

Updated Mondi application for an increase in the rate of customs duty on other paper and paperboard

Following comments submitted by Printing SA in June 2021 to International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) objecting to an increase by Mondi South Africa (Pty) Ltd – Merebank Mill application requesting for an increase in the office paper and reels for printing and converting. ITAC published a corrective notice on 27 August 2021 replacing notice published on 23 August 2021. Mondi revised some of the tariff subheading where the increase was requested by requesting a creation of new 8-digit tariff subheading to be created and 20% duty increase. [Click here to view the detailed requested tariff subheading and please provide comments on the proposed tariff subheading.](#)

Summary: The increase is requested in the rate of duty on:

1. Tariff subheading **4802.55**, by the creation of a new 8-digit tariff subheading **4802.55.15** and requesting a duty increase from 0% to 20%;
2. Tariff subheading **4802.56.90**, requesting an increase from current tariff subheading from 10% to 20%;
3. Tariff subheading **4802.57**, by the creation of a new 8-digit tariff subheading **4802.57.15** and requesting a duty increase from 0% to 20%.

Member companies strongly opposed the application stating among other reason that Mondi is unable to supply the local market needs, companies are faced with market decline and the situation was exacerbated by Covid 19. Mondi also stated their reason that the paper industry is under significant pressure due to a structural decline in the South African market, which has been accelerated by COVID impacts and ongoing threats from imports. [Click here to read reasons for the application](#) and the [description of the product](#).

Please submit your comments on or before 17 September 2021 to Ms Khanyi Ntanzu at e-mail:

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Click here to view Mondi [full application](#) and [ITAC re-published notice](#).