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# AGENDA

1. Customs News & Updates – Dr Rodrick van Rooyen

2. **Today's Topic: USA/RSA World Politics – What are the prospects under Trump?**

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- ii. AGOA process & compliance refresher
- iii. Politics between USA & China (Tariffs), effects on African Trade incoming Policies
- iv. Trump's Tariffs and Potential Trade Shifts
- v. Chinese Strategic Reaction
- vi. The US and China as Trade Powerhouses
- vii. Trump's threat to BRICS Community
- viii. Any effect on USD import denominations to RSA?
- ix. US ally to Israel and RSA's position on Israel-Gaza

3. CPD Questions Session

# SARS / Customs Local News

*Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024*

Date	GG and Notice Number	Description	Implementation Date
29 November 2024	GG 51693 R.5601	Imposition of provisional payments in relation to anti-dumping duties against the increased imports of U, I and H sections of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded (excluding H-Sections of a height greater than 200 mm), and other angles and shapes of iron or nonalloy steel, of a height of 80 mm or more not further worked than hot-rolled, hot drawn, or extruded, classifiable in tariff subheadings 7216.31; 7216.32; 7216.33 and 7216.50, originating in or imported from the People's Republic of China and Thailand (ITAC Report 737)	<b>29 November 2024 up to and including 28 May 2025</b>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 3 December 2024

# SARS / Customs Local News

## Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024

By the insertion of the following:

Subheading	Description	Provisional payment	Imported from or originating in
7216.31	U Sections	52.81%	China
7216.32	I Sections	52.81%	China
7216.33	H Sections (excluding those of a height exceeding 200mm)	52.81%	China
7216.50	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot drawn or extruded	52.81%	China
7216.31	U Sections	9.12%	Thailand
7216.32	I Sections	9.12%	Thailand
7216.33	H Sections (excluding those of a height exceeding 200mm)	9.12%	Thailand
7216.50	Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot drawn or extruded	9.12%	Thailand

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 3 December 2024

# SARS / Customs Local News

*Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024*

Report No. 737

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF STRUCTURAL STEEL PRODUCTS, EXCLUDING H-SECTIONS OF A HEIGHT GREATER THAN 200MM, IMPORTED FROM OR ORIGINATING IN THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA ("PRC") AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND ("THAILAND"): PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**

- The investigation into alleged dumping of structural steel products from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Thailand was initiated on 20 September 2024, due to evidence of dumped prices harming the SACU industry.
- The Applicant in the investigation is ArcelorMittal Rail and Structures ("AMRAS", a division of ArcelorMittal South Africa Limited ("AMSA")) and they applied for remedial action against the alleged dumping of structural steel products.
- The steel products are as follows: 7216.31 – U Sections; 7216.32 – I Sections; 7216.33 – H Sections; and 7216.50 – Other angles, shapes and sections, not further worked than hot-rolled, hot-drawn or extruded.
- Despite sending questionnaires to foreign exporters and local importers, no responses were received.
- The Commission preliminarily determined dumping occurred and requested provisional payments from SARS to safeguard the

Online reference: Online: [https://www.itac.org.za/upload/document\\_files/20241129041729\\_Prelim-Report-No.737-v1-\\_AD-investigation-on-Structural-Steel.pdf](https://www.itac.org.za/upload/document_files/20241129041729_Prelim-Report-No.737-v1-_AD-investigation-on-Structural-Steel.pdf) ; Date: 3 December 2024

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*Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024*

Date	GG and Notice Number	Description	Implementation Date
22 November 2024	GG 51641 R.5580	Amendment to Part 2 of Schedule No. 5, by the substitution of Notes 1(a) and 1(d) to refund item 522.07 to add the reference to “licensed marine remover” and to provide for the Controller to exercise a discretion on the goods to be sealed under supervision by an officer to facilitate the refunding of duties paid upon removal of “bonded fuel goods”.	<b>With effect from 30 November 2024</b>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024

By the substitution of the following:

Refund Item	Tariff Heading	Code	CD	Description	Extent of Refund
522.07	00.00	01.00	08	<p>Imported fuel levy goods, exported (excluding removals to the BELN countries) if such fuel levy goods are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in the same condition as imported; or</li> <li>(b) identifiable as the same or equivalent goods to those described on the import documents, provided the applicant for a refund or drawback is -                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the person who paid the duties on the fuel levy goods; and</li> <li>(ii) the exporter of the fuel levy goods.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No payment for a drawback will be granted unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the -                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) exportation of fuel under the provisions of this item shall be subject to the approval of the Controller and he or she may require that such goods be examined and that the containers be sealed by an officer;</li> <li>(b) Seal number and the unique consignment reference number is endorsed on the export declaration;</li> <li>(c) proof of payment for the export and the relevant documentation has been furnished;</li> <li>(d) goods have been transported by a licensed remover of goods in bond or a licensed marine remover; and</li> <li>(e) the goods were exported within six (6) months from the date of entry for home consumption.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Full duty

