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SRF Flexipak Application Request for Duty Increase on Biaxially Orientated Polypropylene ("BOPP")

The request for duty increase has been published by ITAC on 22 October 2021 for SRF Flexipak (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd. The increase in the rate of customs duty on Biaxially Orientated Polypropylene ("BOPP") classifiable under tariff subheadings 3920.20.50 and 3920.20.55 from free of duty to 10% ad valorem through the creation of two additional 8-digit tariff subheadings. The two-tariff subheading differentiates between metalized and not metallized BOPP. Click here to view BOPP description

The Applicant Stated the Following Reasons:

- The BOPP continues to be imported into South Africa, despite the presence of SRF and the availability of locally manufactured BOPP.
- SRF continues to face challenges from imports of BOPP from various countries, including Europe. Despite the tariff increase application for protection, the duty will only provide protection for goods imported under the general rate, whilst imports from European countries will not attract a duty given the free trade agreement between the EU and SACU.
- RF highlighted that BOPP has gained more popularity throughout the world, particularly in South Africa due to its diverse end applications as flexible packaging material.
- Due to the growth, the Applicant is of the view that South Africa is becoming an increasing attractive target for BOPP imports.
- In addition, SRF has undertaken various initiatives to protect and grow their investment and market share and show that they are committed to growing the South African market.
- In addition, SRF has remained supportive of the converters projects in applying for duty protection as manufacturers.

Please send all your comments and questionnaire to kntanzi@printingsa.org on or before 12 November 2021:

- Click here to fill the questionnaire in order for us to determine whether to support or object to the application.
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