IMPORTER QUESTIONNAIRE

Merchant Bar

EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM TAIWAN

This questionnaire seeks information in relation to your imports and sales of merchant bar exported to Australia from Taiwan.

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.

Any information provided may be used by the Commission for any purpose consistent with its statutory functions.

The attached Australian Dumping Notice No **2021/073** 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**  **7 June 2021** |
| **Part B** | **Imports and forward orders** | **Return as soon as possible after receiving the Commission’s detailed spreadsheets but no later than 28 June 2021** |
| **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**: investigations1@adcommission.gov.au

Part A – Company and overseas supplier information

**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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| E-mail address: |  |

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 merchant bar – 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 merchant bar (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity: | Merchant Bar |
| Supplier name: |  |
| Is the supplier the manufacturer?  If ‘no’, please also answer question A.3 in relation to this supplier. |  |
| Quality, Shape & Grade: |  |
| 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 merchant bar supplied, please complete the below for each manufacturer of the merchant bar supplied (using a new box for each supplier).

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| Commodity: | Merchant Bar |
| 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 **July 2021**.

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: |  |
| Facsimile: |  |

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 28 June 2021.

To assist with the identification of imports of the merchant bar under investigation, the Commission will shortly provide you with spreadsheets of your imports of merchant bar from

1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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 “Merchant Bar Importer Questionnaire Spreadsheets” workbook, with details for the highlighted selected shipments.

The spreadsheet should contain costs and sales data for the selected shipments of merchant bar **exported** from China since 1 April 2020. 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 “Merchant Bar 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 28 June 2021.

**C.1 Your sales**

Please provide details of all your sales in the Australian market of merchant bar exported from China from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 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.

| **Item** | **Category** | **Sub-category** | **Identifier** | **Sales Data** | **Cost data** | **Key category** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Quality | Prime | P | Mandatory | N/A | Yes |
| Non-prime | N |
| 2 | Shape | Flats | F | Mandatory | Mandatory | Yes |
| Equal angles | E |
| Unequal Angles | U |
| Parallel flange channels | P |
| Tapered flange channels | T |
| 3 | Grade  Minimum yield strength specified by the Standard the product is certified to be produced to (measured in megapascals or “MPa” or Newton per square millimetre (N/mm2))[[1]](#footnote-2). | Less than 275 | 250 | Mandatory | Mandatory | Yes |
| Equal to or greater than to 275 or less than 330 | 300 |
| Equal to or greater than 330 | 350 |

In constructing a MCC, use a "-" between each category. For example: P-F-300

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

Please calculate your selling, general and administration costs for merchant bar for the period **01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021** and enter this information into the “Part B – Cost to import and sell” spreadsheet included in the “Merchant Bar 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 merchant bar 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 **07 June 2021**
* Part A response
  + Your company details
  + Supplier/manufacturer details
  + Suitable dates for verification meeting with the Commission
* Return by **28 June 2021**
* 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

1. This is NOT the actual batch test result indicated on a test certificate as the actual results must necessarily exceed the minimum requirement of the Standard. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)