

INITIATION OF REVIEW AND CONTINUATION OF ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON
POLYVINYL CHLORIDE HOMOPOLYMER RESIN (PVC) EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED
STATES AND JAPAN TO AUSTRALIA

Since the 1990's manufacturing in Australia has reduced from 31% of GDP to about 8% of GDP. The globalisation of the economy and the imports of cheap finished goods are killing our manufacturing base.

In China, and other Asian countries, PVC injection moulding and extrusion factories supplying Australia apply a 30% of sales value export rebate (from their govt). This, combined with their lower labour, zero OHS costs and attractive raw material prices makes them very competitive-

The Australian PVC processing industry (ie downstream from AVC) employs thousands more people and has capital invested thousands of times more than Australian Vinyls.
It is inconceivable that Australian Customs would seek to protect an outdated inefficient non integrated PVC resin plant at the expense of crippling the entire Australian PVC processing industry.

Taking AVC aside, cannot you see that we need access to well priced and Quality PVC resins? Why do you think that AVC seek to get you to block US and Japanese resin? Because it is good quality compared to theirs and if it was available no-one would use AVC resin.

Also- Our PVC industry is struggling to compete with finished goods imports, which come in at below our RAW MATERIAL costs.

If there is well priced or quality resin available, we need to be able to purchase it!!! of Course!!!
Please do not cripple us by blocking imports of quality resins.

We must have either a free market economy or a protected economy. We cannot have both at the same time.

Currently all PVC finished goods and PVC compounds and dry blends are being imported without any duty what so ever but you have blocked the best quality resin from USA and are considering blocking Japanese raw materials to make these products?

My God!

This is beyond belief.

If AVC business model cannot survive because it is out of date, please do not penalise us who have updated our factories by crippling our raw material supplies. We need to be able to source competitively priced resins in order to survive. Our industry is 1000 times bigger than AVC's business, and therefore more important.

Yours faithfully

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