

TARIFF ACT 1988

TARIFF (FEES) REGULATIONS 1991

In accordance with the Tariff (Fees) Regulations, from 21 March 1991, all concession applications received by the Tariff Concessions Unit of the Ministry of Commerce must be accompanied by a processing fee of \$252 (inclusive of GST) for each application. Outlined below are guidance notes regarding the new charging regime for Reference 25, 26 and 99 Tariff concession applications.

- 1 All applications for Reference 25, 26 and 99 concessions, whether for approval, variation or withdrawal, must be accompanied by a processing fee of \$252.00 (inclusive of GST) in respect of each such application.
- 2 The processing fee of \$252 should be in the form of a certified bank cheque made in favour of the Ministry of Commerce.

Concession applications will be regarded as invalid and returned to the applicant, or their agent where:

- i an application has been forwarded without an accompanying cheque or with a deficient cheque;
 - ii applications are not made on the appropriate form or are not signed;
 - iii applications are not accompanied by a supporting statement, and where appropriate, illustrative material.
- 3 The fee charged is for processing. Unsuccessful applicants do not receive refunds. Applications will be processed and decided in accordance with the Tariff Act and current policy guidelines.
 - 4 It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all requested information is provided and is correct. The wording of descriptions must be accurate, easily understood and capable of being effectively administered at port of entry. The Ministry may request applicants to obtain a Customs tariff classification where necessary. Concessions may be withdrawn where they have been granted on the basis of supplied information which is subsequently found to be inaccurate.
 - 5 Each application shall be in respect of one concession request for approval, variation or withdrawal, as the case may be.
 - 6 Where multiple applications are submitted concurrently a cheque, or cheques, shall cover the total cost of the applications submitted.
Where one cheque covering the total cost of applications is deficient, all applications and the cheque shall be returned. Where one or more of a number of cheques in respect of concurrent applications is deficient, those deficient cheques and applications in respect of which they are given, shall be returned.
 - 7 In respect of any application for concession approval or variation, where suitable alternative goods are available from New Zealand manufacturers, the application may be declined without being advertised in the *Gazette* for objection.
 - 8 Where an application for concession would not be capable of enforcement at the border, the application will be declined.

Further enquiries regarding the new fees can be addressed to the Tariff Concessions Unit, Ministry of Commerce, PO Box 1473, Wellington or fax (04) 734-638

