

Anti-Dumping Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2021/141

Precision Pipe and Tube

Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China

and the Republic of Korea

Initiation of Exemption Inquiry No EX0086

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dr. Bradley Armstrong PSM, 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 precision pipe and tube steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) and the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The exemption category being sought is under sections 8(7) and 10(8) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Cth) (Dumping Duty Act). Under these sections the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction (Minister) may exempt goods from dumping and 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 Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures were imposed on precision pipe and tube steel by public notice on 29 September 2021 by Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2021/109 and ADN No. 2021/110. This followed my consideration of *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 550*. The interim dumping duties are applicable to exporters from China and ROK. The interim countervailing duties are only applicable to China.

The Exemption Goods

The applicant described the goods the subject of the exemption inquiry (the exemption goods) as follows:

Curtain rods that are [sic] have a 16mm outside diameter and a 0.4mm gauge/wall thickness. They come in both powder-coated (Black/White/Ivory) and electroplated (Brushed Chrome).

The curtain rods come in lengths 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 3.0m, and are individually heat/shrink wrapped and labelled.

The curtain rods are made of A class hot-rolled strip metal comprising of 0.12% Carbon and are made using a roll forming process and a longitudinal welding technique.

The exemption goods are classified to the tariff subheading 7306.30.00 (statistical code 30) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Cth).

The exemption inquiry will examine whether the exemption goods satisfy the conditions of sections 8(7) and 10(8) of the Dumping Duty Act.

The Current Inquiry

An application for exemption has been made to the Minister by Pillar Products Pty Ltd and Taskmaster Hardware Australia Pty Ltd.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing precision pipe and tube steel and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Minister whether to exempt the exemption goods 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. 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.

Lodgment of Submissions

I invite interested parties to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry via email to investigations@adcommission.gov.au no later than 21 days after the publication of this notice. Alternatively, submissions can be addressed to:

The Director
Investigations
Anti-Dumping Commission
GPO Box 2013
Canberra ACT 2601

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 'OFFICIAL: Sensitive'.

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 03 8539 2474 or email investigations@adcommission.gov.au.

Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission

17 November 2021