

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM-TECHNICAL AMENDMENT (PART 2)**

**TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS FOR SCHEDULE NO. 1 TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT, 1964**

The draft amendments in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 to the Customs and Excise Act, Act No. 91 of 1964 (the Act), are technical in nature and **will have no effect on the duty structure**. The amendments are due to requests received from industry or other government agencies. The request for the furniture industry was delayed due to the complexity of the request and the amount of work that needed to finalise the draft amendment.

**1. AMENDMENT OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**1.1 Request from XA International Trade Advisors on behalf of South African Furniture Institute (SAFI)**

XA International made a request on behalf of SAFI for a creation of 8-digit tariff subheadings in Chapters 44, 72 and 94. Chapter 44 is a request for a separate 8-digit tariff subheadings for particle board of wood coated, covered or laminated with melamine. In Chapter 72 the request is for the creation of 8-digit tariff subheadings for wires coated or plated copper with diameter of 1.30mm or more but not exceeding 4.88mm, consisting of a carbon content greater than 0.4% but not exceeding 0.85%. In addition, SAFI requested the creation of separate 8-digit tariff subheadings under tariff headings 94.01, 94.03 and 94.04. The reason for the split is to enable gathering of statistics and to curb illegal importation through a refined structure.

A distinction has now been made to provide for the different coatings of particle board under tariff headings 44.10; 44.11.

The following subheadings are inserted:

<b>4410.11.2</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4410.11.21	With melamine
4410.11.25	With other plastics
4410.11.29	Other
<b>4411.12.2</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.12.21	With melamine
4411.12.25	With other plastics
4411.12.29	Other
<b>4411.13.2</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.13.21	With melamine
4411.13.25	With other plastics
4411.13.29	Other
<b>4411.14.2</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.14.21	With melamine
4411.14.25	With other plastics
4411.14.29	Other
<b>4411.92.1</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.92.11	With melamine
4411.92.15	With other plastics
4411.92.19	Other
4411.92.99	Other
<b>4411.93.1</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.93.11	With melamine
4411.93.15	With other plastics
4411.93.19	Other
4411.93.99	Other
<b>4411.94.1</b>	<b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>
4411.94.11	With melamine
4411.94.15	With other plastics

4411.94.19	Other
4411.94.99	Other

The following subheadings are deleted:

4410.11.20	Coated, covered or laminated
4411.12.20	Coated, covered or laminated
4411.13.20	Coated, covered or laminated
4411.14.20	Coated, covered or laminated

The following subheadings are inserted:

7217.10.10	Of a diameter of 1,30 mm or more but not exceeding 4,88mm, containing by mass of more than 0.4% carbon but not exceeding 0,85% and a tensile strength of 1 400 Mpa or more but not exceeding 1 750 Mpa
7217.10.90	Other
<b>7217.30.1</b>	<b>Plated or coated with copper:</b>
7217.30.11	Of a diameter of 1,30 mm or more but not exceeding 4,88 mm, containing by mass of more than 0,4% carbon but not exceeding 0,85% and a tensile strength of 1 400 Mpa or more but not exceeding 1 750 Mpa
7217.30.19	Other

The following subheading is deleted:

7217.30.10	Plated or coated with copper
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The amendments to Chapter 94 are substantial and cover a variety of newly created subheadings. Details are contained in the notice.