



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2014/35

Zinc coated (galvanised) steel

Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

Initiation of an exemption inquiry

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission have initiated an exemption inquiry in relation to certain goods the subject of anti-dumping and countervailing measures applying to certain zinc coated (galvanised) steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan. This follows an exemption application lodged by CMC Steel Distribution (CMC) on 20 March 2014.

The exemptions are being sought under paragraphs 8(7)(b) and 10(8)(aa) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry (the Parliamentary Secretary) may exempt goods from interim dumping and countervailing duties where he is satisfied:

'that a Tariff Concession Order under Part XVA of the *Customs Act 1901* in respect of the goods is in force.'

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing galvanised steel, I will make a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary if I find the goods should be exempted from the measures.

The Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures, in the form of dumping and countervailing duty notices, were initially imposed on galvanised steel by public notice on 5 August 2013 by the Attorney General following consideration of *International Trade Remedies Branch Report to the Minister No. 190* (REP 190) and *International Trade Remedies Branch Report to the Minister No. 193* (REP 193).

Dumping duties are applicable to all exporters from China, Korea and Taiwan except for Union Steel Co., Ltd from Korea, Sheng Yu Steel Co., Ltd from Taiwan, and Ta Fong Steel Co., Ltd from Taiwan.

Countervailing duties apply to galvanised steel exported to Australia from China by all exporters other than Angang Steel Co.

The Exemption Goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry are galvanised steel meeting specific characteristics covered by Tariff Concession Orders TC1342242 and TC1342243 (“the exemption goods”).

TC1342242 covers the following:

STEEL, flat rolled, non-alloy, hot dipped zinc coated, in coils, having ALL of the following:

- (a) yield strength NOT less than 340 MPa and NOT greater than 420 MPa;
- (b) tensile strength NOT less than 410 MPa;
- (c) elongation NOT less than 21%;
- (d) coating mass NOT less than 60 g/m² and NOT greater than 90 g/m² on each side; and
- (e) thickness 2.00 mm and width 1 045 mm.

For the purposes of this Order, tolerances allowable for specification (e) are:

- (a) thickness +/- 10%; and
- (b) width +/- 1%.

TC1342243 covers the following:

STEEL, flat rolled, non-alloy, hot dipped zinc coated, in coils, having ALL of the following:

- (a) yield strength NOT less than 180 MPa and NOT greater than 240 MPa;
- (b) tensile strength NOT less than 300 MPa;
- (c) elongation NOT less than 33%;
- (d) coating mass NOT less than 60 g/m² and NOT greater than 90 g/m² on each side; and
- (e) thickness 1.20 mm and width 1,020 mm.

For the purposes of this Order, tolerances allowable for specification (e) are:

- (a) thickness +/- 10%; and
- (b) width +/- 1%.

The exemption goods are currently classified to the tariff subheading 7210.49.00 (statistical codes 55, 56, 57 and 58) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

The exemption inquiry will examine whether the exemption goods would satisfy the conditions of paragraphs 8(7)(b) and 10(8)(aa) of the Dumping Duty Act.

Public Record

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) will maintain a public record of the inquiry. The public record will contain, among other things, a copy of all submissions from interested parties received by the due date below.

The public record for this inquiry is accessible at www.adcommission.gov.au. Alternatively, the public record may be examined at the Commission office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below.

Lodgment of submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry, no later than the close of business on **13 May 2014**, addressed to:

The Director
Operations 4
Anti-Dumping Commission
Customs House
1010 La Trobe Street
Docklands VIC 3008

or email operations4@adcommission.gov.au, or fax to (03) 9244 8902.

Interested parties wishing to participate in the inquiry must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties should note that I may not have regard to a submission received by the Commission after the date mentioned above if I consider it will prevent the timely preparation of a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary.

Interested parties making submissions must also provide a non-confidential version for the public record. Details on preparing a submission can be found on the Commission's website.

Report to the Parliamentary Secretary

Submissions received in the timeframe stated above will be taken into account when completing the report and recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary. There is no legislated timeframe for this process.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case officer on telephone number (03) 9244 8225, fax number (03) 9244 8902 or email operations4@customs.gov.au.

Dale Seymour
Commissioner
Anti-Dumping Commission
29 April 2014