



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2017/80

Alloy round Steel Bar

Exported from the People's Republic of China

Extension of time granted to issue Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report in relation to an investigation

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 10 January 2017, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commissioner) published a notice announcing the initiation of an investigation into the alleged dumping of alloy round steel bar (the goods) exported from the People's Republic of China (China).

A full description of the goods is available in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2017/02 (initiation notice), available on the Anti-Dumping Commission's (Commission) website at www.adcommission.gov.au.

The initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) for the investigation would be placed on the public record on or before 30 April 2017. The initiation notice also advised that a recommendation to the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (the Parliamentary Secretary)¹ would be made in a final report on or before 14 June 2017.

On 28 April 2017 the Commission published a notice confirming an extension of time to publish the SEF and to provide the final report to the Parliamentary Secretary had been granted (ADN No. 2017/60 refers) (first extension of time). ADN No. 2017/60 advised that the SEF would now be placed on the public record no later than 19 June 2017, with a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary made in a final report on or before 3 August 2017.

The main reason for the first extension of time was to enable the Commission to clarify the scope of the goods subject to the investigation and establish which entities comprise the Australian industry for further verification. On 4 May 2017 the Commission published a position paper regarding this issue, seeking submissions on or before 18 May 2017.

¹ On 19 July 2016, the Prime Minister appointed the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science as the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science. For the purposes of this inquiry the Minister is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

The Commission received five submissions in response to the position paper and, following consideration of these submissions, published a File Note on the public record on 7 June 2017 to confirm the scope of the goods description.

As a result, the Commission has identified an additional member of the Australian industry for alloy round steel bar. In order to obtain the appropriate information and data from this member and to then conduct a verification visit I, Paul Sexton, General Manager, Investigations, requested an extension of time under subsections 269ZHI(1)(a) and 269ZHI(1)(b) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) to the deadline for the Commissioner to publish the SEF, and for the Commissioner to provide his final report and recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary.²

The Commissioner has, under subsection 269ZHI(3) of the Act,³ extended the deadline to publish the SEF and to provide his final report and recommendations. The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than 19 July 2017. Interested parties are invited to make submissions in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record.

The Commissioner's recommendation will now be made in a report due on or before 2 September 2017.⁴

Documents included on the public record may be examined at the Commission's office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below. Alternatively, the public record is available at www.adcommission.gov.au.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number +61 3 8539 2477 or email at operations1@adcommission.gov.au.

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Anti-Dumping Commission

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² On 15 December 2016, the Commissioner delegated his powers and functions under section 269ZHI of the Act to the General Managers of the Anti-Dumping Commission. See ADN 2017/10 for further information: <http://www.adcommission.gov.au/notices/Documents/2017/ADN%202017-10%20Operational%20Improvements%20to%20the%20Anti-Dumping%20Commission.pdf>

³ On 19 January 2017, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science delegated the powers and functions of the Minister under section 269ZHI of the Act to the Commissioner. See ADN 2017/10 for further information.

⁴ As this is a Saturday, the effective due date for the final report will be the following business day, 4 September 2017.