

Australian Government

Department of Industry and Science

**Anti-Dumping Commission** 

# FILE NOTE

### Zinc coated (galvanised) steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

## EX0040 – Tariff advice concerning the exemption goods

On 10 June 2015 the Anti-dumping Commissioner initiated an exemption inquiry in relation to anti-dumping measures applying to certain zinc coated (galvanised) steel products exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan. The inquiry was initiated following an application from The Trade Consultant requesting exemption from dumping and countervailing duties for the following goods as described (the exemption goods):

STEEL, flat rolled, non-alloy, hot dipped galvanized, in lengths, having ALL of the following:

- (a) yield strength NOT less than 250 MPa and NOT greater than 350 MPa;
- (b) tensile strength NOT less than 315 MPa and NOT greater than 430 MPa;
- (c) elongation NOT less than 30%;
- (d) total coating mass NOT less than 300 g/m2;
- (e) in ANY of the following sizes:
  - (i) width 40mm and thickness 4.0mm
  - (ii) width 50mm and thickness 4.0mm
  - (iii) width 50mm and thickness 8.0mm

With tolerances allowable for specification (e) being:

- (a) thickness +/- 10%
- (b) width +/- 10%

The applicant claimed that the exemption goods were classified to tariff subheading 7212.30.00 (statistical code 61) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (the Customs Tariff), which has resulted in the exemption goods being subject to the anti-dumping measures.

Following initiation of the inquiry, the Australian industry expressed the view that the exemption goods were incorrectly classified and, as a result, <u>not</u> subject to the anti-dumping measures. Industry suggested that the exemption goods should be classified to tariff subheading 7215.90.00 (statistical code 55) of the Customs Tariff.

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The Anti-Dumping Commission sought advice from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection as to the correct tariff classification for the exemption goods, as described above. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection advised that the goods described at items (e)(i) and (e)(ii) are classified to tariff subheading 7212.30.00 (statistical code 61), while the goods described at item (e)(iii) are classified to tariff subheading 7215.90.00 (statistical code 55).

On this basis the Anti-Dumping Commission proposes to amend the description of the exemption goods to remove item (e)(iii) and proceed to consider whether the goods described as follows (the amended exemption goods) warrant exemption from the anti-dumping measures:

STEEL, flat rolled, non-alloy, hot dipped galvanized, in lengths, having ALL of the following:

- (a) yield strength NOT less than 250 MPa and NOT greater than 350 MPa;
- (b) tensile strength NOT less than 315 MPa and NOT greater than 430 MPa;
- (c) elongation NOT less than 30%;
- (d) total coating mass NOT less than 300 g/m2;
- (e) in EITHER of the following sizes:
  - (i) width 40mm and thickness 4.0mm
  - (ii) width 50mm and thickness 4.0mm

With tolerances allowable for specification (e) being:

- (a) thickness +/- 10%
- (b) width +/- 10%

Interested parties can direct inquiries regarding this note to Director, Operations 9 by email to <u>operations9@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

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