



## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2014/24**

### **Transfer of the Anti-Dumping Commission to the Department of Industry – Machinery of Government Changes**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) is to advise the general public that the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) will transfer from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (the ACBPS) to the Department Of Industry (the Department), effective **27 March 2014**. This transfer gives effect to Machinery of Government (MOG) changes announced following the Federal election in September 2013.

#### **Background**

The Commission administers Australia's anti-dumping system. The Commission investigates alleged dumping and/or subsidisation of goods imported into Australia and imposes duties to address material injury such practices cause to the Australian industry that manufactures similar or the same goods. The work of the Commission complies with the obligations established by the World Trade Organization and Australian legislation.

The Government, through its election commitment to boost the competitiveness of Australian manufacturing, signalled the implementation of further reforms to strengthen Australia's anti-dumping system. The *Coalition's Policy to Boost the Competitiveness of Australian Manufacturing* detailed these reforms, including transferring responsibility for anti-dumping to the Industry portfolio.

Legislation (the *Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission Transfer) Bill 2013*) to transfer the Commission from the ACBPS to the Department was passed in the Parliament in December 2013.

A range of other reforms to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the anti-dumping system will be announced in the near future.

#### **Daily operations – practical implications**

##### **Office location and contact details**

Notwithstanding the Commission's transfer to the Department, in the medium term the Commission's offices will not be relocated. The Commission's offices will continue to be maintained in Customs House, Docklands Melbourne (**primary office**) and in Customs House, Canberra. The Commission will have an operational presence in both offices, until the consolidation of the Commission in Melbourne is complete.

The address for the Commission's primary office is detailed below:

Anti-Dumping Commission  
Customs House  
1010 Latrobe St  
MELBOURNE DOCKLANDS VIC 3008

Anti-dumping application forms that are posted should be sent to this Melbourne office address. The lodgement of anti-dumping applications is not impacted by the Commission's transfer. An ADN clarifying the available methods and contact details for lodging anti-dumping application forms will be published shortly.

Interested parties are advised that email addresses and telephone numbers of existing Commission staff will not change.

#### Updating the Commission's website contact and reference materials

The Commission's "anti-dumping" web pages will be updated to reflect the Commission's transfer to the Department. Given the scope of the reference materials that require updating, this process will continue post 27 March 2014.

This update will form part of a broader longer-term project to significantly rewrite reference material to improve the readability of materials that detail complex and technical dumping concepts. These improvements will enhance transparency and will enable stakeholders to acquire a better understanding of the anti-dumping system.

Interested parties should also be aware that final reports and public notices provided to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry (Parliamentary Secretary) before 27 March 2014 may include references to the ACBPS. These references do not impact the validity of the reports and notices. Where such reports and notices are accepted by the Parliamentary Secretary, they will not be amended / updated before they are published.

#### **Impact on ongoing dumping and / or countervailing investigations and inquiries**

The Commission's transfer to the Department will not impact any ongoing investigations and inquiries.

Interested parties involved in ongoing cases will be notified of the transfer, and can contact the Client Engagement and Business Support section (see contact details below) for further information. Alternatively, interested parties are encouraged to contact the Case Managers of their cases.

#### **Anti-Dumping Commission contact**

Enquiries concerning this ADN may be directed to the Commission's Client Engagement and Business Support section on the contact details provided below.

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