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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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REVIEW OF THE TARIFF STRUCTURE FOR INPUT MATERIAL, COMPONENTS AND FINAL GOODS USED IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY VALUE CHAIN

INITIATED BY:

International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ('ITAC')

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On 17 April 2025, ITAC published the above-mentioned review in the Government Gazette No. 52523, under Notice 3142 of 2025 for a period of four (4) weeks for interested parties to comment on a number of focus areas.

During the publication period, in excess of 45 submissions were received from interested parties, ranging from requests for duty increases, consideration of certain products for possible relaxation of import controls, consideration of specific products for inclusion under local content requirements, a re-look into the list of products authorised for importation under the staged consignment policy, and other general comments on the potential impact of the review on the renewable energy industry value chain. Based on these submissions and the analysis of the evidence before the Commission, ITAC has made the following preliminary determinations:

- 1. A preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of the DTIC that the ordinary customs duties on the tariff lines listed in Table 1 be increased to their respective WTO bound rates, where policy space exists and subject to further assessment during the investigation.***
- 2. A preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of the DTIC that the general rate of customs duty on fully assembled lithium-ion batteries be increased to the WTO bound rate of 15% ad valorem, by way of creation of a new 8-digit tariff subheading.***
- 3. A preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of the DTIC that a phased approach be taken for the possible discontinuation of Rebate Item 460.16/8541.43/01.06, whereby the rebate provision will continue to apply in the interim and will only be discontinued once domestic solar photovoltaic assembly capability reaches 50% of domestic demand, subject to ongoing monitoring and further consultation.***

- 4. A preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of the DTIC that solar panels, single-axis trackers, inverters, fasteners, and tower sections be considered for designation for local procurement and local content requirements, in terms of section 20(3)(b) of the Public Procurement Act 28 of 2024. With such a recommendation to be considered, following a statutory process led by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition and once the relevant regulations issued under the Act 28 of 2024 have been finalised.**
- 5. A preliminary determination that there exists a need to exclude solar panels, single axis trackers, inverters, fasteners, and tower sections from qualification under the staged consignment policy as some level of domestic manufacturing capacity exists in these sub-sectors. This is to be done in collaboration with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition and SARS.**
- 6. A preliminary determination to recommend to the Minister of the DTIC that a Committee comprising industry role players be established, in terms of Section 23 of the International Trade Administration Act 71 of 2002, to advise the Commission on trade measures related to the renewable energy industry value chain.**

It should be noted that the Commission has not yet made its final determination on any of the above matters and nothing in this Notice should be construed as such. The final determination will only be made once the Commission has considered comments from members of the public on this “preliminary determination.”

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be made within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this notice.

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TABLE 1

Tariff classification/HS Code	Article Description	Applicable Rate of duty	Bound Rate
Solar PV Value Chain			
76.04	Aluminium bars, rods and profiles:		
7604.10	--Of aluminium, not alloyed:		
7604.10.35	--Bars and rods, of a maximum cross-sectional dimension not exceeding 160 mm	5%	15%
7604.10.65	--Profiles, of a maximum cross-sectional dimension not exceeding 370 mm	5%	15%
7604.10.90	--Other	Free	15%
7604.2	--Of aluminium alloys:		
7604.21	--Hollow profiles		
7604.21.90	---Other	Free	15%
7604.29	Other:		
7604.29.90	--Other	Free	15%
7318	Screws, bolts, nuts, coach screws, screw hooks, rivets, cotters, cotter-pins, washers (including spring washers) and similar articles, of iron or steel:		
7318.1	Threaded articles:		
7318.12	--Other wood screws	Free	15%
7318.14	--Self-tapping screws	Free	30%
7318.15	Other screws and bolts, whether or not with their nuts or washers:		
7318.15.33	---Bolts (including bolt ends, screw studs and screw studding) identifiable for use on aircraft	Free	30%
7318.15.37	---Other screws and bolts, fully threaded with hexagon heads, of stainless steel	10%	30%
7318.16	Nuts:		
7318.16.10	---Of stainless steel	Free	30%
7318.16.2	---Hexagon dome nuts, hexagon nuts with non-metallic inserts, hexagon collared nuts and hexagon self-locking nuts:		
7318.16.21	----Hexagon nuts with nylon inserts	10%	30%
7318.16.23	----Hexagon nuts with other non-metallic inserts	10%	30%
7318.16.29	----Other	10%	30%

7318.90	--Other	15%	30%
7318.2	-Non-threaded articles:		
7318.21	Spring washers and other lock washers:		
7318.21.10	---Spring washers, split or double-coiled	10%	30%
7318.21.90	---Other	Free	30%
7318.22	---Other washers	Free	30%
84.79	Machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter (Tracker units):		
8479.89	--Other		
8479.89.90	---Other	Free	10%
85.01	Electrical motors and generators (excluding generating sets):		
8501.3	Other DC motors; DC generators, (excluding photovoltaic generators):		
8501.31	--Of an output not exceeding 750 W	Free	30%
8536.6	Lamp-holders, plugs and sockets:		
8536.61	Lamp-holders:		
8536.61.30	---Other, for fluorescent lamps	10%	30%
8536.61.40	---Other, for a voltage of less than 500 V	10%	30%
8536.61.90	---Other	5%	30%
85.37	Boards, panels, consoles, desks, cabinets and other bases, equipped with two or more apparatus of heading 85.35 or 85.36, for electric control or the distribution of electricity, including those incorporating instruments or apparatus of Chapter 90, and numerical control apparatus (excluding switching apparatus of heading 85.17):		
8537.10	-For a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V:		
8537.10.30	Equipped with apparatus of subheading 8536.20.15 or 8536.50.50	15%	30%
8537.10.90	Other	5%	30%

