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Trade Remedies Notice (TRN) No 2026/159

Public notice under section 269TC(4) of the *Customs Act 1901*

Structural Timber

Exported from the People's Republic of China

Initiation of Investigation No 724 into alleged dumping and subsidisation

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB[1]

I, David Latina, Commissioner of the Australian Trade Remedies Commission ('the Commissioner'), have initiated an investigation following an application lodged by the Australian Forest Products Association and the following manufacturers of structural timber in Australia:

- Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd
- Hyne & Son Pty Ltd
- Onefortyone Wood Products Pty Ltd, and
- Timberlink Australia Pty Ltd (collectively 'the applicants').

The application seeks the publication of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice in respect of structural timber ('the goods') exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China.

The application alleges that the goods have been exported to Australia at prices less than their normal value and were in receipt of countervailable subsidies, and that the dumping and subsidisation has caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods through:

- loss of market share
- price suppression
- price depression
- loss of profits
- loss of profitability
- decline in asset values
- reduced research & development expenditure
- reduced revenue
- reduced capacity utilisation
- reduced productivity.

[1] All legislative references in this notice are to the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth) unless otherwise specified.

The non-confidential version of the application, which contains the basis of the alleged dumping, subsidisation and material injury, is available on the electronic public record (EPR)[2] of the Australian Trade Remedies Commission ('the Commission') at www.atrc.gov.au.

Particulars of the reasons for the decision to initiate this investigation are contained in *Australian Trade Remedies Commission Consideration Report No 724* (CON 724), which is also available on the EPR.[3] CON 724 outlines the basis upon which the dumping and subsidisation are alleged to have occurred. Additionally, the factors upon which the allegation of material injury caused by dumping and subsidisation to the Australian industry are also summarised in the report.

In accordance with section 269ZI(3) of the Act, a copy of this notice and accompanying reasons will be provided to the country whose exporters are affected by the decision to not reject the application, in addition to other interested parties known to be affected by the decision.

The date of initiation of this investigation is the date of publication of this notice.

Particulars of the goods

The goods, being the subject of the application (the goods) are:

> *Structural timber, whether solid-sawn or engineered (Laminated Veneer Lumber), whether or not treated, having a cross-sectional area of less than 150 cm^2.*

Further information

The goods are structural timber, stress-graded or suitable for stress-grading to relevant Australian and New Zealand standards (including AS/NZS 1748, AS/NZS 4357, AS 2082, and AS 2858), with a characteristic mean Modulus of Elasticity (MOE) within the range of 6,900 to 15,200 megapascals (MPa) (inclusive).

The goods encompass the full range of structural timber products used in residential, commercial, and industrial framing, as well as other load-bearing structural and non-structural applications. Without limitation, this includes:

a. Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL): engineered timber (derived from pine, spruce, or other softwood or hardwood species suitable for structural stress-grading) designated by an 'E' grade rating (e.g., E8, E10, E12, E13.2, E14, E15) in accordance with AS/NZS 4357;
b. Solid-Sawn Timber: softwood or hardwood species suitable for structural stress grading, where the goods are classified as Machine Graded Pine (MGP) (e.g., MGP10, MGP12, MGP15) under AS/NZS 1748, or assigned an F-grade via visual or mechanical stress grading under AS 2082 or AS 2858; and
c. Other Engineered Timber: any other engineered wood products performing a structural function equivalent to items (a) and (b).

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[2] EPR 724, document number 1.
[3] EPR 724, document number 2.

Exclusions

Plywood, glued-laminated timber (glulam), cross-laminated timber (CLT), and prefabricated I-joists are excluded from this application.

Tariff classifications

The goods are generally, but not exclusively, classified to the following tariff classifications in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*:

- 4407.11.99 (statistical codes 05, 06, 07, 08, 13, 14, 15)
- 4407.12.99 (statistical codes 18, 19)
- 4412.41.10 (statistical code 21)
- 4412.41.90 (statistical code 22)
- 4412.42.00 (statistical code 23)
- 4412.49.00 (statistical code 24)

These tariff classifications and statistical codes may include goods that are both subject and not subject to this investigation. The listing of these tariff classifications and statistical codes is for convenience or reference only and does not form part of the goods description set out above. Please refer to the goods description for authoritative detail regarding the particulars of the goods, the subject of this investigation.

Investigation process

The investigation period is **1 July 2025** to **30 June 2026**. I will examine exports to Australia of the goods during this period to determine whether dumping and/or subsidisation has occurred. I will examine details of the Australian market from **1 July 2022** for the purposes of injury analysis.

