IMPORTER QUESTIONNAIRE

CONTINUATION INQUIRY NO.517

DEEP DRAWN STAINLESS STEEL SINKS

EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This questionnaire seeks information in relation to your imports and sales of deep drawn stainless steel sinks exported to Australia from the People’s Republic of China (China).

This information will be used to assist in determining export prices and non-injurious prices, to construct the Australian market for the goods, and in the assessment of the applicant’s injury claims.

The attached Australian Dumping Notice No. 2019/86 provides details of the goods under consideration, the application and the investigation procedures.

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| **Part A** | **Company and overseas supplier information** | **Return as quickly as possible but no later than**  **Wednesday 10 July 2019** |
| **Part B** | **Imports and forward orders** | **Return as soon as possible after receiving the Commission’s detailed spreadsheets but no later than Wednesday 24 July 2019** |
| **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.industry.gov.au](http://www.industry.gov.au).

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# Part A – Company and overseas supplier information

Please complete this part no later than Wednesday 10 July 2019.

**A.1 Your company**

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| Company Name |  |
| ABN: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Mailing address: |  |
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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 deep drawn stainless steel sinks – 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 deep drawn stainless steel sinks (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity: | Deep drawn stainless steel sinks |
| 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 deep drawn stainless steel sinks supplied, please complete the below for each manufacturer of the deep drawn stainless steel sinks supplied (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity: | Deep drawn stainless steel sinks |
| 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 from **10 July 2019**.

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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# 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 Wednesday 24 July 2019.

To assist with the identification of imports of the deep drawn stainless steel sinks under investigation, the Commission will shortly provide you with spreadsheets of your imports of deep drawn stainless steel sinks from **1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019** (the inquiry period).

Following submission of your response to Part A the relevant import 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 “Deep Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets” workbook, with details for the highlighted selected shipments.

The spreadsheet should contain costs and sales data for the selected shipments of deep drawn stainless steel sinks **exported** from China since 1 July 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 “Deep Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks 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 Wednesday 24 July 2019.

**Model Control Codes**

On 9 August 2018, the Commission announced its policy and practice in regards to model control code (MCC) structures via ADN No. 2018/128.

Chapter 14 of the Anti-Dumping Commission’s Dumping and Subsidy Manual further explains that the MCC structure provides a system of identifying fundamental characteristics of the goods subject to investigation and assigns an alphanumeric code to define categories and sub-categories of the goods and like goods. The objective of the MCC structure is to provide a framework for comparing goods exported to Australia with similar like goods sold on an exporter’s domestic market. This process is commonly referred to as ‘model matching’.

Model matching assists the Commission to assess whether dumping has occurred and is a useful way to ensure that the normal value is properly comparable with the export price.

In determining an MCC structure for any given case, the Commission will have regard to differences in physical characteristics that give rise to distinguishable and material differences in price.

In the original investigation (REP 238) the Commission found that the goods and like goods vary in a number of different ways, and that there were many physical characteristics influencing prices. There were also different consumer preferences on the Australian and Chinese markets. The above factors limited the Commission’s ability to identify sales of like goods that would be relevant for the purpose of determining a price under subsection 269TAC(1). The Commission considers it is likely that similar issues will be present in this inquiry. As a result, the Commission has elected not to propose an MCC structure at the outset of this inquiry. However, information gathered in responses received from importers and exporters, and from the Australian industry, will be examined to assess if an appropriate MCC structure can be developed.

If an MCC structure is developed interested parties will have an opportunity to discuss the structure and propose modifications. Any changes to the MCC structure will be considered by the Commission and reported in verification reports or in the statement of essential facts (SEF).

**C.1 Your sales**

Please provide details of all your sales in the Australian market of deep drawn stainless steel sinks exported from China from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 using the “Part C – Sales” spreadsheet. If you have used formulas to complete this spreadsheet, please retain the formulas.

If you are unable to provide the Commission the details specified in the attached sales report template please advise the case manager to discuss.

**NOTE**: If you do not on-sell the sinks in the form in which they were imported, e.g. because the sinks is integrated into other products, you may not be required to provide a response to this part of the questionnaire. If this is the case please outline below why a response has not been provided.

Response to C.1 provided

Yes

No 🡪 please use the space below to explain your reason.

Reason:

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

Please calculate your selling, general and administration costs for deep drawn stainless steel sinks for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and enter this information into the “Part B – Cost to import and sell” spreadsheet included in the “Deep Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets” workbook.

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 deep drawn stainless steel sinks 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.

NOTE: If you do not on-sell the sinks in the form in which they were imported, e.g. because the sinks is integrated into other products, you may not be required to provide a response to this part of the questionnaire. If this is the case please outline below why a response has not been provided.

Response to C.2 provided

Yes

No 🡪 please use the space below to explain your reason.

Reason:

# Checklist

* Return by **Wednesday 10 July 2019**
* Part A response
  + Your company details
  + Supplier/manufacturer details
  + Suitable dates for verification meeting with the Commission
* Return by **Wednesday 24 July 2019**
* 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 (e.g. freight, warehousing)
  + Documentation to support SG&A expenses