

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/10

Consumer pineapple Exported from Thailand

Extension of a review of anti-dumping measures

On 16 January 2013, the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) requested in writing that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) extend the current variable factors review in respect of consumer pineapple exported to Australia from Thailand by Thai Pineapple Canning Industry Corp Limited (TPC) to all exporters pursuant to subsection 269ZC of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act).

In accordance with subsection 269ZC(7) of the Act, on 25 January 2013 the CEO gave public notice in *The Australian* newspaper that it is proposed to extend the current variable factors review in respect of consumer pineapple exported to Australia from Thailand by TPC to all exporters.

The original variable factors review was initiated in relation to exports of TPC on 19 December 2012. Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2012/64 provides the background to the measures, details of the application for review and outlines the key dates for the review.

The goods subject to anti-dumping measures, in the form of dumping duty notices, are consumer pineapple. Consumer pineapple is described as pineapple prepared or preserved in containers not exceeding one litre.

Consumer pineapple is classified to tariff subheading 2008.20.00, statistical code 26 and 28 in Schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995 (Cth)*. There is currently no general duty imposed on goods exported from Thailand in accordance with the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

The extended review

The review period is 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012.

The review of the variable factors, being the export price, normal value and non-injurious price (the variable factors review) is now extended to cover all exports of consumer pineapple to Australia from Thailand.

The review to determine whether current measures are no longer warranted (the revocation review) will remain in relation to exports by TPC only.

After concluding the variable factors review, Customs and Border Protection will recommend to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) that the dumping duty notice:

- i. remain unaltered; or
- ii. be revoked, in part or generally (insofar as the measures relate to TPC); or
- iii. have effect as if different variable factors had been ascertained.

Lodgement of submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this review not later than **7 March 2013** with:

The Director
Operations 1, International Trade Remedies Branch
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
5 Constitution Avenue
Canberra ACT 2601

or by email itrops1@customs.gov.au, or fax number 02 6275 6990.

Interested parties wishing to participate in the review must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties should note that the CEO is not obliged to have regard to a submission received by Customs and Border Protection after the end of the period mentioned above if to do so would, in the CEO's opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

The CEO must maintain a public record of each inquiry and review. The public record must contain, among other things, a copy of all submissions from interested parties. Letters and electronic mail are generally regarded as submissions if they contain information relevant to the inquiry or review.

Submissions containing confidential information must clearly be marked "For Official Use Only".

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:

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

Interested parties must also lodge a non-confidential version or summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above. All non-confidential submissions will be placed on the public record for this review. Further direction on the provision of information for the public record is available at

http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/ACDN201242Provisionofinformationforthepublicrecord.pdf.

Interested parties wishing to examine the public record may do so on the internet at http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/cases/default.asp or in person at Customs

House, 5 Constitution Avenue, Canberra ACT during business hours by contacting the International Trade Remedies office on 02 6275 6547.

Statement of essential facts and final report

As outlined in ACDN 2012/64, a statement of the essential facts on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister will be placed on the public record by 8 April 2013, or such longer period as the Minister allows.

Interested parties are invited to lodge submissions in response to the statement of essential facts within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record. These submissions should also be lodged with Customs and Border Protection at the above mail, fax or email addresses.

A final report and recommendation to the Minister will be made on or before 23 May 2013, or such longer period as the Minister allows.

Customs and Border Protection contact

Enquiries about the review may be directed to the case team on telephone number 02 6275 5675 or email <u>itrops1@customs.gov.au</u>.

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