



Customs Act 1901 – Part XV B

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2020/082

Certain kraft paperboard exported to Australia from the United States of America

Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and the Final Report in relation to Investigation No. 548

On 30 March 2020, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commissioner) published a notice announcing the initiation of an investigation into the alleged dumping of certain kraft paperboard (the goods) exported to Australia from the United States of America. A full description of the goods is available in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2020/032 (the initiation notice).

The initiation notice is available on the Anti-Dumping Commission (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 on, or before, 20 July 2020.¹ The initiation notice also advised that a recommendation to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the Minister) would be made in a final report on, or before, 1 September 2020.

Due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic and the reduced availability of relevant staff, the relevant exporters requested and were granted additional time to provide a complete response to the exporter questionnaire. These responses have now been received, and the the Commission is examining whether the goods exported to Australia were at dumped prices.

As a result of the delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and to allow verification of information received, I, Paul Sexton, General Manager, Investigations of the Anti-Dumping Commission, requested an extension of the deadline for the Commissioner to publish the SEF and provide his final report and recommendation to the Minister.²

The Commissioner has, under section 269ZHI(3) of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline to publish the SEF, and provide the final report and recommendation.³ The SEF will now be placed on the public record on, or before, **13 November 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, **15 January 2021**.

¹ The due date is 18 July 2020, however, as this falls on a Saturday, the effective due date is the following business day.

² The Commissioner sub-delegated his power the power to grant extensions of time under section 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Ac) to the General Managers of the Anti-Dumping Commission. See section 269SMR of the Act and ADN No. 2017/10 on the Commission's website for further information.

³ The powers of the Minister to grant extensions of time under section 269ZHI of the Act were delegated to the Commissioner. See section 269TAH of the Act and ADN No. 2017/10 for further information.

The public record for this case is available at www.adcommission.gov.au.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number +61 2 6276 1404, or email at investigations3@adcommission.gov.au.

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