

**NOTICE 2391 OF 2004
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOCATION OF
IMPORT PERMITS UNDER THE BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE**

In order to fulfil South Africa's commitment under the Bilateral Trade Agreement between South Africa and Zimbabwe, it is hereby made known that rebate permits will be issued for the products specified in Table 1 and Table 2 and under the conditions set out in the Schedule.

All persons who are interested in importing products from Zimbabwe into the Republic of South Africa during the calendar year 2005 under the Bilateral Trade Agreement between South Africa and Zimbabwe, are hereby invited to apply in writing.

B.N. Njobe.
DIRECTOR-GENERAL: AGRICULTURE.

SCHEDULE

1. Application for rebate permits

- 1.1 Permits will be issued only to importers registered at DTI and SARS of which proof is required as stipulated in par. 6 and 7 of the Annexure to the Schedule.
- 1.2 Any person interested in importing any of the products in Table 1 must apply therefor on a copy of the application form attached as an Annexure.
- 1.3 The application form is available electronically on request from casg@nda.agric.za.
- 1.4 The application form will only be accepted if duly completed.
- 1.5 An applicant bears the responsibility to ensure that –
 - (a) the application form reflects the correct information as requested for the product concerned;
 - (b) the application is submitted timeously within the time period contemplated in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2; and
 - (c) the application (whether faxed or posted) has been received by the Manager: Marketing Administration

2. Conditions for the issue of rebate permits for products specified in Table 1

- 2.1 Permits for products specified in Table 1 will be allocated on the basis of the following categories:
 - (a) 10% to importers who did not import the product applied for during the past three years, referred to as new importers;

- (b) 10% to importers that are Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises, referred to as SMME importers; and
- (c) 80% to importers who imported the product applied for during the past three years, referred to as historical importers.

2.2 Permits will be allocated to –

- (a) new importers on an equal basis;
- (b) SMME importers on either an equal basis or as a historical importer, whichever will enhance Government policy for SMME development; and
- (c) historical importers in proportion to the average quantity of the product concerned imported by the applicant during the past three years.

2.3 The quantity imported by a historical importer importing from Zimbabwe, will be calculated on the basis of the list of bills of entry submitted for the period concerned of the product applied for.

2.4 Permits for the importation of unmanufactured tobacco under tariff heading 24.01, will be allocated in proportion to the cutting figures for the 2003/2004 marketing season.

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- (a) If the allocation for a particular category is not fully utilised, the balance may be re-allocated to the other categories.
 - (b) In order to enhance government policy on new importers and SMME's, quotas for new importers and SMME's can be combined to ensure the most beneficial allocation.

2.6 Permits for products specified in Table 2 shall be issued on an *ad hoc* basis and shall be valid from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

3 Conditions for the issue of rebate permits for products specified in Table 2

Permits for products specified in Table 2 may be imported duty free upon authority of a permit with regard thereto.

4 Addresses for applications

4.1 Applications must -

- (a) when forwarded by post, be addressed to:
The Manager: Marketing Administration
Department of Agriculture
Private Bag X15
ARCADIA, 0007
(For attention: Mr G J Kamfer, Maize Board Building , Room 715)
- (b) when delivered by hand, be delivered to:
The Manager: Marketing Administration
Department of Agriculture
Maize Board Building, Room 703
503 Belvedere Street
ARCADIA
Pretoria

(For attention: Mr G J Kamfer)

- (c) when transmitted by facsimile, be transmitted to:

Facsimile number: 012-319-8077

(For attention Mr G J Kamfer)

An application transmitted by facsimile must be followed up by forwarding the original application (copies of the bills of entry must be included) to the address contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b) to reach the Department within 14 days of the facsimile transmission.

- 4.2 Any applications delivered by hand or transmitted by facsimile will only be accepted during the Department's official hours of 07:30 to 16:00.

