DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 4014 OF 2026

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONS

LIST 01/2026

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.

2. THE CREATION OF A TEMPORARY REBATE PROVISION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF:

"Collapsible tubular containers of a capacity not exceeding 300 li, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment, classifiable under tariff heading 7612.10, in such times, in such quantities as subject to such conditions as the International Trade Administration Commission may allow by specific permit."

APPLICANT:
Pharmachem Laboratories (Pty) Ltd
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Sunderland Ridge
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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant cited, *inter alia*, the following as motivation for the application:

- Imported collapsible tubular containers attract a 10% *ad valorem* customs duty under tariff subheading 7612.10, which increases the Pharmachem's cost of production and places the company at a competitive disadvantage relative to importers of finished pharmaceutical products;

- There is currently no known domestic manufacturer of collapsible tubular containers and, as such, the customs duty does not serve a protective purpose for a local industry, but rather increases input costs for downstream pharmaceutical manufacturers; and

- The introduction of a rebate facility will address the prevailing duty anomaly, wherein the imported finished pharmaceutical products classifiable under heading 3004.90.99 enter the SACU market free of duty, while the imported packaging input (collapsible tubular containers) used in local manufacture attract a 10% *ad valorem*, thereby undermining the competitiveness of domestic value addition.

Publication Period:

Written representations must be submitted within four (4) weeks of the date of this notice.

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