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Department of Industry, Science and Resources
Industry House
10 Binara St
Canberra ACT

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: Application seeking an exemption from anti-dumping and Countervailing Duty

MGN Civil seeks an exemption from the relevant anti-dumping and countervailing measures that apply to 7306: other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles.

Applicant:

MGN Civil Pty Ltd
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Hemmant, Queensland, 4174

Contact person:



Background Information:

MGN Civil is a Marine Civil company based in Hemmant QLD and is involved in various tasks at the Port of Brisbane, including Prefabricated Drain installation, also known as wicking. This process requires the use of strong rectangular steel bars (Mandrill) connect to an 80T excavator and frame to push prefabricated drains into the ground to a depth of -40m. The goal of this operation is to accelerate ground consolidation by providing a drainage pathway for sub-surface water to escape. For a understanding of the process, please refer to the link below:

[MGN Civil Wicking Machine in action](#)

When installing a prefabricated drain, the pressure exerted on the rectangular mandrill tubes can reach up to 200Bar, which necessitates the use of very strong 350 Grade 60mm x 120mm x 10mm thick steel rectangular tube to avoid warping and breakages.

MGN's wicking rig was specifically designed to deal with the pressure expected at the Port of Brisbane Future Port Expansion Area. This area at the Port of Brisbane is the deepest wicking currently

undertaken in Australia and requires this size steel to ensure prefabricated drains can be safely pushed to depth without mandrill failure.

If MGN Civil was to use smaller locally available steel rectangular tube the pressure would cause the mandrill to bend and snap. Any larger grade/size will not be compatible to the with the machine.



MGN Civil Wicking Rig, highlighting the required mandrill steel.

Ground on which we are seeking exemption:

350 Grade 60mm x 120mm x 10mm thick steel rectangular tube (mandrill), with a length of 11.9m, is not offered for sale in Australia.

Description of exemption goods

350 Grade 60mm x 120mm x 10mm thick steel rectangular tube, length of 11.9m.

Tariff classification of the goods subject to the measures:

Tariff sub-heading	Statistical code
7306.61.00	22, 25

Evidence that all known Australian producers have been contacted in writing:

- Confidential Attachment 1: EMAIL Jaspa Engineering - advise unable to locate in Australia.
- Confidential Attachment 2: EMAIL Vulcan Steel – advised not able to produce required size.
- Confidential Attachment 3: EMAIL Total Steel – advised not able to produce required size.

- Confidential Attachment 4: EMAIL Bluescope Steel – advised not able to produce required size.

MGN Civil had previously in 2020 sort out this sizing of steel rectangular in Australia and were advised by all manufactures that this grade and size of rectangular tube is not commonly used and advised that only England and China produce this sizing. With the continual decline of Australian steel manufacturing industry, the situation has not changed in the subsequent four years and the product is not available locally.

MGN Civil believes that this product qualifies for an exemption to the anti-dumping measures as Australian steel manufacturers cannot produce this product and it can only be supplied via overseas suppliers.

Sincerely,

