



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2017/147

Steel reinforcing bar

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Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and the Final Report

in relation to three reviews of anti-dumping measures relating to Jiangsu Shagang Group Co., Ltd. (No. 411) Hunan Valin Xiangtan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd. (No. 412) and Jiangsu Yonggang Group Co., Ltd (No. 423)

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 19 May 2017, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commissioner) published a notice announcing the initiation of two separate reviews of anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice, in respect of steel reinforcing bar (the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) as they affect Jiangsu Shagang Group Co., Ltd. and Hunan Valin Xiangtan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., both of whom are exporters of the goods (Reviews 411 and 412). Further, the Commissioner then published a subsequent notice on 29 June 2017, announcing another separate review in respect of the goods exported to Australia from China as they affect Jiangsu Yonggang Group Co., Ltd. (Review 423).

The initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) would be placed on the public record on or before 6 September 2017. The initiation notice also advised that a recommendation to the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (the Parliamentary Secretary)¹ in relation to each review would be made in a final report on or before 21 October 2017.

On 30 August 2017, the Commissioner then published a notice that an extension of time had been granted for the publishing of a SEF and the final report to the Parliamentary Secretary for Reviews 411 and 412, making the new date for publishing the SEF on 17 October 2017. The SEF for Review 423 was originally due on 17 October 2017.

¹ On 19 July 2016, the Prime Minister appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science. For the purposes of these reviews the Minister is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

This initial extension of time was granted to ensure the case team had adequate time to consider verified billet costs of the cooperating exporters in Investigations 416 and 418 as replacement costs for Reviews 411, 412, and 423, which only became available after the SEF for Reviews 411 and 412 was originally due. See Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2017/122 for more details on the first extension of time granted.

As discussed in ADN No. 2017/122, the Commission intended to use verified raw material costs from exporters in Investigations 416 and 418 as replacement costs for those exporters pertaining to Reviews 411, 412, and 423. In constructing a weighted average replacement cost, however, the case team has experienced a high level of complexity in extracting the actual verified raw material costs at the billet level from these exporters, and has requested an extension of time to finalise a competitive market cost replacement.

Due to the unforeseen complexity arising from the use of verified billet costs, I, Paul Sexton, General Manager, Anti-Dumping Commission, requested an extension of the deadline for the Commissioner to publish the SEF and provide his final report and recommendations to the Parliamentary Secretary.² The Commissioner has, under subsection 269ZHI(3) of the *Customs Act 1901*,³ extended the deadline to publish the SEF, and provide his final report and recommendation.

The SEF will now be placed on the public record on or before **27 October 2017**. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the Commissioner in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record. A recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary will now be made in a report due on or before **11 December 2017**.

Documents included in the public record may be examined at the Commission's office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below. Alternatively, the public record is available at www.adcommission.gov.au. Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number 03 8539 2427 or at investigations2@adcommission.gov.au.

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Anti-Dumping Commission

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² On 15 December 2016, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission delegated his powers and functions under section 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901* to the General Managers of the Anti-Dumping Commission. See Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2017/10 on the Commission's website for further information.

³ On 19 January 2017, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science delegated the powers and functions of the Minister under section 269ZHI of the Act to the Commissioner. See Anti-Dumping Notice 2017/10 for further information.