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Compulsory Specifications

The National Regulator For Compulsory Specifications Act 2008, published in Government Gazette No. 31216, commenced on 1 September 2008. All importers are expected to comply with the requirements contained therein with immediate effect.

The main function of the Act is to provide for the administration and maintenance of compulsory specifications in the interests of public safety and health or for environmental protection and all ancillary matters.

A notice may be published in the Government Gazette requiring a product to which a compulsory specification applies, be marked with a distinctive mark, that a label be attached to the product indicating its origin, batch number, date of manufacture etc. or that importers be in possession of a letter of authority certificate, issued by the National Regulator, permitting products to be sold.

No one may import, sell or supply a product to which a compulsory specification applies unless the product complies with the compulsory specification, and product has been marked as specified.

An importer may be requested by the National Regulator to provide samples of imported goods for testing. The National Regulator may test the samples in order to ascertain if the product is manufactured in accordance with the requirements of any compulsory specifications and will not be held responsible for any destruction to the product during the testing process. The results of the test carried out on the sample may be regarded as true for the whole consignment from which the sample was obtained.

If the National Regulator finds that an item does not conform to the compulsory specifications, they may recall the product, direct that the goods be returned to the country of origin or alternatively, the goods may be confiscated and destroyed.

Details on compulsory specifications can be obtained from the SABS.

Did You Know?

- Despite the weaker Rand, according to SARS, during September 2008, South Africa experienced a deficit of R7.1 billion. Exports totalled R61.07 billion and imports totalled R68.18 billion.
- There will be a stakeholders meeting at SARS head office on the 21 November 2008. A representative from Customs @ Wylie will be in attendance. Please forward any comments / concerns relating to the latest Revenue Law Amendments to us by 14 November 2008 and we will address these issues with SARS.
- ITAC are investigating an application for the reduction of duty on "*Alphabetical, anatomical, botanical, mathematical and other educational charts ("posters") to free of duty by the creation of a separate 8-digit subheading under tariff subheading 4911.99*". Enquiries must be directed to Mr. Nkulana J Phenya at jphenya@itac.org.za, quoting reference number 36/2008. Submissions to be made before the 05 December 2008.

The Lighter Side

"Job Competition"

Two bright young engineers applied for the same position at a computer company. Since they had identical qualifications, the company asked the two applicants to take a ten-question test. At the conclusion of the test, one of the applicants was called into the manager's office.

"I have graded the test, and you both scored nine correct answers and got one answer wrong. Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the job to the other applicant." "And why would you choose him if we both got nine questions correct?" asked the rejected applicant.

"We have based our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed," said the Department manager. "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?" the rejected applicant inquired.

"Simple," said the Department manager, "The other gentleman answered Question #5, 'I don't know.' Your answer to Question #5 was, 'Neither do I.'"

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