



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2020/54

Steel Reinforcing Bar

**Exported from the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain
(except Nervacero S.A.) and Taiwan (except Power
Steel Co. Ltd)**

Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and the Final Report in relation to Continuation No 546

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB¹

On 3 March 2020, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (Commissioner) published a notice announcing the initiation of an inquiry into whether the continuation of anti-dumping measures in respect of Steel Reinforcing Bars exported to Australia from the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain (except Nervacero S.A.) and Taiwan (except Power Steel Co. Ltd) is justified.

A full description of the goods is available in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2020/020 (initiation notice). This ADN is available on the Anti-Dumping Commission's (the Commission) website at www.adcommission.gov.au.

The initiation notice advised that the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF) would be placed on the public record by 21 June 2020. The SEF will set out the facts on which the Commissioner proposes to base his recommendations to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the Minister) in relation to this investigation.

The initiation notice also advised that a recommendation to the Minister would be made in a final report on or before 5 August 2020.

¹ All legislative references in this document are to the *Customs Act 1901* unless otherwise specified

I, Paul Sexton, General Manager, Anti-Dumping Commission, consider that an extension of the deadline for the Commissioner to publish the SEF and provide his final report and recommendation to the Minister is required for the following reasons:

- extensions were provided to all exporters to submit responses to questionnaires and additional time is required to finalise the verification activities relevant to the inquiry; and
- ordinary work practices have been heavily disrupted during this time due to COVID-19 related restrictions which has led to increased response times.

For the reasons provided above, I requested an extension under section 269ZHI(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) to the timeframes referred to in sections 269ZHE(1) and 269ZHF(1) respectively.²

The Commissioner has, under subsection 269ZHI(3) of the Act³, extended the deadline to publish the SEF, and provide his final report and recommendation to the Minister.

The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than **20 August 2020**. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the Commissioner in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record.

A recommendation to the Minister will now be made in a report due on or before **9 October 2020**.

Documents included in 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 2462 or at investigations2@adcommission.gov.au.



Paul Sexton
General Manager
Anti-Dumping Commission
27 May 2020

² On 15 December 2016, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission delegated his powers and functions under section 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901* to the General Managers of the Anti-Dumping Commission. See Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2017/10 on the Commission's website for further information.

³ On 19 January 2017, the powers and functions of the Minister under section 269ZHI of the Act were delegated to the Commissioner. See Anti-Dumping Notice 2017/10 for further information.