

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO.2012/26

Certain Hollow Structural Sections

Exported from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand

Termination of part of an investigation

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB

On 19 September 2011 the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) initiated an investigation following an application lodged by OneSteel Australian Tube Mills Pty Ltd, a manufacturer of hollow structural sections (HSS) in Australia. The application requests the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of certain HSS exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (Korea), Malaysia, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand), and the publication of a countervailing duty notice in respect of certain HSS exported to Australia from China.

Customs and Border Protection published a notice in *The Australian* on 19 September 2011 notifying of the initiation of the investigation, and released Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) 2011/43, which contains further details on the investigation (available at <u>www.customs.gov.au</u>).

As a result of Customs and Border Protection's investigation, I am satisfied that no countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of the goods or the countervailable subsidisation margin is not more than two per cent for Chinese exporters Qingdao Xiangxing Steel Pipe Co., Ltd (Qingdao) and Huludao City Steel Pipe Industrial Co., Ltd (Huludao).

In accordance with s.269TDA(2) of the *Customs Act 1901 (Cth)* I have decided to terminate the investigation so far as it relates to Qingdao and Huludao.

In making the decision to terminate, I have considered the application, submissions from interested parties, Statement of Essential Facts no. 177 (SEF 177), submissions in response to SEF 177, and other relevant information.

Termination Report no. 177, which sets out reasons for the termination decision, including the material findings of fact or law upon which this decision is based, is available online at <u>www.customs.gov.au</u>, or by contacting International Trade Remedies Branch office management on (02) 6275 6547.

A notice of the decision to terminate was published in *The Australian* newspaper on 6 June 2012.

The investigation into the alleged subsidisation of the goods from China by exporters other than Qingdao and Huludao and the investigation into the alleged dumping of goods from China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan will continue. The decision to terminate the investigation with respect to Thailand has been publicly notified in a separate notice. Customs and Border Protection is due to report to the Minister for Home Affairs in respect of this investigation on or by 7 June 2012.

The applicant may request a review of my decision to terminate the investigation by lodging an application with the Trade Measures Review Officer (TMRO) in the approved form and manner within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number (02) 6275 6173, facsimile number (02) 6275 6990 or email tmops3@customs.gov.au.

Geoffrey Maxwell Gleeson Delegate of the Chief Executive Officer International Trade Remedies Branch Canberra ACT 6 June 2012