

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3035 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONSLIST 01/2025

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.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF DUTY ON:

Roasted groundnuts classifiable under tariff subheadings 2008.11.20 and 2008.11.90 from 0.99c/kg (0.033% *ad valorem* equivalent) to 20% *ad valorem*

APPLICANT**C. Steinweg Bridge (Pty) Ltd**

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The following reason for the withdrawal was submitted by South African Groundnuts Forum on behalf of the Applicant:

Steinweg Bridge, representing the SACU industry in applying for an amendment to the customs duty on roasted ground nuts as indicated above, on the Roasted Groundnut has since ceased its roasting groundnut operations. Steinweg has subsequently requested the Commission to withdraw its application. This decision according to the representatives of the applicant was influenced ostensibly by a range of operational and other factors, including but not limited to the prolonged uncertainty surrounding the decision on the amendment of the customs duty. The applicant alleges that such uncertainty has affected the viability of their business model.

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