

Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2019/94

Hot Rolled Structural Steel Sections

Exported to Australia from Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand

Initiation of an Exemption Inquiry No. 0077

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have initiated an exemption inquiry in relation to certain goods the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to hot rolled structural steel sections (the goods) exported to Australia from Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand).

The exemption category being sought is under subsection 8(7)(b) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under this provision the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the Minister) may exempt goods from interim dumping duty and dumping duty where satisfied:

'that a Tariff Concession Order under Part XVA of the *Customs Act 1901* in respect of the goods is in force.'

The Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice, were initially imposed on hot rolled structural steel sections by public notice in Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2014/127 by the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science following consideration of *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No.* 223. These measures are applicable to all exporters from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

Certain goods subject to specified Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) are exempt from the dumping duties. Details of these exemptions, along with other information relating to the goods subject to anti-dumping measures can be found in the Dumping Commodity Register on the website of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) at www.adcommission.gov.au.

The Exemption Goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry (the exemption goods) are as specified in TCO No. 19104997:

UNEQUAL ANGLES, hot-rolled steel sections, complying with Australian and New Zealand standard AS/NZS 3679:1:2016, Grade 300 OR Grade 350, having EITHER of the following:

(a) leg size 150 mm x 90 mm having ANY of the following:
(i) thickness being 8 mm OR 10 mm OR 12 mm;
(ii) lengths of 9 m OR 10.5 m OR 12 m,
(b) leg size 150 mm x 100 mm having ANY of the following:
(i) thickness being 10 mm OR 12 mm;

(ii) lengths of 9 m OR 10.5 m OR 12 m

The application states that the exemption goods are classified to tariff subheading 7216.40.00 of *Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

The exemption inquiry will examine whether the goods the subject of the application satisfy the conditions of subsection 8(7)(b) of the Dumping Duty Act.

The Current Inquiry

An application for the exemption has been made by OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing hot rolled structural steel sections and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Minister whether the exemption goods should be exempted from the anti-dumping measures.

Public Record

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a public record for exemption inquiries. However, in the interests of transparency, a public record will be maintained by the Commission. This notice, along with a non-confidential version of the application and any non-confidential submissions that are received, will be published on the public record, available at <u>www.adcommission.gov.au</u>.

Lodgment of Submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than the close of business on **26 August 2019**,¹ addressed to:

The Director Investigations 2 GPO Box 2013 Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

¹ As the closing date for submissions falls on Sunday 25 August 2019, submissions are due on the following business day Monday 26 August 2019.

or email <u>investigations2@adcommission.gov.au</u>, or fax to (03) 8539 2499 or +61 3 8539 2451 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in the inquiry must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly.

Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their business or commercial interests, must:

- provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests; or
- (ii) satisfy me that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "For Official Use Only".

Interested parties must lodge a non-confidential version or a summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above (clearly marked "PUBLIC RECORD").

Report to the Minister

There is no legislated timeframe for completing the report and recommendation to the Minister.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number +61 3 8539 2451 or email to <u>investigations2@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

Dale Seymour Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission

19 July 2019