



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2015/25

Certain Hot Rolled Plate Steel

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

Republic of Indonesia, Japan and the Republic of Korea

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 No.14 (EX0014) in relation to certain goods which are the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to certain hot rolled plate steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), Japan and the Republic of Korea (Korea).

The exemptions were sought pursuant to paragraph 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions the Minister for Industry and Science (the Minister) may exempt goods from interim dumping and countervailing duties where he or she is satisfied:

'that like or directly competitive goods are not offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.'

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) conducted inquiries into the exemption application and made recommendations to the Minister that the goods the subject of the application do not satisfy the conditions of paragraphs 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act and that those goods should not be exempted from interim dumping duties and interim countervailing duties.

The Minister has accepted my recommendation and has not granted an exemption for the goods subject to the application.

The Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice were initially imposed on hot rolled plate steel by public notice on 19 December 2013 by the Minister following consideration of the *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 198* (REP 198).

Dumping duties are applicable to all exporters from China, Korea, Japan and Indonesia, except Shandong Iron and Steel, Jinan Company (JIGANG) from China and Hyundai Steel Company and POSCO from Korea (the investigation with respect to these companies was terminated as outlined in *Termination Report No. 198* (TER 198)). Countervailing duties are applicable to exporters from China except JIGANG (as outlined in TER 198).

The goods subject to the dumping and countervailing duties are:

flat rolled products of:

- *iron;*
- *non-alloy steel; or*
- *non-heat treated alloy steel of a kind commonly referred to as Quench and Tempered (Q&T) Green Feed;*

of a width greater than 600mm, with a thickness equal to or greater than 4.75mm, not further worked than hot rolled, not in coils, with or without patterns in relief. ("the goods").

The goods are classified to tariff subheading; 7208.40.00 (statistical code 39), 7208.51.00 (statistical code 40), 7208.52.00 (statistical code 41), and 7225.40.00 (statistical codes 22 and 44) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

The inquiry

An application was lodged by Balcombe Engineering Pty Ltd (Balcombe).

The goods the subject of Balcombe's application for exemption are described as follows:

'plate steel produced to ASTM International standard A516 GR70 (the applicant asserts that ASTM International correlates to Australian Industry Standard AS1548).'

I made a recommendation to the Minister that the exemption not be granted, based on the finding that like or directly competitive goods are offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.

The Minister accepted the recommendation and has not exempted the goods the subject of the application from interim dumping duties and interim countervailing duties.

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