

Australian Government Anti-Dumping Commission

## ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2015/09

# **Certain Polyvinyl Chloride Flat Electric Cables**

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

### Preliminary Affirmative Determination and Imposition of Securities

#### Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 6 November 2014, I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission), initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of certain polyvinyl chloride (PVC) flat electric cables exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) following an application lodged by Olex Australia Pty Ltd.

The goods subject of the application are flat, electric cables, comprising two copper conductor cores and an 'earth' (copper) core with a nominal conductor cross sectional area of between, and including, 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> and 3 mm<sup>2</sup>, insulated and sheathed with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) materials, and suitable for connection to mains electricity power installations at voltages exceeding 80 V but not exceeding 1000 V, and complying with Australian / New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 5000.2 (the Australian Standard), and whether or not fitted with connectors.

The following products are excluded from the goods:

- single core cables, being cables with a single active core;
- "aerial cables" as defined by the Australian Standard;
- twin active flat cables, that is, flat cables comprising two active cores but no earth core;
- "circular cables" as defined by the Australian Standard;
- cables insulated and / or sheathed with non-PVC material, including but not limited to cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) materials, including a combination of PVC and non-PVC material;
- cables comprising cores made of aluminium conductors; and
- "flexible cables (cords)" as defined by AS/NZS 3191 and/or AS/NZS 60227.

The goods are currently classified to the tariff subheading 8544.49.20 (statistical code 41) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. These goods are subject to 4% Customs duty.

A notice under subsection 269TD(4) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) advising that I had made a preliminary affirmative determination was published in *The Australian* newspaper on 15 January 2015. In the making of that preliminary affirmative determination, I was satisfied that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of the goods exported to Australia from China.

In reaching this preliminary decision, I have had regard to the requirements of section 269TAE and am satisfied that dumped goods appear to have caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods.

The preliminary analysis of dumping margins is tabulated below. These margins were calculated by establishing export prices (variously ascertained under subsection 269TAB(1)(a) or 269TAB(3)) and establishing normal values (variously ascertained under subsection 269TAC(6) or 269TAC(2)(c)) and comparing these results in accordance with subsection 269TACB(2)(a.).

Exporter	Preliminary dumping
Exponer	margin
Guilin International Wire & Cable Group Co., Ltd	6.4%
Guilin Xianglong Wire and Cable Co., Ltd.	6.4%
Guilin Feilong Wire and Cable Co., Ltd.	6.4%
Aoning Electric Cables Co., Ltd.	6.4%
Guangxi Machinery Import & Export Co., Ltd	6.4%
Guilin Fortune Import & Export Trading Co., Ltd	6.4%
Guilin Yuanhai Import and Export Trading Co., Ltd	6.4%
Interest-Link Co., Ltd	6.4%
Dongguan Minxing Cables Co., Ltd (Dongguan)	Negligible
Uncooperative exporters	10.3%

*Preliminary Affirmative Determination Report No. 271* (PAD 271) sets out the reasons for making this preliminary determination, and has been placed on the public record. Alternatively, it may be examined at the Commission's office by contacting the Case Manager on the details provided below.

Under subsection 269TD(4)(b), I am satisfied that it is necessary to require and take securities in order to prevent material injury occurring to the Australian industry while the investigation continues.

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will require and take securities under section 42 of the Act in respect of interim dumping duty that may become payable in respect of the goods exported from China entered for home consumption on or after 19 January 2015. The security that has been determined is an amount worked out in accordance with the combination of fixed and variable duty method.

The securities will be imposed in relation to the goods exported to Australia from China by all exporters other than Dongguan at the rate specified in the above table of preliminary dumping margin assessments. Securities will not be imposed at this stage in relation to the goods exported to Australia by Dongguan.

The actual security liability may be higher than the effective rate of security due to a number of factors. Affected parties should contact the Commission by phone 1300 884 159 or +61 2 6275 6066 (outside Australia) or at <u>clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au</u> for further information regarding the actual security liability calculation in their particular circumstance.

I must report to the Minister for Industry and Science (the Minister) with final recommendations in relation to this investigation on or by 10 April 2015. The Minister will then decide whether to publish a dumping duty notice and, if relevant, the level of measures to be imposed.

Further, if dumped goods give rise to retrospective notices being imposed on the goods under section 269TN of the Act, the dumping duty notice will also include the duties to be imposed retrospectively.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number +61 3 9244 8252, fax number 1300 882 506 or +61 2 9244 8902 (outside Australia) or <u>operations1@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

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Dale Seymour Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission

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