

## **NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS/PROCESSORS IN EITHER CHEMICALS (AND ALLIED) OR MICROELECTRONICS (AND RELATED) SECTORS**

### **TARIFF SUSPENSION SCHEME/TARIFF QUOTA SCHEME**

This notice by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation is intended for manufacturing and processing companies in the abovementioned sectors. It concerns the possibility for such companies to import raw materials, components or intermediate products from outside the European Union free from tariff duty. Companies, in applying for tariff suspensions, must be able to demonstrate that each item for which duty suspension is sought:

- **is intended for further processing by them**
- **is not available within the EU**
- **generates duty savings of at least €20,000 per annum**

In the case of equipment and material (so-called capital goods) to be used in the production process, a suspension could be considered (although such products are generally finished products) provided they are specific and necessary for the manufacture of clearly identified products and are not jeopardising competing Community enterprises.

Tariff Quotas, on the other hand, are designed to address shortages in materials' availability within the EU and can be applied for in the same way as suspensions. By and large, the same criteria as set out in relation to tariff suspensions apply also to quota applications.

Closing date for the receipt of the next round of applications is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and should be sent, in the prescribed format, to the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. In order to allow for the effective administration of the schemes it may not be possible to process any late applications. The suspension of duties on these applications, if they are successful, will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

The Department would also appreciate if companies availing themselves of existing suspensions or quotas could so inform the Department and identify the 10-digit CN Code in question. This information is crucial to the Department for the administration of the renewal of existing suspensions/quotas. It enables the Department to inform users of proposals to either change a text description or to withdraw existing tariff suspensions/quotas before such action occurs.

Companies who feel they might wish to oppose applications from other Member States or oppose the renewal of existing suspensions/quotas based on production of similar or equivalent products/components should likewise contact the Department, at the earliest possible date, for details of the procedures involved.

Further information on the Tariff Suspension/ Quota Schemes may be obtained from:  
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