Where the Minister for Industry and Innovation and Minister for Science (the Minister) is satisfied, as to goods of any kind, that:

(a) the amount of the export price of the goods that have been exported to Australia is less than the normal value of those goods, and the amount of the export price of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future may be less than the normal value of the goods, and

(b) because of that, material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened, or the establishment of an Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered,

the Minister may, by public notice, impose interim dumping duties.[4]

Where the Minister is satisfied, as to goods of any kind, that:

(a) a countervailable subsidy has been received in respect of the goods that have been exported to Australia, and (if applicable) may be received in respect of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future, and

(b) because of that, material injury to an Australian industry producing like goods has been or is being caused or is threatened, or the establishment of an

[4] In accordance with section 269TG of the Act.

Australian industry producing like goods has been or may be materially hindered,

the Minister may, by public notice, impose interim countervailing duties.[5]

Where there are grounds for the Minister to publish a dumping duty notice and/or a countervailing duty notice in respect of the goods, I will examine whether the trade in the dumped or subsidised goods gives rise to retrospective notices being published pursuant to section 269TN of the Act and make recommendations to the Minister accordingly.[6]

Proposed model control code structure

The Commission undertakes model matching using a Model Control Code (MCC) structure to identify key characteristics that will be used to compare the goods exported to Australia and the like goods sold domestically in the country of export.[7]

The table below outlines the Commission's proposed MCC structure for this investigation.

No.	Category	Sub-category	Identifier	Sales data	Cost data
1	Form	Solid sawn	S	Mandatory	Mandatory
		Engineered	E		
2	Grade	MGP10/LVL E10	E10	Mandatory	Mandatory
		MGP12/LVL E12	E12		
		MGP15/LVL E14	E14		
		F5	F5		
3	Treated/Untreated	Treated	T	Mandatory	Mandatory
		Untreated	U		
4	Cross section (centimeters (cm))	Up to and including 28 cm^2	01	Mandatory	Optional
		Greater than 28 cm^2 up to and including 36 cm^2	02		
		Greater than 36 cm^2 up to and including 45 cm^2	03		
		Greater than 45 cm^2 up to and including 56 cm^2	04		
		Greater than 56 cm^2 up to and including 65 cm^2	05		
		Greater than 65 cm^2 up to and including 75 cm^2	06		
		Greater than 75 cm^2 up to and including 85 cm^2	07		
		Greater than 85 cm^2 up to and including 95 cm^2	08		

[5] In accordance with section 269TJ of the Act.
[6] In accordance with sections 269TG(1) and TJ(1) of the Act.
[7] Guidance on the Commission's approach to model matching is in the Dumping and Subsidy Manual, available at www.atrc.gov.au.

No.	Category	Sub-category	Identifier	Sales data	Cost data
		Greater than 95 cm^2 up to and including 105 cm^2	09		
		Greater than 105 cm^2 up to and including 120 cm^2	10		
		Greater than 120 cm^2	11		

For the cross section MCC category, the above ranges capture the following standard like goods/subject goods sizes:

Cross-section range	Size captured	MCC identifier
Up to 28 cm²	70 × 35 mm (24.5cm²)	01
Over 28 cm² up to 36 cm²	70 × 45 mm and 90 × 35 mm (31.5 cm²)	02
Over 36 cm² up to 45 cm²	90 × 45 mm (40.5 cm²) and 120 x 35 (42 cm²)	03
Over 45 cm² up to 56 cm²	140 × 35 mm (49.0 cm²) and 120 x 45 (54 cm²)	04
Over 56 cm² up to 65 cm²	140 × 45 mm (63.0 cm²)	05
Over 65 cm² up to 75 cm²	190 × 35 mm (66.5 cm²)	06
Over 75 cm² up to 85 cm²	240 × 35 mm (84.0 cm²)	07
Over 85 cm² up to 95 cm²	190 × 45 mm (85.5 cm²)	08
Over 95 cm² up to 105 cm²	290 × 35 mm (101.5 cm²)	09
Over 105 cm² up to 120 cm²	240 × 45 mm (108.0 cm²)	10
Over 120 cm²	290 × 45 mm (130.5 cm²)	11

Proposals to modify the proposed MCC structure should be raised as soon as is practicable, but no later than **23 December 2026**.

Interested parties are encouraged to make a submission on whether any proposed modifications to the MCC structure should be accepted by the Commission. Any changes to the MCC structure will be considered by the Commission and reported in verification reports or in the statement of essential facts (SEF).

Public record

I must maintain a public record of each investigation. Documents included in the public record are available at www.atrc.gov.au.

The public record will contain, among other things, a copy of the application, CON 724 and copies of all non-confidential submissions from interested parties. Letters and electronic mail are generally regarded as submissions if they contain information relevant to the investigation.

Lodgement of submissions

Interested parties, as defined by section 269T(1) of the Act, are invited to lodge submissions concerning the publication of the dumping and countervailing duty notices sought in the application, no later than the close of business on **23 December 2026**.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Director
Investigation 2
GPO Box 2013
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia

or by email to investigations2@atrc.gov.au.