5. Time periods for applications

- 5.1 Applications for rebate permits under the quota system with regard to products specified in Table 1 shall be submitted during the following time periods:

- (a) For the first quarter of the quota valid for importation during the period 1 January 2005 to 30 April 2005: Within four weeks from the date of publication of this Notice.
- (b) For the second quarter of the quota valid for importation during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 July 2005: From 1 – 31 March 2005.
- (c) For the third quarter of the quota valid for importation during the period 1 July 2005 to 31 October 2005: From 1 – 30 June 2005.
- (d) For the last quarter of the quota valid for importation during the period 1 October 2005 to 31 December 2005: From 1 to 30 September 2005.

- 5.2 Applications for rebate permits under the quota system with regard to unmanufactured tobacco under tariff heading 24.01 specified in Table 1, will be issued on an annual basis for the period valid from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005 and must be submitted within four weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

- 5.3 Applications for rebate permits with regard to the products specified in Table 2 may be submitted at any time from the date of publication of this notice to 31 December 2005.

- 5.4 All dates specified in paragraph 5.1 to 5.3 are inclusive for the time period specified therein.

6. General

- 6.1 Applicants must return all expired permits within 30 days after the date of expiry thereof. Applicants who do not return their expired permits timeously will not be considered for the granting of permits.
- 6.2 This notice replaces all previous notices regarding the procedures for the application, administration and allocation of rebate permits under the Bilateral Trade Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe.

ANNEXURE**APPLICATION FORM FOR REBATE PERMITS UNDER THE SOUTH AFRICA/ZIMBABWE TRADE AGREEMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2005****(Please duplicate if necessary)**

1. NAME OF IMPORTER:
2. POSTAL ADDRESS: Code:
3. CONTACT PERSON:
4. TELEPHONE NUMBER: Code: Number: Cell No.:
5. FAX NUMBER: Code: Number:
6. COMPANY/CC REGISTRATION NUMBER:
(NB: First time applicants: Please include a copy of the registration certificate (obtainable from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI))
7. CUSTOMS CODE NUMBER:
(NB: First time applicants: Please include a copy of the customs code certificate (obtainable from SARS))

8. INDICATE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS

Agent	Manufacturer	Processor	Retailer	Other
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If other, please specify:

9. For classification into categories (see Par. 2.1 of Schedule), please complete:-

Turnover: R p/a	Capital investment: R	No. of employees:
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10. PURPOSE OF IMPORTATION:

11. APPLICATION – SUBMISSION FOR THE PERIOD:

TARIFF HEADING OF PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT	QUANTITY APPLYING FOR	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

12. SUMMARY OF BILLS OF ENTRY

Quantity imported over the past 3 years (first time applicants and where applicable)
PLEASE NOTE: Bills of entry must be attached to this application form.

TARIFF HEADING	TOTAL FOR 2002 (from 1 November 2001 – 31 October 2002)	TOTAL FOR 2003 (from 1 November 2002 – 31 October 2003)	TOTAL FOR 2004 (from 1 November 2003 – 31 October 2004)	GRAND TOTAL

13. PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION:--

- (a) A letter in which the exporter in Zimbabwe confirms that an export licence has been granted to him/her and the product concerned may be supplied to the applicant.
- (b) A Certificate of Origin indicating that the product originated in Zimbabwe. The applicable Rules of Origin can be obtained from the Senior Manager: Marketing at the address stipulated in Par. 4.1(a) of the Schedule.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE. THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE NEXT PAGE IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH QUARTERLY OR ANNUAL APPLICATION.

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby declare that the particulars herein are true and correct.

APPLICANT'S NAME (PRINT): _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

(to be signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner of Oaths)

1. I certify that before administering the oath/affirmation, I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answers in his/her presence.

(1) Do you know and understand the contents of the declaration?

Answer

(2) Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?

Answer

(3) Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience?

Answer

2. I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration. The deponent utters the following words. "I swear that the contents of this declaration are true so help me God" / "I truly affirm that the contents of the declaration are true." The signature/mark of the deponent is affixed to the declaration in my presence.

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**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE / COMMISSIONER OF OATHS:

FULL FIRST NAMES AND SURNAME: _____
(BLOCK LETTERS)

DESIGNATION: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
(STREET ADDRESS)

DATE: _____

PLACE: _____