DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

GENERAL NOTICE 3174 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 05/2025

The International Trade Administration Commission (herein after referred to as ITAC or the Commission) has received the following application concerning the Customs Tariff. Any objection to or comment on this representation should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, ITAC, Private Bag X753, Pretoria, 0001. Attention is drawn to the fact that the rate of duty mentioned in this application is that requested by the applicant and that the Commission may, depending on its findings, recommend a lower or higher rate of duty.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The submission of confidential information to the Commission in connection with customs tariff applications is governed by section 3 of the Tariff Investigations Regulations, which regulations can be found on ITAC's website at http://www.itac.org.za/documents/R.397.pdf. These regulations require that if any information is considered to be confidential, then a non-confidential version of the information must be submitted, simultaneously with the confidential version. In submitting a non-confidential version the regulations are strictly applicable and require parties to indicate:

- *Each instance where confidential information has been omitted and the reasons for confidentiality;*
- *A summary of the confidential information which permits other interested parties a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and*
- *In exceptional cases, where information is not susceptible to summary, reasons must be submitted to this effect.*

This rule applies to all parties and to all correspondence with and submissions to the Commission, which unless clearly indicated to be confidential, will be made available to other interested parties.

The Commission will disregard any information indicated to be confidential that is not accompanied by a proper non-confidential summary or the aforementioned reasons.
If a party considers that any document of another party, on which that party is submitting representations, does not comply with the above rules and that such deficiency affects that party's ability to make meaningful representations, the details of the deficiency and the reasons why that party's rights are so affected must be submitted to the commission in writing forthwith (and at the latest 14 days prior to the date on which that party's submission is due).
Failure to do so timeously will seriously hamper the proper administration of the investigation, and such party will not be able to subsequently claim an inability to make meaningful representations on the basis of the failure of such other party to meet the requirements.

INCREASE IN THE DOLLAR-BASED REFERENCE PRICE OF WHEAT FROM US$279/TON TO US$289/TON CLASSIFIABLE UNDER TARIFF SUBHEADING 1101.00.10 AND CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATIC TRIGGER MECHANISM FOR THE WHEAT IMPORT TARIFF

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MAIN REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANTS:

- *The current tariff is insufficient to support local wheat production and self-sufficiency.*
- *Increased production costs and competition from subsidised imports threaten local farmers.*
- *Historical self-sufficiency in wheat has declined from 93% to 55%.*
- *Current tariff structure favours imports, risking domestic food security.*
- *Requested tariff increase to achieve 85% self-sufficiency through tariff adjustments every two years.*

Given the complexity of the variable tariff formula for wheat, the Commission may consider reviewing other aspects of the methodology. In this regard, comments must be provided in the format of a questionnaire obtainable on ITAC's website at www.itac.org.za, link: **Services - Tariff investigations - Government Gazette Notices – Other publication notices**

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PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representation should be submitted to the above ITAC officials within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.