

## **Australian Government**

**Anti-Dumping Review Panel** 

## NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES Declaration of interest Deep Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China

Any interested party intending to participate in the above named review is put on notice of the following:

- 1) Pursuant to section 269ZYA of the Customs Act, the Honourable Michael Moore, Senior Member of the Review Panel, has given written direction that the Review Panel for this review shall be constituted by Ms Leora Blumberg.
- 2) Ms Blumberg has advised that when she was in private practice in Hong Kong, she was a member of the trade team of an international law firm that acted for the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China (MOFCOM), in a countervailing case initiated by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) in July 2008, in respect of "Stainless Steel Kitchen Sinks Originating or Imported from China". In the South African investigation, the product was described as, "stainless steel kitchen sinks, either single bowl or double bowl".
- The law firm, which has since ceased to operate, and Ms Blumberg were not involved in the simultaneous anti-dumping investigation initiated by ITAC in respect of the same product.
- 4) The countervailing application was subsequently withdrawn by the South African petitioner in October 2008 and the countervailing part of the investigation was formally terminated by ITAC in January 2009, more than six years ago.
- 5) Ms Blumberg has not acted for MOFCOM or for the Chinese Government since that time and does not consider that her former representation of MOFCOM in that countervailing investigation precludes her from conducting this review. She has not acted for any of the applicants or for any Chinese exporter (or importer) of stainless steel sinks.

If you wish to make any submission in relation to Ms Blumberg's undertaking the review, please send it to the ADRP Secretariat at <u>adrp@industry.gov.au</u> as soon as practicable and in any event no later than 7 days from the date of this letter.

ADRP Secretariat 18 May 2015