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Anti-Dumping
Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2016/59

Steel Reinforcing Bar and Rod in Coils

Exported from the People's Republic of China

Extension of time granted to issue combined Statement of Essential Facts

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 23 December 2015 and on 17 February 2016, I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission published two separate notices announcing the initiation of investigations into the alleged subsidisation of steel reinforcing bar (rebar) (investigation 322) and alleged subsidisation of rod in coils (investigation 331) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) (initiation notices).

A full description of the goods is available in the initiation notices, which are titled Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2015/152 and ADN 2016/14 respectively. These ADNs are available on the internet at www.adcommission.gov.au.

The initiation notice for rebar advised that the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF) for investigation 322 would be placed on the public record by 11 April 2016. The initiation notice for rod in coils advised that the SEF for investigation 331 would be placed on the public record by 6 June 2016.

Following my request, on 11 April 2016 the Assistant Minister for Science and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (the Parliamentary Secretary)¹ approved a 56 day extension to the SEF regarding investigation 322. A combined SEF regarding investigations 322 and 331 was due on 6 June 2016. The SEF will set out the facts on which I propose to base my recommendations to the Parliamentary Secretary in relation to investigations 322 and 331.

Following an assessment of the responses to the exporter questionnaires provided for both subsidy investigations and during the recent exporter verification visits, the Commission has identified further 260 possible countervailable subsidy programmes, in addition to the 148 subsidy programmes included in the application. Therefore, in order to collect further information and to conduct a comprehensive analysis in relation to the

¹ The Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science has delegated responsibility with respect to anti-dumping matters to the Parliamentary Secretary, and accordingly, the Parliamentary Secretary is the relevant decision maker. On 20 September 2015, the Prime Minister appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as the Assistant Minister for Science.

additional subsidy programmes, research and establish appropriate benchmarks for major alleged upstream raw material subsidy programmes and to assess subsidy margins for all programmes, I requested an extension of the deadline for the publication of the combined SEF under subsection 269ZHI(1)(a) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act).

The Parliamentary Secretary has, under subsection 269ZHI(3) of the Act, extended the deadline for the publication of the SEF. The combined SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than 21 July 2016. Interested parties are invited to make submissions in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record.

A recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary in relation to investigations 322 and 331 will be made in a report due on or before 4 September 2016.

Documents included on the public record may be examined at www.adcommission.gov.au or at the Commission's office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number +61 (02) 6276 1462, fax number +61 3 8539 2499 or email at operations5@adcommission.gov.au.

Dale Seymour
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