



Australian Government  
Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources

Anti-Dumping  
Commission

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## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2020/84**

### **Hollow Structural Sections Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand**

#### **Initiation of an Exemption Inquiry No. 0079**

*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 which are the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to hollow structural sections (HSS) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (Korea), Malaysia, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand).

The exemption category being sought is under sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) 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 dumping and/or countervailing duties where satisfied:

that like or directly competitive goods are not offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.

#### **The current anti-dumping measures**

The anti-dumping measures in respect of HSS exported from China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan were initially imposed by public notices on 3 July 2012 following *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No. 177*. The dumping duty notice applies to all exporters of HSS from China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan, whereas the countervailing duty notice applies to all exporters from China except Dalian Steelforce Hi-Tech Co. Ltd, Huludao City Steel Pipe Industrial Co. Ltd and Qingdao Xianxing Steel Pipe Co. Ltd. These measures (unless continued) are due to expire on 3 July 2022.

The anti-dumping measures in respect of HSS exported from Thailand were initially imposed by public notice on 19 August 2015 following *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 254*. The dumping duty notice applies to all exporters of HSS from Thailand. These measures (unless continued) are due to expire on 19 August 2020.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The measures in respect of Thailand are currently the subject of a continuation inquiry, further details for which are available on the Anti-Dumping Commission [website](#) on the electronic public record for case 532. Further detail on the goods subject to the measures can also be found on the Dumping Commodity Register on the same website.

### **The exemption goods**

The exemption goods the subject of the exemption inquiry are:

Electrical Resistance Welded Hot-dip Galvanised Shouldered Pipe produced in accordance with American Petroleum Institute Standard Specification 5L. The steel grade for the pipe and the shoulder rings that are welded to both ends of the pipe is API 5L Grade B PSL1. A full penetration fillet weld secures the rings to the ends of the pipe. Following welding, the full length of shouldered pipe is hot-dip galvanised to a minimum zinc coating thickness of 300 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

The exemption goods are also specified according to the following dimensions:

- Outer diameter (mm): 165.1
  - ends tolerance (mm): -0.4, +1.6
  - Wall thickness (mm): 2.5 ± 0.32
- Ring and shoulder:
  - Nominal ring thickness (mm): 4.8 ± 0.15
  - Shoulder outside diameter (mm): 174.5 ± 0.8
  - Ring length (mm): 17.5 ± 0.4
  - Maximum out of square (mm): 1.0
- Length not less than 6,000 mm and not greater than 6,500 mm with a tolerance of -50 mm, +20 mm.

The application states that the exemption goods are generally classified to tariff subheading 7306.30.00 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

### **The current inquiry**

The application for the exemption has been lodged by InfraBuild Trading Pty Ltd. The application was lodged on 14 May 2020.

The exemption inquiry will examine whether the goods the subject of the application satisfy the conditions of sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act. After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing HSS and any other interested parties, I will make a recommendation to the Minister whether to exempt the exemption goods from the anti-dumping measures, pursuant to sections 8 and 10 of the Dumping Duty Act.

### **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 Anti-Dumping 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 [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au).

### **Lodgment of submissions**

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than the close of business on **18 August 2020**, addressed to:

The Director, Investigations 1  
GPO Box 2013  
Canberra ACT 2601  
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or by email to [investigations1@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations1@adcommission.gov.au).

## PUBLIC RECORD

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:

- (i) 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 making a 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 2441 or email to [investigations1@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations1@adcommission.gov.au).

Dale Seymour  
Commissioner  
Anti-Dumping Commission

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