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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*Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024*

Date	GG and Notice Number	Description	Implementation Date
22 November 2024	GG 51641 R.5581	Amendment to Part 4 of Schedule No. 5, by the substitution of Notes 1(a) and 1(d) to drawback item 541.01 to add the reference to “licensed marine remover” and to provide for the Controller to exercise a discretion on the goods to be sealed under supervision by an officer to facilitate the refunding of duties paid upon removal of “bonded fuel goods”.	<b>With effect from 30 November 2024</b>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Tariff Amendments 2024

By the substitution of the following:

Refund Item	Tariff Heading	Code	CD	Description	Extent of Refund
541.01	00.00	01.00	02	<p>Imported fuel levy goods, exported (including removals to the BELN countries) if such fuel levy goods are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) in the same condition as imported; or</li><li>(b) identifiable as the same or equivalent goods to those described on the import documents, provided the applicant for a refund or drawback is -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the person who paid the duties on the fuel levy goods; and</li><li>(ii) the exporter of the fuel levy goods.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No payment for a drawback will be granted unless the Commissioner is satisfied that the -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) exportation of fuel under the provisions of this item shall be subject to the approval of the Controller and he or she may require that such goods be examined and that the containers be sealed by an officer;</li><li>(b) seal number and the unique consignment reference number is endorsed on the export declaration;</li><li>(c) proof of payment for the export and the relevant documentation has been furnished;</li><li>(d) goods have been transported by a licensed remover of goods in bond or a licensed marine remover; and</li><li>(e) the goods were exported within six (6) months from the date of entry for home consumption.</li></ul></li></ol>	Full duty

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## Legal Counsel: Secondary Legislation: Rule Amendments 2024

Date	GG and Notice Number	Description	Implementation Date
22 November 2024	GG 51627 R.5562	<p>Insertion of rules under sections 21, 60, and 120 of the Customs Act, relating to the storage of imported bonded fuel goods in special customs and excise storage warehouses (DAR259)</p> <p><a href="#">Notice R.5562</a></p> <p><a href="#">DA 185</a> – Application form – Registration / Licensing of Customs and Excise Clients</p> <p><a href="#">Annexure DA185.4B4</a> – Licensing Client Type 4B4 – Special Storage Warehouse</p> <p><a href="#">Annexure DA185.4B17</a> – Licensing Client Type 4B17 – Marine remover of imported bonded fuel goods</p> <p>Publication details will be made available upon promulgation in the <i>Government Gazette</i>.</p> <p>The rule amendment relates to the storage of imported bonded fuel goods in special customs and excise storage warehouses.</p>	<b>With effect from 30 November 2024</b>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## Draft Documents for Public Comment

Due Date for Comments	Legislation	Description	Send Comments To
2 December 2024	Customs and Excise Act, 1964	<p><b>Draft Amendments to Schedules</b></p> <p><a href="#">Part 1 of Schedule No. 1</a> – By the deletion and insertion of various tariff subheadings as well as the insertion of Additional Note 1 under Chapter 44 to provide for technical amendments for statistical purpose.</p> <p>Comments to be recorded on the <a href="#">Customs &amp; Excise Tariff Amendments Comment Sheet</a>.</p> <p>Date published: 18 November 2024</p>	<a href="mailto:technicaltariff@sars.gov.za">technicaltariff@sars.gov.za</a>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## SCHEDULE

### Draft Documents for Public Comment

By the insertion of the title Additional Note and the insertion of new Additional Note(s) 1 after Subheading Note 4 in Chapter 44 of Section IX to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 with the following:

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

- 1. For the purposes of heading 44.11 "Door skins" has the following meaning assigned to it:
  - (a) Moulded Medium-Density Fibreboard (MDF)/High-Density Fibreboard (HDF):

Door skins are pre-shaped with a decorative moulded design on one side, providing a finished look suitable for painting or veneering. They come in standard sizes, such as 820 mm x 2,040 mm and 825 mm x 2,050 mm, with a typical thickness ranging from 2,7 mm to 3,2 mm. They are also available in 6 mm thickness. Moulded door skins are commonly used for decorative and architectural purposes.
  - (b) Flat Raw MDF/HDF Door Skins:

These are flat, unadorned MDF/HDF panels without pre-moulded designs. They serve as a versatile option for custom finishes or further processing. Available in standard dimensions as per the table below, they come in thicknesses ranging from 2,5 mm to 3,2 mm and 6 mm.

