



Continuation inquiry no 626
PVC flat electrical cables
exported from the People's Republic of China
Exporter questionnaires received
and extensions of time granted

Responses received

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) did not receive any completed responses to the exporter questionnaires by the due date of 16 July 2023.

Extensions of time

The Commission has received requests for extensions of time to submit an exporter questionnaire from certain exporters and due consideration has been given to the extension requests.¹

When considering the extension request, the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-Cooperation) Direction 2015* requires the Commissioner to:

- take into account the responsibility to conduct the case in a timely and efficient manner
- reject a request for an extension if the request has not been made before the due date, and
- consider the reasons provided for the extension, having regard to:
 - the reasons why it could not provide its response within the whole period and not only the period remaining between the request and the due date
 - ordinary business practices or commercial principles
 - the Commission's understanding of the relevant industry, and
 - previous correspondence from the entity, previous dealings with the entity and information provided by other interested parties.

Consequently, the Commission granted the following parties extensions to submit a response to the exporter questionnaire, on the requirement that the response is

¹ This is consistent with Article 6.1.1 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement.

PUBLIC RECORD

reasonably complete and accurate and includes both the confidential and public record versions:

Entity	Extension requested	Extension granted	Revised due date
Hebei Huatong Wires and Cables Group Co Ltd	46 days	36 days	21 August 2023
Jiangsu Etern Electric Co Ltd	46 days	36 days	21 August 2023
Nanyang Cable (Tianjin) Co Ltd	29 days	15 days	31 July 2023

Table 1

The Commission advised these entities of the requirement to ensure a reasonably complete and accurate questionnaire is submitted by the revised due date.

The Commission received exporter questionnaire responses from Jiangsu Etern Electric Co Ltd and Nanyang Cable (Tianjin) Co Ltd. Both submissions contained minor deficiencies that could be quickly and easily rectified in a further response, and have been provided a reasonable timeframe to rectify the deficiencies.² Once these responses have been received, the Commission will publish the responses on the public record.

Verification of responses to the exporter questionnaire

The Commission will seek to verify the financial data provided by exporters in the responses to the exporter questionnaires. Members of the Australian industry will be invited to a pre-verification meeting. The pre-verification meeting is an opportunity for the verification teams to gain an understanding of the sales and production processes of the Australian industry which may share some similarities with the sales and production processes of overseas manufacturers, allowing for a more informed and effective verification process.

Any oral information given to the Commission in a pre-verification meeting will not be taken into account unless it is subsequently put in writing and made available as part of the public record.³

In addition, any information provided to the Commission in a pre-verification meeting may be disregarded unless a non-confidential summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information for inclusion in the public record.⁴

Uncooperative or non-cooperative exporters

Where an exporter provides a response to the exporter questionnaire that contains deficiencies that could not be rectified quickly and easily in a further response, the exporter may be deemed uncooperative or non-cooperative.

Exporters that do not provide a response to the exporter questionnaire by the due date must be deemed uncooperative or non-cooperative.

² Section 6 of the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-Cooperation) Direction 2015*.

³ Section 269ZJ(4) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act).

⁴ Sections 269ZJ(2) and (5) of the Act.