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## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO 2024/004**

### **Hollow Structural Sections**

### **Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan Initiation of Exemption Inquiry No EX0099**

*Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975 (Cth)*

I, Jessica Casben, the Acting Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have initiated an exemption inquiry in relation to certain goods the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to hollow structural sections (HSS) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (ROK), Malaysia and Taiwan.

The exemption category being sought is under sections 8(7) and 10(8) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these sections the Minister for Industry and Science (Minister) may exempt goods from dumping and countervailing duties (collectively, the duties) where satisfied:

*'that like or directly competitive goods are not offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.'*

#### **The Anti-Dumping Measures**

The current anti-dumping measures were initially imposed by public notices on 3 July 2012 following the consideration of *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No 177*. Interim dumping duties apply to all exporters of HSS from China, Malaysia and Taiwan. Interim dumping duties apply to all exporters of HSS from the ROK except Kukje Steel Co Ltd and Hi-Steel Co Ltd. Interim countervailing duties apply to all exporters from China, except Dalian Steelforce Hi-Tech Co Ltd, Huludao City Steel Pipe Industrial Co Ltd and Qingdao Xianxing Steel Pipe Co Ltd.

#### **The Exemption Goods**

The goods subject to the exemption inquiry (the exemption goods) are certain hollow structural sections.

Schiavello Manufacturing Pty Ltd (the applicant) provided further details regarding the exemption goods as follows:

Steel electric resistance welded pipe, circular, seamless, EN10305 Standard, cold drawn, with OR without grooves, in the following sizes:

- 51.0 mm Outside Diameter x 47.0 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm
- 63.5 mm Outside Diameter x 59.5 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm
- 76.2 mm Outside Diameter x 72.2 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm

Having all of the following specifications:

- Length ranging from 4.0 metres to 5.8 metres or from 5.8 metres to 8.9 metres;
- Surface roughness (Ra) no greater than 1.6 micrometres;
- Outside and inside diameter tolerance no greater than +/- 0.1mm;
- Straightness tolerance 0.1mm; and
- E355-SR grade steel (JIS G3445 STKM 11A-E-C), cold drawn and stress relieved in a controlled atmosphere.

The exemption goods are classified to the tariff subheading 7306.30.00 (statistical code 31 and 34) for circular tube of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Cth).

### **The Current Inquiry**

Schiavello Manufacturing Pty Ltd applied for this exemption.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing HSS and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Minister whether to exempt the exemption goods from the anti-dumping measures.

### **Public Record**

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a public record for exemption inquiries. However, in the interests of transparency, a public record will be maintained. This notice, along with a non-confidential version of the application and any non-confidential submissions that are received, will be published on the public record, available at [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au).

### **Lodgment of Submissions**

I invite interested parties to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry via email to [investigations2@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations2@adcommission.gov.au) no later than the close of business on 16 February 2024, addressed to:

The Director  
Investigations 2  
Anti-Dumping Commission  
GPO Box 2013  
Canberra ACT 2601

Interest parties wishing to participate in the inquiry must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly.

Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their

business or commercial interests, must:

- (i) provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests; or
- (ii) satisfy me that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**" on each page.

Interested parties must lodge a non-confidential version or a summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above, clearly marked "**PUBLIC RECORD**".

### **Report to the Minister**

There is no legislated timeframe for completing the report and recommendation to the Minister.

### **Anti-Dumping Commission contact**

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager via email at [investigations2@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations2@adcommission.gov.au).

Jessica Casben  
Acting Commissioner  
Anti-Dumping Commission

25 January 2024