Finish	Thickness	Sheet size	Pack size
Sanded	2,7 mm	2,040 mm x 820 mm	360
Sanded	2,7 mm	2,050 mm x 825 mm	360
Sanded	2,7 mm	2,050 mm x 1,650 mm	180 (this is not an import size)
Unsanded	3,0 mm	2,040 mm x 820 mm	360
Unsanded	3,0 mm	2,050 mm x 825 mm	360
Unsanded	3,0 mm	2,050 mm x 1,650 mm	180 (this is not an import size)
Sanded	6,0 mm	2,040 mm x 820 mm	180
Sanded	6,0 mm	2,050 mm x 825 mm	180
Sanded	6,0 mm	2,050 mm x 1,650 mm	90 (this is not an import size)

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By the deletion of the following:

Heading / Subheading	CD	Article Description	Statistical Unit	Rate of Duty					
				General	EU / UK	EFTA	SADC	MERCOSUR	AfCFTA
4411.12.10	1	--- Agglomerated into board, but not further worked than sanded	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.12.2</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.12.21	7	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.12.25	1	---- With other plastics	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.12.29	2	---- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.12.90	0	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.13.10	8	--- Agglomerated into board, but not further worked than sanded	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.13.2</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.13.21	3	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.13.25	6	---- With other plastics	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.13.29	9	---- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.13.90	6	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.14.10	4	--- Agglomerated into board, but not further worked than sanded	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.14.2</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.14.21	1	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.14.25	2	---- With other plastics	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.14.29	5	---- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.14.90	2	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.92.1</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.92.11	6	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.92.15	9	---- With other plastics	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.92.19	1	---- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.92.99	4	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.93.1</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.93.11	2	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.93.15	5	---- With other plastics	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.93.19	8	---- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
4411.93.99	6	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%
<b>4411.94.1</b>		--- <b>Coated, covered or laminated:</b>							
4411.94.11	9	---- With melamine	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	6%

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Heading / Subheading	CD	Article Description	Statistical Unit	Rate of Duty					
				General	EU / UK	EFTA	SADC	MERCOSUR	AfCFTA
4411.12.31	4	--- Not mechanically worked or surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded), (excluding doorskins)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.41	1	--- Mechanically worked or surface-covered (excluding doorskins)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.51	9	--- Moulded doorskins, not surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.61	6	--- Moulded doorskins, surface-covered	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.71	3	--- Doorskins, (excluding moulded doorskins), not mechanically worked or surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.81	0	--- Doorskins, (excluding moulded doorskins), mechanically worked or surface-covered	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.91	8	--- Other, submitted to any other operation covered by this heading	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.12.99	3	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.13	2	--- Not mechanically worked or surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded), (excluding doorskins)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.23	1	--- Mechanically worked or surface-covered (excluding doorskins)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.31	0	--- Moulded doorskins, not surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.41	8	--- Moulded doorskins, surface-covered	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.71	0	--- Doorskins, (excluding moulded doorskins), not mechanically worked or surface-covered (including sanded or unsanded)	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.81	7	--- Doorskins, (excluding moulded doorskins), mechanically worked or surface-covered	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.91	4	--- Other, submitted to any other operation covered by this heading	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%
4411.13.99	8	--- Other	kg	10%	free	free	free	10%	5%

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024

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## Draft Documents for Public Comment

Due Date for Comments	Legislation	Description	Send Comments To
25 November 2024	Customs and Excise Act, 1964	<p><b>Draft Form</b> <a href="#">Draft DA 5</a> – List of sealable goods on board ship Comments on rules and forms to be recorded on the <a href="#">Customs &amp; Excise Rule Amendments Comment Sheet</a>.</p> <p><b>Explanatory Note</b> Section 9 and the rules thereto provide for sealing of goods on board ship. In terms of this section, the master and every crew member shall declare all sealable goods on board the ship which are unconsumed stores of such ship and all sealable goods which are his personal property or in his possession. The form has been amended to align with legislation.</p> <p>Date published: 11 November 2024</p>	<a href="mailto:C&amp;E_Legislativecomments@sars.gov.za">C&amp;E_Legislativecomments@sars.gov.za</a>

Online reference: Online: <https://www.sars.gov.za/whats-new-at-sars/> ; Date: 27 November 2024





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# TOPIC FOR TODAY

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# “USA & RSA WORLD POLITICS WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS UNDER TRUMP?”

