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PORT UPDATE: DCT PIER 1 AND 2 BERTHING DELAYS

Dear Valued Customer,

The month of July saw Durban Container Terminal (DCT) go through a number of challenges. Pier 1 and 2 experienced wind stoppages of 30h15 and 11h30 respectively. Adverse weather conditions at other Ports resulted in vessels delays in Durban. The heavy rains further exacerbated the situation slowing down productivity and affecting equipment. Both Terminals experienced crane break down which led to diminished productivity. Due to TNPA's ongoing maintenance of the berths, dredging had to be scheduled due the detection of high spots resulting in reduced drafts. Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) introduced a new Shift Pattern to employees which has been met with some negativity from employees. This is being dealt by Senior Management of TPT.

We have been addressing all the above issues timely with DCT and based on our engagement with them, the following interventions were done:

- Closer collaboration to improve forecast accuracy;
- Extension of working hours of Technical teams to improve equipment reliability ;
- Diversion of smaller vessels to the DRT (Multi-purpose facility);
- Change in Port Rotation to assist in alleviate the berth congestion;

The terminal has informed us that they anticipate that vessels should return to their normal schedules in the next 4 to 5 weeks. Nevertheless, with wind bound season approaching we may face additional delays due to the adverse weather condition. You can rest assured that Hamburg Sud is doing everything possible to mitigate the above and reduce the impact toward our customers.

We sincerely apologise for all the inconvenience caused.

Thank you for your continued support of our service.

The above was extracted from Hamburg-sud website.

Customs Amendments below:

Tariff Amendment 1

In terms of section 48 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 to the said Act is hereby amended to the extent set out in the Schedule hereto.

By the substitution of the following:

Heading/ Subheading	CD	Article Description	Statistical Unit	Rate of Duty				
				General	EU	EFTA	SADC	MERCOSUR
1701.12	2	-- Beet sugar	kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg
1701.13	9	-- Cane sugar specified in Subheading Note 2 to this Chapter	kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg
1701.14	5	-- Other cane sugar	kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg
1701.91	2	-- Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg
1701.99	3	-- Other	kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg	213,1c/kg



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