Interested parties wishing to participate in the investigation must ensure that submissions are lodged by the due date. Interested parties should note that I am not obliged to have regard to a submission received after the date above if to do so would, in my opinion, prevent the timely placement of the SEF on the public record pursuant to section 269TDAA(3) of the Act.

Interested parties should also note that I am directed to consider the matters set out in the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-cooperation) Direction 2015* in certain circumstances.[8] This is available at: www.legislation.gov.au.

Interested parties may reply to matters raised by other parties during the course of the investigation and in response to the SEF.

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”).

Lodgement of exporter questionnaires

Exporters of the goods to Australia are invited to participate in this investigation by completing the exporter questionnaire and the associated spreadsheets by **23 December 2026**.

The exporter questionnaire and the associated spreadsheets are available under the case information for case number 724.[9] Alternatively, exporters can email investigations2@atrc.gov.au and the Commission will forward the exporter questionnaire and spreadsheets for completion.

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[8] Certain powers and functions under the *Customs (Extensions of Time and Non-cooperation) Direction 2015* have been delegated to the Australian Trade Remedies Commission’s Deputy Commissioners (Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2017/10, available at: www.atrc.gov.au refers).

[9] This can be found under ‘current cases and their electronic public record’ on the Commission’s website.

Provisional measures

Pursuant to section 269TD of the Act, I may make a preliminary affirmative determination (PAD) provided I am satisfied that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice or there appears that there will be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice subsequent to the importation of the goods into Australia. This can occur no earlier than day 60 of an investigation.

In accordance with section 269TD of the Act, the Commonwealth may apply provisional measures, including the taking of securities under section 42 of the Act, in respect of interim dumping and/or countervailing duty that may become payable on the goods, where, a PAD has been made, and the Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to prevent material injury to an Australian industry occurring while the investigation continues.

Where a PAD is not made 60 days after initiation of the investigation, the *Customs (Preliminary Affirmative Determinations) Direction 2015* (the PAD Direction) directs me to publish a status report providing reasons why a PAD was not made. The PAD Direction is available on the Federal Register of Legislation website at www.legislation.gov.au.

Statement of essential facts

The dates specified in this notice for lodging submissions must be observed to enable me to report to the Minister within the legislative timeframe. In accordance with section 269TDAA of the Act, a SEF will be placed on the public record by **8 March 2027**,[10] or by such later date as allowed in accordance with section 269ZHI of the Act.[11] The SEF will set out the essential facts on which I propose to base my recommendations to the Minister. Interested parties are invited to lodge submissions in response to the SEF within 20 days of it being placed on the public record.

Submissions received in response to the SEF within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record will be taken into account in completing the report and recommendation to the Minister. Pursuant to section 269TEA(4) of the Act, I am not obliged to have regard to submissions received more than 20 days following the publication of the SEF if to do so would, in my opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the report to the Minister.

Report to the Minister

A recommendation to the Minister will be made in a report on or before **20 April 2027** (or such later date as allowed under section 269ZHI of the Act), on the basis of the examination of exportations of the goods to Australia during the investigation period, unless I terminate the investigation.

The Minister must make a declaration within 30 days after receiving the report, or such longer period as the Minister considers appropriate.

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[10]The due date is 6 March 2027, however, as this falls on a Sunday, the effective due date is the following business day.

[11]On 14 January 2017, certain powers and functions of the Minister under section 269ZHI of the Act were delegated to the Commissioner of the Australian Trade Remedies Commission. Refer to Anti-Dumping Notice No 2017/10 for further information.

At the time of publishing either a PAD or a Status Report on day 60, the Commission will further evaluate the time required to complete this investigation. If an extension of time is required to publish the SEF and to provide a recommendation to the Minister, the Commission will publish a TRN notifying interested parties of these revised dates.

Anti-Dumping Review Panel

Certain persons will have the right to seek review with the Anti-Dumping Review Panel in accordance with Division 9 of Part XVB of the Act in relation to a decision by me to terminate the investigation or a decision of the Minister to publish or not to publish a dumping duty notice and/or countervailing duty notice after considering my report.

Interested party list

Throughout the investigation, the Commission will maintain an internal list of interested parties. Updates on the investigation will be sent to parties on this list. If you would like to be added to the interested party list, please email investigations2@atrc.gov.au.

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Interested parties are invited to subscribe to receive weekly notifications on updates to cases, notices and measures on the Australian Trade Remedies Commission's website.

Australian Trade Remedies Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to client support on telephone number 02 6243 6000 or via investigations2@atrc.gov.au.

David Latina
Commissioner
Australian Trade Remedies Commission

16 November 2026