



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2017/57

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 measures applying to zinc coated (galvanised) steel (the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan.

The exemption category being sought is under subsections 8(7)(b) and 10(8)(aa) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (the Parliamentary Secretary)¹ may exempt goods from dumping and countervailing duties where satisfied:

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

The Anti-Dumping Measures

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

Exports of the goods from China, Korea and Taiwan are subject to dumping duty and exports of the goods from China are subject to countervailing duty. A number of exporters are exempt from the duties. Certain goods subject to specified Tariff Concession Orders (TCO) are also exempt from the duties.

¹ On 19 July 2016, the Prime Minister appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science. For the purposes of this inquiry the Minister is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

Details of these exemptions can be found in the Dumping Commodity Register on the Commission's website at

<http://www.adcommission.gov.au/measures/Pages/default.aspx>

The Exemption Goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry are certain galvanised steel ("the exemption goods") meeting the following specific characteristics covered by TCO TC1663110:

COILS, non-alloy steel, hot rolled, zinc coated, complying with American Society for Testing and Materials Standard A653/A653M-11 (ASTM A653/A653M-11), having ALL of the following:

- (a) thickness NOT less than 3.60 mm and NOT greater than 6.0 mm;*
- (b) width NOT less than 784 mm and NOT greater than 1263 mm;*
- (c) minimum yield strength NOT less than 175 Mpa;*
- (d) minimum tensile strength NOT less than 280 Mpa;*
- (e) inside diameter NOT less than 711 mm and NOT greater than 813 mm;*
- (f) zinc coating mass NOT less than 0.040 kg/m² per side;*
- (g) weight NOT less than 14 metric tonnes;*
- (h) chemical composition by weight of ALL of the following:*
 - (i) carbon content NOT greater than 0.20%;*
 - (ii) phosphorus content NOT greater than 0.03%;*
 - (iii) sulphur content NOT greater than 0.03%;*
 - (iv) aluminium content NOT greater than 0.10%;*
 - (v) copper content NOT greater than 0.25%;*
 - (vi) nickel content NOT greater than 0.25%;*
 - (vii) titanium content NOT greater than 0.04%;*
 - (viii) silicon content NOT greater than 0.45%*

The exemption goods are classified to the tariff subheading 7210.49.00 (statistical code 58) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. For these goods the general rate of duty is currently five per cent for goods imported from Korea and Taiwan. There is no general rate of duty for goods imported from China.

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

The Current Inquiry

An application for an exemption under subsections 8(7)(b) and 10(8)(aa) of the Dumping Duty Act has been made to the Parliamentary Secretary by Australian Tube Mills Pty Ltd. The applicant asserts that there are no substitutable domestic goods to the goods described in TCO TC1663110.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing galvanised steel and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Parliamentary Secretary whether the goods should be exempted from the anti-dumping measures.

Public Record

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a public record for exemption inquiries. However, in the interests of ensuring this process is conducted in an open and transparent manner, the public record for this inquiry may be examined at the Anti-Dumping Commission's office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below. Alternatively, the public record is accessible at www.adcommission.gov.au

The public record will contain, among other things, a copy of the application and a copy of all submissions from interested parties.

Lodgment of Submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than the close of business on 12 June 2017, addressed to:

The Director, Operations 1
Anti-Dumping Commission
GPO Box 2013
Canberra ACT 2601

or email at operations1@adcommission.gov.au or fax to (03) 8539 2499 or +61 3 8539 2499 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in the inquiry must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly.

Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their business or commercial interests, must:

- (i) provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests; or
- (ii) satisfy me that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "For Official Use Only". Interested parties must lodge a non-confidential version or a summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above (clearly marked "PUBLIC RECORD").

Report to the Parliamentary Secretary

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

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number +61 3 8539 2419 or email at operations1@adcommission.gov.au.

Dale Seymour
Commissioner
Anti-Dumping Commission

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