

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 3142 OF 2025

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

CUSTOMS TARIFF APPLICATIONSLIST 04/2025

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:

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- ☐ *A summary of the confidential information which permits other interested parties a reasonable understanding of the substance of the confidential information; and*
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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.

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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REASONS FOR THE REVIEW:

- Global decarbonisation commitments present new opportunities for the growth of a strong South African supply base of renewable energy components and finished products, battery storage units, as well as green consumer goods;
- The domestic demand trajectory, raw materials resource base, technological capacity and manufacturing experience places South Africa in a potentially strong position to become a key player in regional and international supply chains; and
- When carefully balanced, an improved tariff structure will increase the demand for, as well as the supply-competitiveness of, locally manufactured products and components; this will further enable export market opportunities; and will enhance the competitiveness of the local renewable value chain.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the following:

- The possibility of increasing ordinary customs duties on some of the tariff lines listed in **Table 1** below to their respective WTO bound rates, to the extent that there is capability or potential to manufacture them locally in order to improve the overall tariff structure and the effective rate of protection;
- The possibility of creating rebate provisions for some of the products on this list to the extent they are input materials to downstream manufacturing activities, and they are not manufactured locally;
- The potential discontinuation of rebate item **460.16/8541.43/01.06** that makes provision for the duty-free importation of solar PV panels, provided that installed domestic capacity reaches at least 50% of domestic demand, in order to incentivise further investments in the domestic assembly and manufacturing industry;
- Proposals on the identification of additional products in the renewable energy value chain to be subjected to local content requirements. This is to be done in collaboration with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition under the framework of the new Public Procurement Act 28 of 2024, once the regulations for the policy have been developed.

- The potential relaxation of Import Control Regulations for any critical minerals, or any other product, used as input material in downstream manufacturing activities in the renewable energy industry, particularly in battery storage technologies, to the extent that this would incentivise domestic manufacturing and investment; and
- The potential introduction of export control regulations for any critical minerals, or any other product, used as input material in downstream manufacturing activities in the renewable energy industry, particularly in battery storage technologies, to the extent that this would ensure security of supply and incentivise domestic manufacturing and investment.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

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

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TABLE 1

Solar PV Value Chain

28.04			
2804.6	Silicon:		
2804.61	-Containing by mass 99,99 per cent or more of silicon	Free	10%
2804.70	-Phosphorus	Free	10%
2804.80	-Arsenic	Free	10%
2804.90	-Selenium	Free	10%
74.08	Copper wire:		
7408.1	-Of refined copper:		
7408.11	--Of which the maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm	Free	15%
7408.19	--Other	Free	15%
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%
84.79	Machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter:		
8479.30	-Presses for the manufacture of particle board or fibre building board of wood or other ligneous materials and other machinery for treating wood or cork	Free	10%
8479.40	-Rope or cable-making machines	Free	10%
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%
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:		
7610.10	-Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors		
7610.90	-Other	10%	15%
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%
85.41	Semi-conductor devices (for example, diodes, transistors, semiconductor-based transducers); photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells whether or not assembled in modules or made up into panels; light-emitting diodes (LED), whether or not assembled with other light-emitting diodes (LED); mounted piezo-electric crystals:		
8541.10	Diodes (excluding photosensitive or light-emitting diodes (LED))	Free	10%
8541.4	Photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells whether or not assembled into modules or made up into panels; light-emitting diodes (LED):		
8541.41	--Light-emitting diodes (LED)	Free	10%
8541.42	--Photovoltaic cells not assembled in modules or made up onto panels	Free	10%
8541.49	--Other	Free	10%
Tariff classification/HS Code	Article Description	Applicable rate of duty	Bound Rate

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 frame-works, 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%
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%
8507.60	- Lithium-ion	Free	15%
8507.80	- Other accumulators	Free	15%