



INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF HOT ROLLED COIL STEEL (HRC) FROM JAPAN, KOREA, MALAYSIA AND TAIWAN

EXPORTER VISIT REPORT SUMMARY

SHANG CHEN STEEL CO, LTD

Background

Customs and Border Protection has undertaken in-country verification of data provided by Shang Chen Steel Co. Ltd (Shang Chen) in response to the exporter questionnaire in the above investigation.

The exporter has been unable to provide a cleared non-confidential version of the visit report for placement on the public record within an agreed timeframe. This summary outlines the preliminary findings of the verification team.

Meeting dates and attendees

Verification meetings were held at Shang Chen Steel's manufacturing facility in Kaohsiung, and at its related company, Shang Shing Steel Industrial Co. Ltd (Shang Shin) Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 and Monday 27 August 2012.

A final meeting with the company's consultant was held on Tuesday 28 August 2012 at the Grand Hi Lai Hotel, Kaohsiung.

Export price

For all exports of HRC steel to Australia by Shang Chen, the Verification Team consider:

- that the goods have been exported to Australia otherwise than by the importer;
- that the goods have been purchased by the importer from the exporter; and
- the purchases of the goods were arms length transactions.

The Verification Team are satisfied that export prices for direct export sales can be established under s. 269TAB(1)(a), as the price paid or payable by the importer less any part of the price that represents a charge in respect of transport of the goods or in respect of any other matter arising after exportation.

Normal value

The Verification Team found sufficient volumes of certain domestic sales of comparable models of HRC by Shang Chen that were arms length transactions and at prices that were in OCOT. For remaining models, the Verification Team found sufficient volumes of domestic sales in OCOT of reasonably similar models and made adjustments to the normal values for physical and timing differences.

Based on the information provided by Shang Chen and the verification conducted on site the Verification Team are satisfied that prices paid in respect of these domestic sales are suitable for assessing normal values under s. 269TAC(1) of the Act for all export sales of HRC to Australia during the investigation period, as adjusted in accordance with s. 269TAC(8) of the Act.

Dumping margin

The Verification Team compared the monthly weighted average of export prices for each month over the whole of the investigation period, with the corresponding monthly weighted average normal values, over the whole of that period, in accordance with s. 269TACB(2)(a) of the Act.

The weighted average dumping margin for HRC exported to Australia by Shang Chen in the investigation period, was 3.34%.