



REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES ON CERTAIN ALUMINIUM ROAD WHEELS EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

NOTE FOR FILE - INVESTIGATION OF ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY PROGRAMS

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) will be examining seven additional subsidy programs as part of its review into the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to aluminium road wheels exported from the People's Republic of China (China).

Details regarding these programs, and the Supplementary Government Questionnaire issued to the Government of China in relation to these additional programs, are provided below.

Background

On 15 September 2014 the Commission initiated a review into the anti-dumping and countervailing measures on certain aluminium road wheels exported from China.

The measures subject to review were initially imposed on 5 July 2012, following an investigation into the alleged dumping and subsidisation of aluminium road wheels exported from China.

During the initial investigation, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service investigated allegations into 56 alleged countervailable subsidy programs and determined that 32¹ of these subsidy programs were countervailable subsidies in respect of aluminium road wheels.

Following initiation of this review into anti-dumping measures, the Commission sent questionnaires to the Government of China and selected exporters which requested information regarding whether:

- benefits were received by Chinese exporters of the aluminium road wheels under each of the programs found to be countervailable subsidies as part of the previous investigation; and/or
- benefits were received under any other subsidy programs other than those that were identified in the previous investigation.

One selected exporter advised in its Exporter Questionnaire that it received benefits under seven programs that were not considered as part of the original investigation.

The Commission has preliminarily assessed each of these additional seven programs and considers that information available demonstrates reasonable grounds that:

- the seven new programs meet the requirements of a countervailable subsidy in line with the requirements of Section 269T of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act); and
- the seven new programs have been received in respect of aluminium road wheels during the investigation period.

¹ Report 181 (the final report issued as part of the 2012 investigation into the dumping and subsidisation of aluminium road wheels from China) erroneously stated that 34 countervailable subsidy programs were received by Chinese exporters in respect of the goods.

Consequently, the Commission considers that the information gathered from this exporter is sufficient to warrant further investigation of these seven new programs and to determine whether they are countervailable.

Legislative basis

The investigation of additional subsidy programs during a review process is undertaken in accordance with subsections 269ZD(2)(b) and 269ZDA(3)(b) of the Act, which permit the Commissioner to have regard to any other matters considered relevant to the review within the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report.

Details of the new subsidy programs

Number	Program name	Subsidy type
57	Government quality award	Grant
58	Award to open economy	Grant
59	Assistance to importer & exporter fair trade program	Grant
60	Assistance fund for import	Grant
61	Award for the growth of local income tax	Grant
62	Refund of local water conservancy fund	Grant
63	Award for IPO	Grant

Supplementary Government Questionnaire

The Commission has sent the Government of China a Supplementary Government Questionnaire which requests information about these seven additional subsidy programs. The Commission will consider any information submitted by the Government of China in determining whether these additional subsidy programs are countervailable and have been received by exporters of the goods.

The Commission has requested the Government of China respond to the SGQ request by close of business Friday 5 June 2015.