

Anti-Dumping Commission

INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED DUMPING OF CERTAIN POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) FLAT ELECTRIC CABLE EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

NOTE FOR FILE - MEETING WITH APPLICANT

Background

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) met with Olex Australia Pty Ltd (Olex) on 4 June 2015 at Olex's request. Olex raised a number of questions regarding the Commission's exporter visit report for Guilin International Wire & Cable Group Co Ltd and the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF), both of which were published on 25 May 2015.

The intention of this file note is to allow interested parties to gain a reasonable understanding of the content of the meeting.

Meeting

The Commission explained that the SEF is a preliminary report, setting out the Commission's findings based on the evidence before it. All interested parties have 20 days in which to make submissions which address those findings, after which time the Commission will consider its final position.

The Commission explained that it could only answer Olex's questions to the extent that doing so would help Olex to understand the law and policy regarding the Commission's approach. The Commission noted that it may not be able to answer Olex's questions if doing so could reveal the confidential information of any party.

Olex raised a number of issues during the meeting, focusing on the following topics:

- the timing of the publication of the exporter visit report and the lack of time provided to review and respond to those findings prior to the publication of the SEF;
- the level of redactions in the exporter visit report, and the degree to which the redactions legitimately protect confidential information;
- the reliability of the data that the Commission has based its findings on and whether the Commission's processes have been robust; and
- the basis for the Commission's calculations, particularly the treatment of profit for the purpose of calculating constructed normal values.

Olex indicated that it will prepare a formal submission to address these issues in detail.

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