



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2017/130

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). On 19 June 2017 the Commission published another notice confirming a further extension of time to publish the SEF and to provide the final report to the Parliamentary Secretary had been granted (ADN No. 2017/80 refers) (second extension of time). ADN 2017/80 advised that the SEF would now be placed on the public record no later than 19 July 2017, with a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary made in a final report on or before 2 September 2017.²

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 investigation the Minister is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science.

² As this was a Saturday, the effective due date for the final report would have been the following business day, 4 September 2017.

On 19 July 2017, the Commission published another notice confirming a further extension of time to publish the SEF and to provide the final report to the Parliamentary Secretary had been granted (ADN No. 2017/104 refers) (third extension of time). ADN 2017/104 advised that the SEF would now be placed on the public record no later than 17 September 2017,³ with a recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary made in a final report on or before 1 November 2017.

The main reason for the third extension of time was to enable the Commission to obtain and verify appropriate data and information from the Australian industry. The Commission received information from the Australian industry that shows the existence of complex relationships between interested parties. In addition, submissions have identified difficulties in obtaining evidence on material facts that are in contention, which require further analysis.

As a result, and in order to finalise this process I, Matthew Williams, Acting General Manager, Investigations, requested a further 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.⁴

The Acting Commissioner has, under subsection 269ZHI(3) of the Act,⁵ 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 27 October 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 11 December 2017.

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 investigations1@adcommission.gov.au.

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Anti-Dumping Commission

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³ As this is a Saturday, the effective due date for the final report would have been the following business day, 18 September 2017.

⁴ 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](http://www.adcommission.gov.au) for further information.

⁵ 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.