IMPORTER QUESTIONNAIRE

HOT ROLLED STRUCTURAL STEEL SECTIONS

Review No. 499

EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (KOREA), TAIWAN (EXCEPT FOR EXPORTS BY FENG HSIN STEEL CO. LTD) AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND.

This questionnaire seeks information in relation to your imports and sales of hot rolled structural steel sections (HRS) exported to Australia from Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Taiwan (except for exports by Feng Hsin Steel Co Ltd) and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand) to Australia.

This information will be used in relation to Review 499 to examine whether the variable factors relevant to the taking of anti-dumping measures as they affect exporters from above countries generally should be varied.

The attached Anti-Dumping Notice No 2019/02 provides details of the goods under consideration, the application and the review procedures.

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| **Part A**  | **Company and overseas supplier information** | **Return as quickly as possible but no later than** **10 January 2019** |
| **Part B** | **Imports and forward orders** | **Return as soon as possible after receiving the Commission’s detailed spreadsheets but no later than within 21 days of your receipt of the Commission’s spreadsheets of imports.** |
| **Part C** | **Sales and expenses** |

The timeliness of your response is important. The Commissioner must consider the direction from the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as set out in the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-cooperation) Direction 2015* (the Direction). More details on this direction are explained in Anti-Dumping Notice 2015/129, available on the Commission’s website at [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au).

**Return E-mail**: investigations2@adcommission.gov.au

Part A – Company and overseas supplier information

**A.1 Your company**

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| Company Name |  |
| ABN: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Position: |  |
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| Telephone: |  |
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Provide details on the ownership of your company and major shareholders:

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Describe the role of your company in the Australian market for HRS – for example, buying or selling agent, importer/distributor, importer/wholesaler, importer/retailer or importer/end-user.

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At what level of trade is each of your customers – for example, distributor, wholesaler, retailer or end-user?

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| **Customer** | **Level of trade** |
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**A.2 Your overseas supplier(s) of the goods under consideration**

Please complete the below information for each of your overseas supplier of HRS (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity:  | HRS |
| Supplier name: |  |
| Is the supplier the manufacturer?If ‘no’, please also answer question A.3 in relation to this supplier. |  |
| Finish(es) supplied: |  |
| Country of origin: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Mailing address: |  |
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| Telephone: |  |
| Facsimile: |  |
| E-mail address: |  |

**A.3 Overseas manufacturer(s) of the goods under investigation**

If the supplier(s) listed in your response to question A.2 above is not the manufacturer of the HRS supplied, please complete the below for each manufacturer of the HRS supplied (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity:  | HRS |
| Supplier name (from A.2): |  |
| Manufacturer name: |  |
| Country of origin: |  |
| Manufacturer contact name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Mailing address: |  |
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| Telephone: |  |
| Facsimile: |  |
| E-mail address: |  |

**A.4 Timing of proposed visit by the Commission**

The Commission would like to commence visits to importers to verify the data submitted within import questionnaire responses and discuss the investigation as soon as possible.

Can you please advise what dates are suitable to your company for this visit?

Please note that it may be helpful to consider the availability of key staff, such as your accountant, purchasing officer or sales staff.

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Address for proposed visit (the address at which your accounting records are held):

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| Telephone: |  |
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Part B – Imports and forward orders

Please complete this part after the Commission has provided you with your detailed spreadsheets of imports, and return this part, along with your response to Part C no later than within 21 days of your receipt of the Commission’s spreadsheets of imports.

To assist with the identification of imports of the HRS under investigation, the Commission will shortly provide you with spreadsheets of your imports of HRS from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018.

This information will be provided from the Commission’s import database.

Within this spreadsheet, the Commission will select several shipments (by highlighting them) that it wishes to examine in more detail.

**B.1 Import details**

Please complete the “Part B – Cost to import and sell” spreadsheet included in the “HRS Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets” workbook, with details for the highlighted selected shipments.

The spreadsheet should contain costs and sales data for the selected shipments of HRS since 1 January 2018. The completed spreadsheet should be returned as part of your Part B response, along with details of your forward orders (see B.3 below).

(Please note that that you cannot complete this part of the questionnaire until the Commission provides you with the respective listing of your imports. The Commission will contact you shortly in this regard after receiving Part A of the questionnaire).

**B.2 Documents required at the visit**

In relation to the shipments selected by the Commission for verification (i.e. those shipments highlighted in the spreadsheet which will be provided by the Commission), please prepare copies of the commercial invoice, bill of lading, packing list and any other documents supporting post exportation costs including;

* overseas freight and insurance;
* customs duties;
* landing and wharfage charges;
* freight forwarding fees;
* cartage/delivery fees and
* any other charges between the FOB point and the landed, duty paid into-store point.

