 | Multichioce HD decoder signal |   |
|  23 | Blue ray source |   |
| 24 | HF Signal strength meters  |   |
| 25 | Oscilloscopes |   |
|   |   |   |
|   | **The following production support facilities must be available:** |   |
| 26 | Quality assurance facility and person/personnel  |   |
| 27 | Technical support technician |   |
| CKD CRITERIA |   | **To meet the CKD permit criteria, the manufacturer must demonstrate that he can assemble a significant number of electrical components onto blank PCB's. Therefore, in addition to the above, it is required that the following production facilities (28 - 38) must be operational and locally available to the CKD factory.** **The following equipment must be available** |   |
| 28 | Solder paste screening machine |   |
| 29 | SMD placement equipment |   |
| 30 | SMD reflow oven |   |
| 31 | Hand and/or automatic insertion facilities |   |
| 32 | Wave soldering machine |   |
| 33 | Facilities for inspection and touch-up of soldered PCB's |   |
| 34 | Equipment for programming assembled PCB's |   |
| 35 | Equipment for testing and aligning assembled PCB's |   |
| 36 | Unpack quality assurance on sampling basis |   |
|   |   |   |
|   | **The following support facilities must be available:** |   |
| 37 | Technical support engineer |   |
| 38 | Facility or system, either internal or external, to ensure basic electrical measuring equipment is correctly calibrated) |   |
|   |  Signal levels |   |
|   |  Multimeters |   |
|   |  Oscilloscopes |   |
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