



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2012/63

Zinc coated (galvanised) steel and aluminium zinc coated steel Exported from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan

Extension of time to issue the Statement of Essential Facts for dumping investigations

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

Background

On 5 September 2012, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) published a notice announcing the initiation of investigations into the alleged dumping of zinc coated (galvanised) steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

A full description of the goods under investigation is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2012/40 (relating to the initiation) and ACDN No. 2012/62 (relating to the clarification of the goods), which are accessible on the Customs and Border Protection website (following the Anti-dumping hyperlinks) at www.customs.gov.au.

The initiation notice advised that the Statement of Essential Facts (SEFs) for the investigation would be placed on the public record by 24 December 2012. The SEF sets out the facts on which Customs and Border Protection proposes to base its recommendations to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister).

Following the initiation of the dumping investigations, on 26 November 2012, Customs and Border Protection published a notice announcing the initiation of investigations into the alleged subsidisation of galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China (ACDN No. 2012/56 refers).

Extension to SEF for dumping investigations

Customs and Border Protection requested an extension of the deadline for the publication of the SEFs for the dumping investigations due to:

- extensive investigation scope;
- case complexities, in particular in relation to inquiries into market situation allegations;
- impacts of countervailing investigations for the goods, which involve the same key stakeholders (Australian industry, importers, exporters and government of China) as the dumping investigations;
- delays in the provision and receipt of information and data by interested parties; and
- delays in undertaking verification visits to international interested parties' premises due to availability of key personnel or public holidays.

The Minister has, under s. 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline for the publication of the SEFs for the dumping investigations. The SEFs will now be placed on the public record no later than **16 March 2013**. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to Customs and Border Protection in response to the SEFs within 20 days of the SEFs being placed on the public record. Final recommendations will be made in reports to the Minister due on or before **30 April 2013**.

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the case manager by email to itrops2@customs.gov.au, by telephone on (02) 6275 5965 or by facsimile on (02) 6275 6990.

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