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## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2021/112**

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

### **Findings from Exemption Inquiry EX0079**

*Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*

I, Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have completed the exemption inquiry in relation to anti-dumping measures applying to certain hollow structural sections (HSS). The relevant HSS is exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (ROK), Malaysia and Taiwan.

The exemption was sought pursuant to sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (the Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions, the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction (the Minister) may exempt goods from interim or final dumping and/or countervailing duty (collectively, the duties). In order to do so, the Minister needs to be 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 anti-dumping measures**

On 3 July 2012, anti-dumping measures were imposed on exports of HSS following consideration of *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No. 177*.<sup>1</sup> A dumping duty notice applies to HSS exported to Australia from China, ROK, Malaysia and Taiwan. A countervailing duty notice also applies to HSS from China. Unless continued, these measures will expire on 2 July 2022.

A number of exporters are not subject to the measures; further details are set out in the *Dumping Commodity Register* on the Anti-Dumping Commission (Commission) website, [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au).

#### **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>.

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<sup>1</sup> The [report](#) is available on the Commission website.

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):  $2.5 \pm 0.32$
- Ring and shoulder:
  - Nominal ring thickness (mm):  $4.8 \pm 0.15$
  - Shoulder outside diameter (mm):  $174.5 \pm 0.8$
  - Ring length (mm):  $17.5 \pm 0.4$
  - 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 inquiry**

Following an application by InfraBuild Trading Pty Ltd, I made a recommendation to the Minister that the exemption goods be exempted from the duties.

The Minister has accepted my recommendation and has exempted the goods from the duties through *Ministerial Exemption Instrument No. 3 of 2021*.

The exemption takes effect from 14 May 2020.

Copies of *Exemption Inquiry Report No. EX0079* and the exemption instrument are available on the Commission website.

The exemption granted as a result of this inquiry may be revoked by the Minister if circumstances change.

### **Further information**

If importers believe that goods they are importing are exempted from the duties in accordance with the exemption instrument, when entering these goods for home consumption via the Integrated Cargo System, the exemption category 'GOODS' should be selected. No dumping and / or countervailing duties will be applied to the shipment.

Parties seeking a refund of the duties already paid should contact the Commission on 13 28 46 or by email to [clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au).

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

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Commission on 13 28 46 or for international callers on +61 2 6213 6000, or by email to [clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au).

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