



May 26, 2014

Mrs. Carol West  
President  
Canadian Society of Customs Brokers  
via e-mail: [cscb@cscb.ca](mailto:cscb@cscb.ca)

Dear Mrs. West:

The Department of Finance is currently reviewing a request for the removal of customs duties on imports of metal heads used in the manufacture or production of certain yard and percussion hand tools. The specific items for which duty relief has been requested, along with the tariff item numbers under which they are classified and their rates of customs duty under the Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) Tariff, are included in the following table.

<b>Tariff Item No.</b>	<b>Description of Item for which Duty Relief Requested</b>	<b>MFN Tariff</b>
8201.10.00	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of spades and shovels	5.0%
8201.30.90	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of mattocks, picks, hoes and rakes	6.0%
8201.40.90	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools	6.0%
8201.90.90	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of other hand tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry	6.5%
8205.20.90	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of hammers and sledge hammers	7.0%
8205.59.90	Heads for use in the manufacture or production of other hand tools	6.5%

The applicant claims there is no production in Canada of forged heads of certain yard and percussion hand tools, and that the cost of non-forged heads of these tools produced in Canada is not competitive, and that tariff relief would thus enhance its competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

If you have an interest in this request, or are aware of others who could potentially be affected by such action, I would appreciate receiving your views by July 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Norwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" being more prominent than the last name "Norwood".

Brad Norwood  
Senior Economist  
International Trade Policy Division  
Department of Finance Canada  
140 O'Connor Street, East Tower, 14th Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5  
telephone: (613) 992-4699  
facsimile: (613) 992-6761  
e-mail: Brad.Norwood@fin.gc.ca