

**Investigation No. 495****Steel reinforcing bar****Exported to Australia from the Republic of Turkey****Questionnaires and extensions of time granted****Exporter questionnaires**

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) did not receive any fully completed responses to the exporter questionnaires by the due date of 24 December 2018.

Extensions of time to exporter questionnaire responses

The Commission received requests for extensions of time to submit an exporter questionnaire from certain exporters and due consideration has been given to the extension requests.¹

When considering the extension requests, the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-Cooperation) Direction 2015* (the Direction) requires the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commissioner) to:

- take into account the responsibility to conduct the case in a timely and efficient manner;
- reject a request for an extension if the request has not been made before the due date; and
- consider the reasons provided for the extension, having regard to:
 - the reasons why it could not provide its response within the whole period and not only the period remaining between the request and the due date;
 - ordinary business practices or commercial principles;
 - the Commission's understanding of the relevant industry; and
 - previous correspondence from the entity, previous dealings with the entity and information provided by other interested parties.

Consequently, the Commissioner granted the following parties extensions to submit a response to the exporter questionnaire:²

¹ This is consistent with Article 6.1.1 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement.

² It is noted that Colakoglu Metalurji A.S. and Diler Dis Ticaret A.S. both submitted section A of the exporter questionnaire to the Commission by the due date of 24 December 2018.

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Entity	Extension Requested	Extension Granted	Revised due date
Colakoglu Metalurji A.S.	28 days	21 days	14 January 2019
Kroman Celik Sanayii A.S.	28 days	21 days	14 January 2019
Diler Dis Ticaret A.S.	28 days	21 days	14 January 2019
Habas Sinai ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustrisi A.S.	28 days	21 days	14 January 2019

Table 1 – extension requests

Once the Commission receives the responses to the exporter questionnaire from the above exporters, the non-confidential version will be placed on the public record, unless it contains deficiencies that could be quickly and easily rectified in a further response. If this is the case a reasonable timeframe will be provided to rectify the deficiencies³, then the completed exporter questionnaire will be placed on the public record after the deficiencies have been rectified.

Verification of responses to the exporter questionnaire

The Commission will seek to verify the financial data provided by exporters in the responses to the exporter questionnaires and has invited members of the Australian industry to a pre-verification meeting.

Any oral information given to the Commission in a pre-verification meeting will not be taken into account unless it is subsequently put in writing and made available as part of the public record.⁴

In addition, any information provided to the Commission in a pre-verification meeting may be disregarded unless a non-confidential summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information for inclusion in the public record.⁵

Uncooperative exporters and non-cooperative entities

Where an exporter provides a response to the exporter questionnaire that contains deficiencies that could not be rectified quickly and easily in a further response, the exporter may be deemed uncooperative (in relation to the dumping investigation) and/or non-cooperative (in relation to countervailing investigation).

Exporters that do not provide a response to the exporter questionnaire by the due date must be deemed uncooperative and non-cooperative, as appropriate.

³ Section 6 of the Direction.

⁴ Subsection 269ZJ(4) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act).

⁵ Subsections 269ZJ(2) and (5) of the Act.

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Government of the Republic of Turkey extension of time

The Commission received a request for an extension of time to submit a government questionnaire from the Government of the Republic of Turkey. Due consideration has been given to the extension request.

Consequently, the Commissioner has granted the Government of the Republic of Turkey an extension to submit a response to the government questionnaire of **31 days**, with a revised due date of **24 January 2019**.

Once the Commission receives the response to the government questionnaire, the non-confidential version will be placed on the public record.