It would be appreciated if these documents could be assembled into one bundle for each shipment selected. Please retain these copies for presentation at the Commission’s visit.

**B.3 Forward orders**

Please complete the “Part B – Forward Orders” spreadsheet within the “HRS Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets” workbook. The completed spreadsheet should be returned as part of the Part B response, along with details of your selected shipments as discussed in B.1 above.

Part C – Sales and selling expenses

Please return your responses to Part C along with your response to Part B no later than within 21 days of your receipt of the Commission’s spreadsheets of imports.

**C.1 Your sales**

Please provide details of all your sales in the Australian market of HRS exported from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 using the “Part C – Sales” spreadsheet. If you have used formulas to complete this spreadsheet, please retain the formulas.

**Model Control Code**

The sales spreadsheet requires the identification of the type of model sold to your customer using the model control code (MCC) structure detailed in the table below.

At a minimum, the category listed as **mandatory** must be reported in the sales spreadsheet.

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| **Category** | **Sub-category** | **Identifier** | **Sales data** | **Cost data** | **Key category** |
| Prime | Prime | P | **Mandatory** | Not applicable | **Yes** |
| Non-prime | N |
| Shape | Universal Beams (‘I’ sections) | I | **Mandatory** | **Mandatory** | **Yes** |
| Universal Columns and Universal Bearing Piles (‘H’ sections) | H |
| Channels (‘U’ or ‘C’ sections) | C |
| Angles (Equal and Unequal Angle sections) | A |
| Minimum yield strength | Less than 265 MPa | A | **Mandatory** | **Mandatory** | **Yes** |
| Greater than or equal to 265 MPa | B |
| Tensile strength | Less than 400 MPa | A | Optional | Optional | No |
| Greater than or equal to 400 MPa and less than 450 MPa | B |
| Greater than or equal to 450 MPa and less than 500 MPa | C |
| Greater than or equal to 500 MPa | D |
| Thickness | Minimum cross-sectional thickness less than 11mm | 1 | Optional | Optional | No |
| Minimum cross-sectional thickness greater than or equal to11mm | 2 |
| Dimension | Beam or section height less than 230 mm | S | Optional | Optional | No |
| Beam or section height equal to or greater than 230 mm | L |
| Weldability | Carbon equivalent value specified in relevant standard | Y | Optional | Optional | No  |
| Carbon equivalent value not specified in relevant standard | N |

*Prime* refers to steel that is of acceptable quality for the application for which it is intended and not of some lower level of quality such as *defective*.

*Shape* refers to section such as beam, column, channel or angle.

*Minimum yield strength* refers to steel made to a standard which explicitly specifies minimum yield strength.

*Tensile strength* refers to minimum tensile strengths.

*Thickness* refers to the minimum thickness of flanges or webs.

*Dimension* refers to beam, column, channel or angle height.

*Weldability* refers to steel made to a standard which explicitly specifies a maximum carbon equivalent value.

As an example of how goods will be classified using only the mandatory categories of this MCC structure: Prime ‘I’ section Universal Beam with minimum yield strength of 400 MPa would have an MCC of P-I-B.

**C.2 Selling, general and administration expenses**

Please calculate your selling, general and administration costs for HRS for the period

1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 and enter this information into the “Part B – Cost to import and sell” spreadsheet included in the “HRS Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets”

These expenses are normally derived from profit and loss statements or other management records and are typically expressed as a percentage of sales revenue. Where HRS is only a part of overall company sales, allocations of selling, general and administrative expenses may have to be made.

The Commission will seek to verify your sales data, and your estimate of selling, general and administrative expenses at the importer visit.

**Checklist**

* Return by **10 January 2019**
* Part A response
	+ Your company details
	+ Supplier/manufacturer details
	+ Suitable dates for verification meeting with the Commission
* Return **within 21 days of your receipt of the Commission’s spreadsheets of imports.**
* Part B response
* Sales Route spreadsheet of imports
	+ Information on forward orders
* Part C response
	+ Sales spreadsheet of sales
	+ Selling, General and Administration expenses
* During verification meeting (may be required to assist verification)
	+ Copies of source documents of post-exportation costs for shipments
	+ Financial statements
	+ Bank records
	+ Import and post-exportation documents for other shipments
	+ Sales invoices
	+ Documentation to support selling costs (eg freight, warehousing)
	+ Documentation to support SG&A expenses