# Background

The return of D. Trump as US President - What it means for Global and South African Trade?

- The Customs (import/export) community are aware (or should be) of the ever-changing geopolitical landscape and effect on global trade.
- The talk of the world is that of Mr. D Trump winning the US elections - taking office in early January 2025.
- What does this mean for global trade, importers, and exporters thereof?
- If we dive deep on Trump's foreign policy for his 2nd term in office, there is high probability of notorious Trump's Tariffs reinstatement.
- He introduced heavy import tariffs in his first tenure, and his statements appear to be even much more aggressive, come January 2025.

# AGOA Process & Compliance



## What products qualify for AGOA preference status?

Products that are classified as '**AGOA**' products may enter the United States duty-free, provided that they originate in an AGOA beneficiary country. The AGOA legislation attributes a special program indicator (SPI) to eligible products ('D' for AGOA), similar to the program indicators that products of other U.S. preference schemes enjoy (Canada 'CA', Australia 'AU', Caribbean Basin countries 'E', Generalized System of Preferences 'A', and so forth). When claiming preference status, U.S. importers must indicate the relevant program indicator symbol when clearing their import goods.

A product tariff classification code therefore contains the product description, the U.S. tariff rates, and the special program indicator symbols (e.g. **AGOA - 'D'**). In most instances, a product has a group of program indicators; the relevant ones for AGOA beneficiaries are 'D' and 'A' (GSP), since the AGOA legislation builds on the U.S. GSP scheme and attaches AGOA preferences not only to GSP tariff lines, but also to almost 2,000 additional products.

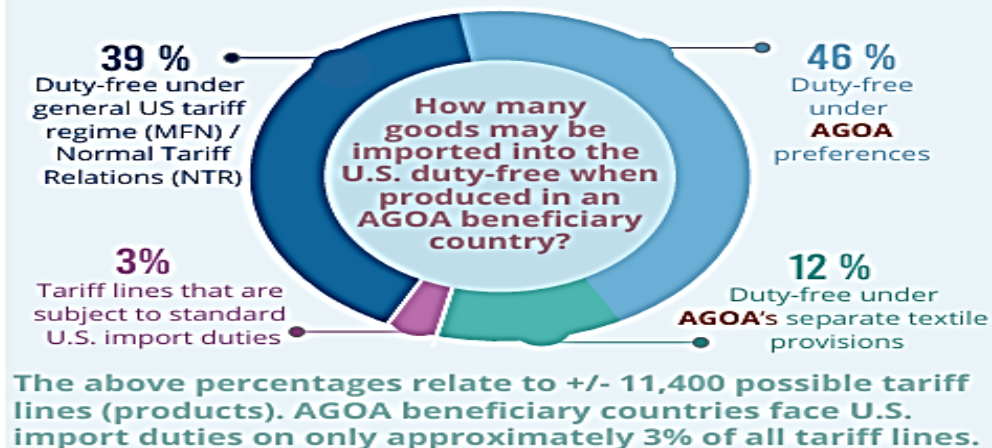
While a U.S. importer can choose to clear a product sourced from an AGOA beneficiary country either under the AGOA 'D' or GSP 'A' indicator, during periods when the GSP is awaiting re-authorization\*, no preferences can be claimed under the GSP. Importers should therefore use the AGOA 'D' indicator.

*\* The GSP expired at the end of 2020 and had not been re-authorized by the U.S. Congress by mid-2022.*

**U.S. Tariff Schedule and HTS Code Lookup**  
Use the link below to access the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)  
[hts.usitc.gov](https://hts.usitc.gov)



## U.S. tariff treatment on goods imported from AGOA countries



## The importance of correct product classification

The accurate classification of traded goods is an important part of international trade. Each traded good has a unique classification code that must be used on customs entries by the importer. While the tariff classification codes are based on the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature, which as the name suggests, is harmonized globally up to the 6th digit (of 8 -10 possible digits), the correct classification code that traders under AGOA must use is the product's unique 8-digit code of the **Harmonized Tariff System (HTS)** of the United States.

Applying the incorrect **HTS classification** can hold up import clearance of goods, or result in over (or under) payment of import duties which will require correction. This could also result in traders being flagged, which may delay future shipments, or result in fines, confiscated shipments etc. ● Use the U.S. HTS lookup tool at the above link to establish the correct 8-digit HTS code for your product.

