



## CERTAIN HOLLOW STRUCTURAL SECTIONS EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

### REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES RELATING TO DALIAN STEELFORCE HI-TECH CO LTD

#### NOTE FOR FILE DATA USED FOR RAW MATERIAL BENCHMARK INDEXATION

##### Background

On 9 April 2015, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) initiated a review (Review 285) into the anti-dumping measures applying to certain hollow structural sections (HSS) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) by Dalian Steelforce Hi-Tech Co., Ltd (Dalian Steelforce).

Statement of Essential Facts 285 (SEF 285) in relation to the review was published on 28 July 2015, and is available on the Commission's public record.

SEF 285 sets out the facts on which the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission proposes to base his recommendations to the Assistant Minister for Science and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Parliamentary Secretary)<sup>1</sup> in relation to the review.

##### Hot rolled coil benchmark for SEF 285

For the purposes of SEF 285, the Commission determined a 'benchmark' price for hot-rolled coil (HRC). This benchmark was applied to the Commission's SEF 285 calculations to determine the level of dumping and/or subsidisation of HSS exported by Dalian Steelforce during the review period.

This benchmark was established as the original investigation into HSS (Investigation 177) benchmark, being the weighted average of domestic HRC costs incurred by verified selected exporters and cooperative exporters of HSS from the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan, at comparable terms of trade and conditions of purchase to those observed in China.

This benchmark was then indexed for use in Review 285:

*....to reflect any movement in the price of HRC between the original investigation period and the current review period.*

As outlined in SEF 285, the indexation of the benchmark was based on HRC price data. The specifics of that data were not identified in SEF 285, which stated that the data used to index the Investigation 177 benchmark was:

*...information from a reputable independent source in reference to domestic hot rolled coil prices in Korea and Taiwan<sup>2</sup>.*

<sup>1</sup> The Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science has delegated responsibility for anti-dumping matters to the Parliamentary Secretary, and accordingly, the Parliamentary Secretary is the relevant decision-maker for this review of anti-dumping measures.

<sup>2</sup> Page 19, SEF 285

## PUBLIC RECORD

### Identity of index data

Following publication of SEF 285, the Commission has received multiple requests to clarify the specifics of the HRC price data used to index the Investigation 177 benchmark to the Review 285 review period.

The Commission advises indexing was sourced from MEPS (International) Ltd (MEPS), a reputable provider of steel price data. The Commission has purchased this data under subscription from MEPS, for use in Review 285.

Specifically, the Commission used the average of the 'high' and 'low' domestic prices of HRC (denominated in US dollars) in Korea and Taiwan reported by MEPS. The two averages were aggregated, with equal weighting, to give a single quarterly price series representing the movement of the average price of HRC across Korea and Taiwan.

### Invitation to make submissions

The Commission invites interested parties to make submissions to the review in relation to the use of the MEPS data in the manner described above to index the Investigation 177 benchmark to Review 285's review period.

Submissions in relation to the above should be lodged with the Commission by close of business **1 December 2015**.

Submissions should be provided via email to [operations2@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:operations2@adcommission.gov.au). Alternatively, submissions can be provided by fax on 03 8539 2499 or mailed to:

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