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Mr D Seymour Anti-Dumping Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission 1010 La Trobe Street Docklands VIC 3008

By email

Dear Mr Seymour,

Quench & Tempered Steel Plate - Request for extension of time to comment

I refer to your letter dated 12 January 2015, requesting an extension of time until 8 February 2015 to provide comment on the applications for review, due to the current high case load of the Commission.

As you are aware there is no legislative provision or timeframe for comment by the Commission and therefore no need for a formal extension of time for the comments to be made. The requested time for comment in my letter dated 22 December 2014 was to take into account the legislative timeframe for submissions from interested parties. The proposed extension of time for comment to 8 February 2015 would mean that interested parties would not have an opportunity to take any further explanation by the Commission into account in their submissions.

I appreciate that the case load for the Commission makes it difficult to provide comments any earlier than 8 February 2015. Any assistance in the form of identifying information in the applications which is not "relevant information" (as that term is defined), and identifying information in Report 234 and its attachments which the Commission considers responsive to the applications, would be very helpful. Such assistance should not create any unfairness if it is provided after the time for submissions.

The only other matter which I would ask that the Commission take into account in providing its comments is that the report of the Panel is due to be provided to the Parliamentary Secretary by 20 February 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Joan Fitzhenry Anti-Dumping Review Panel Member

15 January 2015