



**Australian Government**

**Australian Customs and  
Border Protection Service**

*Customs Act 1901 – Part XV B*

## **Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel and Aluminium Zinc Coated Steel**

### **Exported from the People's Republic of China**

### **Initiation of Investigations into Alleged Subsidisation**

#### ***Public notice under section 269TC(4) of the Customs Act 1901***

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) has initiated two investigations following separate applications lodged by BlueScope Steel Limited, a manufacturer of galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel in Australia. The applications seek the publication of countervailing duty notices in respect of galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China).

The goods subject of the applications are galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel.

A full description of the goods is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2012/56. This ACDN is available on the internet at <http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/notices.asp>.

The applicant provided further details as follows:

#### **galvanised steel**

The imported goods the subject of the galvanised steel application are:

“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”

The goods the subject of this application are generically called galvanised steel (referring to zinc coated steel).

Galvanised steel is classified to the tariff subheading 7210.49.00 (statistical codes 55, 56, 57 and 58) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. These goods are duty free.

#### **aluminium zinc coated steel**

The imported goods the subject of the aluminium zinc coated steel application are:

“flat rolled products of iron and non-alloy steel of a width equal to or greater than 600mm, plated or coated with aluminium-zinc alloys, not painted whether or not including resin coating”.

Aluminium zinc coated steel is classified to the tariff subheading 7210.61.00 (statistical codes 60, 61 and 62) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. These goods are duty free.

The application alleges that the goods were in receipt of countervailable subsidies and that the subsidisation has caused material injury to the Australian industry through loss of sales volume, reduced market share, reduced revenues, price undercutting, price depression, price suppression, reduced profits, reduced profitability, reduced return on investment, reduced ability to raise capital for re-investment and reduced employment.

The non-confidential versions of the applications, which contain the basis of the alleged subsidisation, are available on the public record.

The CEO specifies that the goods exported to Australia during the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 will be examined to determine whether subsidisation has occurred. The Australian market will be examined from 1 July 2007 for injury analysis.

The date of initiation of these investigations is the date of publication of this notice.

Interested parties, as defined by subsection 269T(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*, are invited to lodge submissions concerning the publication of the dumping duty notice sought in the application, no later than the close of business on 7 January 2013, addressed to:

The Director Operations 2  
International Trade Remedies Branch  
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service  
Customs House  
5 Constitution Avenue  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Or by email by email [itrops2@customs.gov.au](mailto:itrops2@customs.gov.au), or by fax number (02) 6275 6990.

ACDN 2012/56, containing important procedural details is available at <http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/notices.asp> and should be read in conjunction with this notice.

Particulars of the reasons for the decision to initiate this investigation are shown in International Trade Remedies Consideration Report No. [CON193], which has been placed on Customs and Border Protection's public record.

Documents included in the public record are available at <http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/cases.asp>. Alternatively, the public record may be examined at Customs House by contacting the Case Manager on the details provided below.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number (02) 6275 8008, fax number (02) 6275 6990 or email [itrops2@customs.gov.au](mailto:itrops2@customs.gov.au).

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