# Politics between USA & China (Tariffs), effects on African Trade

- Incoming Policies

## History repeats itself:

- 2018 Donald Trump's Elections campaign, called tariffs on Chinese and Mexican imports.
- Duly implemented when he took office.
- In 2018 - 2019, President Donald Trump 1st term administration, imposed Tariffs:
  - To rebalance US trade deficit.
  - To protect domestic industries - companies and jobs.

# Trump's Tariffs and Potential Trade Shifts

- As Trump is about to take 2nd term office, tariff experts raised concerns of the administration's crony capitalism.
- Potential to drastically shift the landscape for global trade and customs.
- Aggressive tariff regimes and structures are anticipated.
- Especially directed to the trade with China.
  - Already, Tesla is facing rising tariffs on imports from its China plants.
  - Could relook on strategies into navigating the evolving trade tensions.
  - The United States House bill considers stripping China's "Most Favoured Nation" status.
  - Impose tariffs thereof of up to 100% of commodities from China origin.

# Chinese Strategic Reaction

Advance its Chinese Export Control Law (ECL) which is not just another policy.

- It is a sweeping legislative framework that unifies and streamlines China's export control regime.
- One of the core features of the ECL is the expanded scope of controls, which mirrors several aspects of US export control laws.
- Just like US export controls, the ECL introduces a blacklist mechanism.
- This blacklist targets individuals, organisations, and companies that are deemed to jeopardise national security.
- Like US regulations, what qualifies as “national security” could be subjective.

# The US and China as Trade Powerhouses

- The trade tensions between these 2 trade powerhouses could lead to overall sour global customs tariffs.
- South African exporters to the US may not only export SA originated products only, some may also originate from China.
- These may face severe high tariffs in the US, affecting those exporting entities. The reverse for China based exports of US origin may face a similar fate.
- For example: SA is considering importing white maize (corn) from SA to some to meet regional demand.
- China currently does not import maize or wheat from RSA, but significantly from US among other countries.
- The shift on trade with the US could spell other mechanisms, including from RSA.
- Will the US be willing to trade with SA, including other commodities at preferential tariffs?

# Trump's threat to BRICS Community

- South Africa is part of the BRICS community - effect on USD import denominations to SA.
  - Trump recently had a burst that he will not stand by and watch the BRICS Countries move away from the Dollar domination.
  - He alluded that commitment is required from these countries in that regard, including not creating a new BRICS Currency.
  - Should that happen, they will face 100% Tariffs.
  - Never sell their products to the US Economy again.
- The effect of using dollar currency even when US transaction is not involved, on many occasions.
  - The customs value is very high caused by exchange ratio, leading to high import VAT and customs duties.
  - While, for example, a trade with Australia supplier and a South African purchase, if they could use its currency that could make the customs value a little lower, resulting in lower import taxes and other taxes based on import commodities.

# US Ally to Israel and SA's position on Israel-Gaza

- It is an open secret that the US has been a major contributor to Israel providing significant military aid.
- United States spent \$17.9 billion on military aid to Israel from October 2023 to October 2024,
- Meanwhile, South Africa's legal team submitted hundreds of pages of evidence (ICJ) to prove, on paper, that Israel is guilty of genocide in Gaza.
- Trump may take tougher actions by also removing SA from its MFN list, as a punishment and impose up to 100% import duties, and/or restrict trade through quotas on both imports and exports.

# Thank You

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# SAIT CPD Webinar Questions & Answers Thursday 05-12-24

- Q1** Did US President, Donald Trump reduce customs tariffs for Mexico and China in his first administration in office? (Yes/No)
- Q2** South Africa is a member of the BRICS Community? (Yes/No)
- Q3** AGOA provides duty-free access to the USA market for almost all products exported from more than 40 eligible sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries, including South Africa? (Yes/No)
- Q4** US President Elect Donald Trump has threatened to increase customs tariffs for products into the US by 20% overall? (Yes/No)
- Q5** Trump has also threatened to increase commodities from Mexico and China between 60% to 100%? (Yes/No)
- Q6** Trump has shown support and encouraged the BRICS Community to create its own trade currency? (Yes/No)
- Q7** Is SA set to import maize from the US? (Yes/No)
- Q8** Origin of the product does not have an impact on the import tariffs globally, including SA? (Yes/No)
- Q9** Is China exporting to the US? (Yes/No)
- Q10** Is China part of US's Most Favoured Nations (MFN)? (Yes/No)

