



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2014/53

Zinc coated (galvanised) steel

Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China,

the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

Findings of an exemption inquiry

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have completed the exemption inquiry in relation to certain goods which are the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to zinc coated (galvanised) steel exported to Australia from China, Korea and Taiwan.

The exemption was sought pursuant to paragraph 8(7)(b) and 10(8)(aa) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry (Parliamentary Secretary) may exempt goods from interim dumping and countervailing duties where he is satisfied:

‘that a Tariff Concession Order under Part XVA of the *Customs Act 1901* in respect of the goods is in force.’

The Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping and countervailing duty notice, were initially imposed on galvanised steel by public notice on 5 August 2013 by the Parliamentary Secretary following consideration of the *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 190* and *Report No. 193*.

The Goods

The imported goods subject to anti-dumping measures are described as:

“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”¹.

Galvanised steel of any width is included.

¹ Galvanised steel application, page 10.

The amount of zinc coating on the steel is described as its coating mass and is nominated in grams per meter squared (g/m^2) 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.

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
- Galvanneal.

Product Treatment

The anti-dumping measures cover 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).

Goods excluded from investigation scope

Painted galvanised steel, pre-painted galvanised steel, electro-galvanised plate steel and corrugated galvanised steel are not covered by the anti-dumping measures.

Galvanised steel is classified to tariff subheadings 7210.49.00 (and statistical codes 55, 56, 57 and 58) and 7212.30.00 (and statistical code 61) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

The general rate of duty is currently 5% for goods imported under these tariff subheadings. Imports from China are subject to a special rate of duty, which is free. Imports from Korea and Taiwan are subject to a duty rate of 5%.

The inquiry

An application was lodged by OneSteel Australian Tube Mills (ATM).

I made a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary that the exemption be granted.

The Parliamentary Secretary has accepted the recommendation and has exempted the goods the subject of the application from dumping and countervailing duties through Exemption Instrument No. 2 of 2014.

The exemption is for goods covered by Tariff Concession Order TC 1328432, described as follows:

COILS, non-alloy steel, hot rolled, zinc coated, complying with American Society for Testing and Materials Standard A653/A653M-11 (ASTM A653/A653M-11), having ALL of the following:

- (a) thickness NOT less than 2.75 mm and NOT greater than 6.0 mm;
- (b) width NOT less than 784 mm and NOT greater than 1 263 mm;
- (c) minimum yield strength NOT less than 330 Mpa;
- (d) minimum tensile strength NOT less than 430 Mpa;
- (e) inside diameter NOT less than 711 mm and NOT greater than 813 mm;
- (f) zinc coating mass NOT less than 0.080 kg/m² per side;
- (g) weight NOT less than 14 metric tonnes;
- (h) chemical composition by weight of ALL of the following:
 - (i) carbon content NOT greater than 0.20%;
 - (ii) manganese content NOT less than 0.30% and NOT greater than 0.90%;
 - (iii) phosphorus content NOT greater than 0.03%;
 - (iv) sulphur content NOT greater than 0.03%;
 - (v) chromium content less than 0.30%;
 - (vi) molybdenum content less than 0.08%;
 - (vii) aluminium content NOT greater than 0.10%;
 - (viii) copper content NOT greater than 0.25%;
 - (ix) nickel content NOT greater than 0.25%;
 - (x) titanium content NOT greater than 0.04%;
 - (xi) vanadium content less than 0.10%;
 - (xii) silicon content NOT greater than 0.45%

A copy of the exemption instrument is available on the Anti-Dumping Commission's website (www.adcommission.gov.au).

Further Information

If importers believe that goods they are importing are exempted from dumping and countervailing duty in accordance with the exemption instrument, when they or their broker enter these goods for home consumption via the Integrated Cargo System, the exemption category 'GOODS' should be selected and no dumping or countervailing duties will be applied to the shipment.

Importers are eligible to seek refunds for dumping and countervailing duty paid on consignments of the exempted goods that were imported on or after 18 December 2013.

To facilitate the refunds process, importers are required to complete an Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) **B653 Refund Application** form. This application form is accessible on the ACBPS website at www.customs.gov.au. Importers should contact the *ACBPS National Refund Centre* by email at nationalrefunds@customs.gov.au, or telephone number on 08 8447 9310, for advice on completing the refund application form, including the correct refund reason code to use.

The decision to grant the exemptions does not prevent further applications for exemptions from dumping duties being considered. Parties can apply for an exemption where they believe their goods satisfy any of the conditions for exemption detailed in subsection 8(7) or 10(8) of the Dumping Duty Act. Further information on the application process can be found at the Commission website at: <http://www.adcommission.gov.au/system/csi/exemption/how-to-apply.asp>

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Commission on 1300 884 159 for further information or by email clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au

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