

## COMMUNICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

In accordance with the President's announcement of a nation-wide lockdown (lockdown) from midnight, Thursday 26 March 2020 until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020, ITAC wishes to communicate the following to all stakeholders:

- ITAC staff will not be in the office during the 21-day lockdown.
- However, ITAC will, as far as possible, continue with on-going work remotely in order to prevent unnecessary delays in investigations.
- ITAC will be available for the processing of critical Rebate and Import & Export permits.

Stakeholders are encouraged to contact the following Senior Managers with regard to critical core business matters:

Marius Collins, SM: Import & Export Control at [mcollins@itac.org.za](mailto:mcollins@itac.org.za)

Rika Theart, SM: Tariff Investigations I at [rtheart@itac.org.za](mailto:rtheart@itac.org.za)

Nomonde Somdaka, SM: Tariff Investigations II at [nsomdaka@itac.org.za](mailto:nsomdaka@itac.org.za)

Carina Janse van Vuuren, SM: Trade Remedies I at [cvanvuuren@itac.org.za](mailto:cvanvuuren@itac.org.za)

Zoleka Xabendlini, SM: Trade Remedies II at [zxabendlini@itac.org.za](mailto:zxabendlini@itac.org.za)

Dumisani Mbambo: Deputy Chief Commissioner at [dmbambo@itac.org.za](mailto:dmbambo@itac.org.za)

For any other critical and urgent business, stakeholders are encouraged to contact Phillip Semela: General Manager at [PSemela@itac.org.za](mailto:PSemela@itac.org.za).

### Critical Import & Export Control Permits

- ITAC import or export permit applications for disaster relief as a result of COVID-19 must be submitted electronically to Mr Marius Collins at [mcollins@itac.org.za](mailto:mcollins@itac.org.za).
- In the case of all other permit applications, the industry is advised to submit applications after the lockdown.

### Tariff Investigations

- ITAC will **only** be receiving and processing rebate permit applications pertaining to **rebate item 412.11**, which provides for:  
*"Goods imported for the relief of distress of persons in cases of famine or national disaster; under any technical assistance agreement or in terms of an obligation under any multilateral international agreement"*.

Permit applications in terms of Rebate Item 412.11 for disaster relief as a result of COVID-19 must be submitted electronically to the following officials:

For goods classifiable under Chapter 1 to 68:

Mr Christopher Sako at [csako@itac.org.za](mailto:csako@itac.org.za) and Ms Khosi Mzinjana at [kmzinjana@itac.org.za](mailto:kmzinjana@itac.org.za);

For goods classifiable under Chapter 69 to 96:

Ms Lufuno Maliaga at [lmaliaga@itac.org.za](mailto:lmaliaga@itac.org.za).

- All rebate and drawback permit applications will be suspended during the lockdown period. Applications affected by the lockdown must be referred to the relevant Senior Managers.
- Automotive Production Development Program (APDP) – All applications for Production Rebate Credit Certificates (PRCC) and Company Specific Percentages (CSP) for the calculation of the Volume Assembly Allowance will be suspended during the lockdown period. PRCC and CSP applications affected by the lockdown must be referred to the relevant Senior Manager.

### **Trade Remedies on-going investigations**

International travel has been suspended. However, questionnaire responses should still be submitted within the deadlines by participating exporters, unless an extension has been granted as provided for in the Regulations concerned. Exporters are advised that international travel, and therefore on the spot verifications have been suspended for the time being but that all efforts will be made to verify the information submitted by conducting desktop verifications. Exporters are therefore requested to submit additional information, where necessary, via e-mail to enable desktop verification. Exporters are advised that if verification of the information submitted by them cannot take place, the Commission may disregard the information submitted and make a finding on the basis of the facts available to it.

Importers are advised that all domestic travel has been suspended for the time being. However, questionnaire responses should still be submitted within the deadlines by participating importers, unless an extension has been granted as provided for in the Regulations concerned. Importers are advised that although on the spot verifications have been suspended for the time being, all efforts will be made to verify the information submitted by conducting desktop verifications. Importers are therefore requested to submit additional information, where necessary, via e-mail to enable desktop verification. Importers are advised that if verification of the information submitted by them cannot take place, the Commission may disregard the information submitted and make a finding on the basis of the facts available to it.