



## WHAT DOES OUR SADC REGISTRATION MEAN FOR YOU?



### How will Steel Building Projects' SADC Registration benefit you?

**In a nutshell: It's going to save you some money by you not paying the import duties applicable to your country!**

**Now this could amount to quite a substantial amount of money.**

As you are in all probability aware the import duties of any particular country is a bit of maze. We would therefore suggest that you contact your local Chamber of Commerce for assistance in this regard.

### WHAT IS SADC?

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has been in existence since 1980. At the present moment, member countries are: Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Madagascar was also a member – but was suspended from the SADC in March 2009 after the country's president was forced out of office.

### FREE TRADE AREA

A FTA is a group of countries in which import tariffs (or duties) and non-tariff barriers are eliminated on substantially all trade between them. Because Import tariffs increase consumer prices and reduce the level of trade, the SADC regards FTA as being key to its mandate as a step along the path towards deeper regional economic integration. Members maintain their own tariffs on non-members. The FTA also includes measures directly aimed at facilitating trade by reducing red tape and paperwork at the borders and providing a framework for improving the movement of goods throughout the region.

### TARIFF CATEGORIES

In terms of intra-SADC trade, Prefabricated Steel Buildings fall under HS (Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System) Code 9406 (or Grubel-Lloyd index 0.03) and **are exempt from customs duty by the importer.**

From January 2008, when SADC attained the status of an FTA, producers and consumers do not pay import tariffs on an estimated 85% of all trade in community goods in the initial 12 countries. The remaining tariff lines will be almost completely phased out by 2012.



Given that not all products qualify for duty-free under an FTA, a considerable amount of time was spent on negotiating the rules of origin, which were eventually agreed as being product specific. **A SADC Certificate of Origin**, which authenticates goods that originate from the region, is already being used by the member states. These rules of origin are to ensure that goods not originating from the region do not enjoy tariff preference. They are also to ensure that the region is not flooded with imports from third countries.

Sources: SADC, SADC Trade, TIPS, SA Trade Hub, [www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com)