



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO 2026/090

Customs Act 1901

Customs (Preliminary Affirmative Determinations) Direction 2015

Investigation into Alleged Dumping of Titanium Dioxide Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (Investigation 699) Day 60 Status Report

Introduction

This status report concerns the investigation into the alleged dumping of titanium dioxide (the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China). The report reflects the status of the investigation at day 60.

This status report sets out the reasons why I, David Latina, Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have not made a preliminary affirmative determination (PAD) on day 60 of the investigation.

I note that I may make a PAD at any time from day 60 onwards if I am satisfied that the requirements of section 269TD(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth)¹ have been met.

Background

On 30 April 2026, I initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of titanium dioxide after Tronox Limited (Tronox)² made an application under section 269TB. Further details can be found in the public notice published on 30 April 2026 (refer to Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No 2026/061 at www.adcommission.gov.au).³

Under section 269TD(1), I may make a PAD at any time not earlier than 60 days after I initiate an investigation in relation to the publication of a dumping duty notice if I am satisfied that:

- there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of such a notice, or
- it appears that there will be sufficient grounds for the publication of such a notice subsequent to the importation into Australia of such goods.

¹ All legislative references in this report are to the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth) unless otherwise specified.

² Tronox Limited is the parent company of Tronox Management Pty Ltd and Tronox Pigment Bunbury Ltd (amongst others). Tronox Management Pty Ltd and Tronox Pigment Bunbury Ltd manufacture the goods the subject of the application.

³ Electronic public record (EPR) 699, item no 3.

In accordance with the *Customs (Preliminary Affirmative Determinations) Direction 2015* (the Direction), 60 days after the initiation of such an investigation I must either make a PAD or provide a status report outlining the reasons why I have not made a PAD.

Information before me at day 37

In deciding whether to make a PAD on day 60 of this investigation, I have, in accordance with section 269TD(2), had regard to Tronox's application and the following information received within 37 days after the date of initiation of the investigation:

- responses to the exporter questionnaire from 6 entities or groups (refer 'exporters' below)
- responses to the importer questionnaire received from 5 entities,⁴ and
- submissions received from Tronox, the China National Coatings Industry Association and Anhui Gold Star Titanium Dioxide (Group) Pty Ltd.⁵

Other matters I consider relevant

Australian industry

From 15 June 2026 to 18 June 2026, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) conducted an on-site verification of Tronox's information and data provided in support of its application. During the verification, Tronox provided further information and data in support of its claims concerning injury. At the visit, Tronox also revised its cost and sales data that was originally submitted in its application, which is critical to the assessment of injury. The commission is continuing to assess the information and data gathered during the on-site verification to determine whether there is any evidence of injury to the Australian industry.

Exporters

The commission invited exporters to complete an exporter questionnaire with respect to the investigation period. Responses to the exporter questionnaire were due on 6 June 2026 (day 37 of the investigation). The commission received responses to the exporter questionnaire from the following entities by 6 June 2026:

- Anhui Gold Star Group, comprised of the following entities:
 - Anhui Gold Star Titanium Dioxide (Group) Co., Ltd
 - Anhui Gold Star Titanium Dioxide Trading Co., Ltd
 - Gansu Orient Titanium Industry Co., Ltd
 - Beijing Tioxhua Chemical Co., Ltd
 - Gansu Hecheng Titanium Industry Co., Ltd
- Henan Billions Advanced Material Co., Ltd
- LB Group Co., Ltd
- LB Lufeng Titanium Industry Co., Ltd
- LB Sichuan Titanium Industry Co., Ltd, and
- LB Xiangyang Titanium Industry Co., Ltd.

The commission granted an extension of time to Chongqing Titanium Industry Co., Ltd to provide its response to the exporter questionnaire. Accordingly, Chongqing Titanium Industry Co., Ltd provided its response to the exporter questionnaire on 12 June 2026.

⁴ Only one entity provided a complete response to the importer questionnaire by day 37 of the investigation. All other entities provided partial or incomplete responses to the importer questionnaire.

⁵ EPR 699, item nos 4, 5 and 6 respectively.

Noting the number of exporters and other related entities that have responded to the exporter questionnaire, the commission is currently considering whether sampling is required to limit the investigation to a smaller number of exporters so that the investigation is manageable.⁶

Reasons for publishing a status report

The commission is required to examine various issues in the investigation, including:

- export prices and normal values of the goods exported from China
- whether, because of a situation in the Chinese domestic market for titanium dioxide, sales of like goods in this market are not suitable for use in determining normal values under section 269TAC(1)
- volumes of the goods exported to Australia from China, and
- the Australian market for the goods.

These issues are critical to ascertain:

- whether the goods exported to Australia from China have been dumped at above negligible levels
- whether those goods, if dumped above negligible levels, have caused or are causing, or are threatening to cause, material injury to the Australian industry, and
- whether there are sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of the goods exported to Australia from China.

At this time and based on the evidence and analysis undertaken to date, I am not yet satisfied that any injury to the Australian industry has been caused by dumping that may have occurred. Accordingly, I am not yet satisfied that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of the goods exported to Australia from China. On this basis, I have decided not to publish a PAD at this time.

Other considerations

Relevant matters – section 269TD(2)(b)

In accordance with the Direction and for the purposes of section 269TD(2)(b), I have considered the desirability of providing relief to an injured Australian industry as quickly as possible, where warranted.

I have decided it is not yet warranted to make a PAD at this time because I am not yet satisfied that there appear to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice for the reasons outlined above. I will continue to assess the need for a PAD and may make one as soon as I am satisfied there appears to be sufficient grounds to do so based on the evidence before me.

Reconsideration of making a PAD – section 269TDAA

The Direction requires me to reconsider whether to make a PAD at least once prior to the publication of the statement of essential facts (SEF) required under section 269TDAA.

I am currently due to publish the SEF on **18 August 2026**. However, this date will likely be extended given the number of entities that have responded to the exporter questionnaire and the complexity of the case, which involves examining a new commodity not previously investigated by the commission and claims from the applicant of a particular market situation in the Chinese domestic market for titanium dioxide. The commission expects to provide an update on sampling and case timeframes by mid-July 2026.

⁶ In accordance with section 269TACAA.

Prior to publication of the SEF, or in the SEF itself, I will advise whether I made a PAD subsequent to this report and the reasons for my decision.

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