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Wind Energy Value Chain			
72.06	Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms (excluding iron of heading 72.03):		
7206.10	-Ingot	Free	10%
7206.90	-Other	Free	10%
76.10	Aluminium structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frameworks, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, balustrades, pillars and columns); aluminium plates, rods, profiles, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures:		
7610.90	-Other		
7610.90.10	-- For electric power lines (including transmission towers or pylons) and power substations	10%	15%
85.02	Electric generating sets and rotary converters:		
8502.1	-Generating sets with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines):		
8502.20	- Generating sets with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engines	Free	20%
8502.3	- Other generating sets		
8502.31	-- Wind-powered	Free	20%
8502.39	--Other	Free	20%
85.04	Electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) and inductors:		
8504.10	-Ballasts for discharge lamps or tubes	10%	15%
8504.2	-Liquid dielectric transformers:		
8504.21	--- Having a power handling capacity not exceeding 650 kVA	10%	15%
8504.21	--Having a power handling capacity exceeding 650 kVA but not exceeding 10 000 kVA	10%	15%
8504.23	--Having a power handling capacity exceeding 10 000 kVA	10%	15%
8504.3	-Other transformers:		
8504.31	--Having a power handling capacity not exceeding 1 kVA	10%	15%
8504.32	--Having a power handling capacity exceeding 1 kVA but not exceeding 16 kVA	10%	15%
8504.33	--Having a power handling capacity exceeding 16 kVA but not exceeding 500 kVA	10%	15%
8504.34	--Having a power handling capacity exceeding 500 kVA	10%	15%

8504.40	-Static converters	10%	15%
8504.50	-Other inductors	5%	15%
8504.90	-Other	5%	15%
85.44	Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable (including co-axial cable) and other insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical fibre cables, made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors or fitted with connectors:		
8544.20	-Co-axial cable and other co-axial electric conductors:		
8544.20.15	--Cable, single-core, with a centre conductor of copper plated with silver or gold, of a length exceeding 400 m and a cross-sectional dimension not exceeding 4,5 mm, not sheathed in aluminium	Free	15%
8544.30	--Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	5%	15%
68.10	Articles of cement, of concrete or of artificial stone, whether or not reinforced:		
6810.9	Other articles:		
6810.91	--Prefabricated structural components for building or civil engineering	Free	10%
73.08	Structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures (for example, bridges and bridge-sections, lock-gates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frameworks, doors and windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutters, balustrades, pillars and columns), of iron or steel; plates, rods, angles, shapes, sections, tubes and the like, prepared for use in structures, of iron or steel:		
7308.40	-Equipment for scaffolding, shuttering, propping or pit-propping:		
7308.40.90	--Other	Free	15%
7316.00	Anchors, grapnels and parts thereof, of iron or steel	Free	15%
84.12	Other engines and motors:		
8412.80	-Other:		
8412.80.10	--Generators for wind turbines	Free	15%
85.04	Electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) and inductors:		
8504.3	-Other transformers:		
8504.40	-Static converters	Free	15%
8504.90	-Parts	5%	15%

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Battery Energy Storage Value Chain			
38.01	Artificial graphite; colloidal or semi-colloidal graphite; preparations based on graphite or other carbon in the form of pastes, blocks, plates or other semi-manufactures:		
3801.10	- Artificial graphite:		
3801.10.10	-- Unmachined electrodes	Free	10%
3801.10.90	-- Other	Free	10%
3801.20	- Colloidal or semi-colloidal graphite	Free	10%
3801.30	- Carbonaceous pastes for electrodes and similar pastes for furnace Linings	Free	10%
3801.90	- Other	Free	10%
75.02	Unwrought nickel:		
7502.10	Nickel, not alloyed	Free	5%
7502.20	Nickel alloys	Free	5%
78.01	Unwrought lead:		
7801.10	- Refined lead	Free	5%
7801.9	- Other:		
7801.91	-- Containing by mass antimony as the principal other element	Free	5%
7801.99	-- Other	Free	5%
85.07	Electric accumulators, including separators therefor, whether or not rectangular (including square):		
8507.10	- Lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines:		
8507.10.1	-- With dimensions not exceeding 185 mm (length) x 125 mm (width) x 195 mm (height):		
8507.10.11	--- Used	5%	30%
8507.10.19	--- Other	5%	30%
8507.10.9	-- Other:		
8507.20	- Other lead-acid accumulators	Free	15%
8507.30	Nickel-cadmium	Free	15%
8507.50	Nickel-metal hydride	Free	15%
8507.60	Lithium-ion	Free	15%
8507.80	Other accumulators	Free	15%

8507.90	Parts	Free	15%
28.25	Hydrazine and hydroxylamine and their inorganic salts; other inorganic bases; other metal oxides, hydroxides and peroxides:		
2825.30	- Vanadium oxides and hydroxides	Free	10%
39.20	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials:		
3920.10	- Of polymers of ethylene:		
3920.10.10	-- Printed	10%	20%
3920.10.90	-- Other	10%	20%
7402.00	Unrefined copper; copper anodes for electrolytic refining	Free	5%
84.15	Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated:		
8415.90	- Parts:		
8415.90.90	-- Other	Free	15%
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8507.10	- Lead-acid, of a kind used for starting piston engines:		
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8507.10.11	--- Used	5%	30%
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8507.20	- Other lead-acid accumulators	Free	15%
8507.60	- Lithium-ion	Free	15%
8507.80	- Other accumulators	Free	15%