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quality laundry essentials

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Ms Andrea Stone Manager Operations 2 Anti-Dumping Commission Customs House 5 Constitution Ave Canberra ACT 2600

# RE: DEEP DRAWN STAINLESS STEEL SINKS EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- Submission by Importer in Response to Issues Paper 2014/03
- Focusing on 3.3 and 3.4

Dear Ms Stone

Further to our submission on 8/09/2014 (050) and in response to points raised in the Issues Paper 2014/03.

As an Australian company which has been manufacturing and supplying laundry sinks and units since 1976 we believe it important to place on record our view of the following points.

#### Substitutability of Tasman sinks for individually-imported lipped laundry sinks

- Tasman does not produce any sinks which could be substituted for any of the lipped laundry sinks we import.
  - For Tasman to argue that they "could" manufacture these does not mean they realistically can and they certainly haven't.
- The lipped edges of the lipped laundry sinks form an integral part of the structure of our cabinets and the sinks Tasman produce could not perform this function.

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# Substitutability of individually-imported lipped laundry sinks for Tasman sinks

- Tasman only produces inset laundry sinks.
- Lipped laundry sinks are not able to be installed as inset sinks.

#### Possibility of modifications to allow for the use of Tasman sinks to replace individuallyimported lipped laundry sinks

- It is not possible to alter any of our plastic cabinets to accommodate the Tasman sinks.
  - It may be possible and in fact viable to alter a steel or timber cabinet but we do not manufacture or import any of these.
- The dollar cost to manufacture new tools to produce just one new plastic cabinet that could accommodate one of the Tasman sinks would be in the hundreds of thousands.

#### Likeness of free-standing laundry units with a lipped sink to the GUC

- We do not dispute that these units are alike.
  - We agree that they perform the same function.
  - A simple proof of this is that they are sold side-by-side in every major retailer.
- To argue that a free-standing laundry unit is a cabinet with a tub more so than a tub with a cabinet is not correct.
  - $\circ~$  A simple proof of this is that the cabinets in question are not on sale without the tub.

We hope that these views may be of some assistance to you in your considerations.

Yours sincerely,

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