

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2014/119

Zinc coated (galvanised) steel

Exported from the People's Republic of China

Initiation of an Accelerated Review

Customs Act 1901 - Part XVB

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have commenced an accelerated review of the anti-dumping measures applying to zinc coated (galvanised) steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, in so far as they relate to a new exporter Jiangyin Zongcheng Steel Co., Ltd (Zongcheng).

The lodgement date of 13 October 2014 is the commencement date of the accelerated review.

The Goods

The goods subject to anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice are galvanised steel ("the goods").

The applicant provided further details as follows:

"flat rolled products of iron and non-alloy steel of a width less than 600mm and, equal to or greater than 600mm, plated or coated with zinc"

Galvanised steel of any width is included.

The amount of zinc coating on the steel is described as its coating mass and is nominated in grams per meter squared (g/m2) with the prefix being Z (Zinc) or ZF (Zinc converted to a Zinc/Iron alloy coating). Common coating masses used for zinc coating are: Z350, Z275, Z200, Z100, and for zinc/iron alloy coating are: ZF100, ZF80 and ZF30 or equivalents based on international standards and naming conventions.

The application stated that trade and other names often used to describe galvanised steel include:

- "GALVABOND®" steel;
- "ZINCFORM®" steel;
- "GALVASPAN®" steel;
- "ZINCHITEN®" steel:
- "ZINCANNEAL"steel;
- "ZINCSEAL"steel;

- Galv:
- GI:
- Hot Dip Zinc coated steel;
- Hot Dip Zinc/iron alloy coated steel; and
- Galvannea

Product Treatment

The galvanised steel application covers galvanised steel whether or not including any (combination of) surface treatment, for instance; whether passivated or not passivated, (often referred to as chromated or unchromated), oiled or not oiled, skin passed or not skin passed, phosphated or not phosphated (for zinc iron alloy coated steel only).

The goods are currently classified to the tariff subheadings 7210.49.00 (statistical codes 55/56/57/58) and 7212.30.00 (statistical code 61) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act* 1995. These goods are duty free (based on DCS country rate).

The goods subject to the measures do not include painted galvanised steel, pre-painted galvanised steel, electro-galvanised plate steel and corrugated galvanised steel.

Existing measures

The anti-dumping measures were initially imposed by public notice on 5 August 2013 by the then Attorney-General following consideration of the *International Trade Remedies Report Nos. 190 and 193* (REP 190 and 193). The Attorney-General published:

- dumping duty notices applying to galvanised steel exported to Australia from China, the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan.
- countervailing duty notices applying to galvanised steel exported to Australia from China.

Consequently, anti-dumping measures are currently in place in relation to these goods, noting that:

- certain Korean and Chinese exporters are not subject to interim dumping duty;
- certain Chinese exporters are not subject to interim countervailing duty; and
- exemptions apply to certain goods which are subject to various Tariff Concession Orders.

These measures were outlined in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2013/66. Following a review of certain findings made by the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (ADRP) the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry (the Parliamentary Secretary) decided to reduce the countervailable subsidies which are outlined in ADN No. 2014/12. Notice of the Parliamentary Secretary's decision was published on 20 February 2014. The notice has retrospective effect from 5 August 2013.

The duty that had been determined was an amount worked out in accordance with the combination of fixed and variable duty method.

The current review

On 13 October 2014, Zongcheng lodged an application under s. 269ZE of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) for an accelerated review of the dumping duty notice and the countervailing duty notice in relation to the goods exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China by Zongcheng.

Following consideration of the application, I have decided not to reject the application. Further detail on the consideration of the application is contained in the *Anti-Dumping Commission Consideration Report No. 274* (CON 274).

Having regard to the expedited nature of an accelerated review, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) considers that it is not the mechanism to reassess certain aspects of the anti-dumping measures applying to galvanised steel. This accelerated review will not:

- reassess the finding of whether or not a market situation exists such that sales in that market are not suitable for use in determining normal value as specified in REP 190 and;
- reassess whether other subsidies exist beyond those originally investigated (REP193 refers).

After concluding the accelerated review a recommendation will be made to the Parliamentary Secretary that the dumping duty notice and the countervailing duty notice:

- i. remain unaltered; or
- ii. be altered so as not to apply to the applicant; or
- iii. be altered so as to apply to the applicant as if different variable factors had been fixed.

If recommending to the Parliamentary Secretary that different variable factors be applied to the applicant, I may propose a change in the method to determine the duty. The amount could be worked out in accordance with the combination of the fixed and variable duty method, the floor price duty method, the fixed duty method, or the *ad valorem* duty method.

Public Record

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a public file for accelerated reviews. However, in the interests of transparency, a public file for this accelerated review has been opened and may be examined at the 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, the consideration report, and submissions from interested parties.

Securities

I have made a declaration under paragraph 269ZH(b) to ensure securities are taken for the period of the review in respect of interim dumping duty and countervailing duty that may be payable on importation of galvanised steel from Zongcheng for the period of the review. The effective rate of duty has been determined in accordance with the combination of fixed and variable duty methods.

Lodgment of submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions no later than the close of business on 12 December 2014, addressed to:

The Director Operations 1
Anti-Dumping Commission
1010 La Trobe St
Docklands VIC 3008

or email <u>operations1@adcommission.gov.au</u>, or fax to or fax number 1300 882 506 or +61 3 9244 8902 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in the accelerated review must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties should note that I am not obliged to have regard to a submission received by the Commission after the date mentioned above if to do so would, in my opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the report to the Parliamentary Secretary.

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 by 12 December 2014 will be taken into account in preparing the report and recommendations to the Parliamentary Secretary. A recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary will be made in a report on or before 21 January 2015.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager by email to operations1@adcommission.gov.au, by telephone on +61 9244 8060 or by fax on 1300 882 506 or +61 3 9244 8902 (outside Australia).

Dale Seymour Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission

3 November 2014