

Received by email on 20 October 2020

Good morning Corey,

As mentioned in our previous statement regarding above, I was astonished to note Orrcon appended to their dumping application (550) for small diameter precision tubes (up to 21mm OD) also **Air Heater tubes to Australian Standard (AS) 2556 up to 101.6mm OD.**

Previous to their application, there was as small demand for these specialised tubes, but that has been put off till 2021, after that there have been no further demands until recently.

A new enquiry came up a couple of weeks ago, so my customer, [*confidential – name of customer*], requested a quote from Orrcon as attached.

The response was that Orrcon Steel does not make this Air Heater Tube anymore due to not enough demand and also the Mill does not have the tooling to make.

[*confidential – name of customer*] advises Orrcon did try to make tubes to this specification once before, I believe over 15 years ago, but they found they could not supply as per the specification AS 2556 which includes the condition the ends must be cut square.

Orrcon ended up supplying the tubes only dimple cut ,and [*confidential – name of customer*] had to arrange the tubes to be square cut by a steel fabricator (at Orrcon cost).

I cannot understand why Orrcon included in a dumping application a product they cannot make/insufficient demand to consider production.

Air heater tube to AS2556 was, and still is exempted from dumping actions, please refer case 529:

529 Review - Dumping and Subsidisation

Hollow structural sections from China, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand

The goods the subject of the application (the goods) are:

Exported from: China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan

Certain electric resistance welded pipe and tube made of carbon steel, comprising circular and non-circular hollow sections in galvanised and non-galvanised finishes. The goods are normally referred to as either CHS (circular hollow sections) or RHS (rectangular or square hollow sections). The goods are collectively referred to as HSS (hollow structural sections). Finish types for the goods include inline galvanised (ILG), pre-galvanised, hot-dipped galvanised (HDG) and non-galvanised HSS.

Sizes of the goods are, for circular products, those exceeding 21 millimetres (mm) up to and including 165.1 mm in outside diameter and, for oval, square and rectangular products those with a perimeter up to and including 1277.3 mm. Categories of HSS excluded from the goods are conveyor tube; precision RHS with a nominal thickness of less than 1.6 mm **and air heater tubes to Australian Standard (AS) 2556.**

Regards

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Attachment - Quote from Orrcon

From: [confidential – Orrcon employee]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 12:11 PM
To: [confidential – name of customer]
Cc: [confidential – name of customer]
Subject: RE: As2556 air heater tube

Hi [confidential – name of customer],

Thank you for your e-mail below but unfortunately Orrcon Steel does not make this Air Heater Tube anymore due to not enough demand and also the Mill does not have the tooling to make.

Sorry that we couldn't help much on this one.

Have a great day and a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

[confidential – Orrcon employee]

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From: [confidential – name of customer]
Sent: Thursday, 15 October 2020 11:38 AM
To: [confidential – Orrcon employee]
Cc: [confidential – name of customer]
Subject: As2556 air heater tube

Hi [confidential – Orrcon employee],

Nice chatting earlier.

Below is what I was hoping to get an offer on.

I expect longish lead time as will have to be manufactured to order

Can you please advise P & A for the below air heater tubes:

250 Lths 60.3mm O/D x 2.5mm wt x 6575mm long to AS2556 – Length tolerance -0 / +5mm – will likely accept + 10mm if need be.

Regards,

[confidential – name of customer]