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## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2019/15**

### **Steel Reinforcing Bar (rebar)**

**Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, Greece, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, the Republic of Spain, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand**

### **Initiation of Exemption Inquiries Nos. EX0070, EX0071 and EX0072**

*Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have initiated exemption inquiries in relation anti-dumping measures applying to steel reinforcing bar (rebar) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), Greece, the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), the Republic of Korea (Korea), Singapore, Spain, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand).

The exemption category being sought for each inquiry is under subsection 8(7)(a) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under this provision the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the Minister) may exempt goods from interim dumping duty and dumping duty if 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, in the form of dumping duty notices, were initially imposed on rebar as follows:

- By public notice on 19 November 2015,<sup>1</sup> by the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, following consideration of *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 264* (REP 264). Following review of the then Parliamentary Secretary's decision by the Anti-Dumping Review Panel, the

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<sup>1</sup> [ADN 2015/133](#)

notice was amended to exclude exports by Nervacero S.A. (Spain).<sup>2</sup> These measures are applicable to all exporters from Korea, Singapore, Spain (except Nervacero S.A.) and Taiwan (except Power Steel Co. Ltd).

- By public notice with an effective date of 14 April 2016,<sup>3</sup> by the then Assistant Minister for Science and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, following consideration of *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 300* (REP 300). These measures are applicable to all exporters from China.
- By public notice with an effective date of 8 March 2018<sup>4</sup> by the then Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Jobs and Innovation, following consideration of *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 418* (REP 418). These measures are applicable to all exporters from Greece, Indonesia (excluding PT Ispat Panca Putera and PT Putra Baja Deli), Thailand and selected exporters from Spain (by Nervacero S.A) and Taiwan (by Power Steel Co. Ltd).

The goods to which current Anti-Dumping measures apply are<sup>5</sup>:

*Hot-rolled deformed steel reinforcing bar whether or not in coil form, commonly identified as rebar or debar, in various diameters up to and including 50 millimetres, containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process.*

*The goods covered by this application include all steel reinforcing bar meeting the above description regardless of the particular grade, alloy content or coating.*

*Goods excluded from this application are plain round bar, stainless steel and reinforcing mesh.*

The goods are classified to the tariff subheadings and statistical codes listed in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

Tariff Subheading	Statistical Code
7213.10.00	42
7214.20.00	47
7227.90.10	69
7227.90.90	01, 02, 04
7228.30.10	70
7228.30.90	40
7228.60.10	72
7228.30.90	49

<sup>2</sup> ADRP Report No. 34 refers, and is available at <https://www.adreviewpanel.gov.au>.

<sup>3</sup> [ADN 2016/39](#).

<sup>4</sup> [ADN 2018/10](#).

<sup>5</sup> As described in [ADN 2015/133](#), [ADN 2016/39](#) and [ADN 2018/10](#).

## The Exemption Goods

Three applications for exemption have been made to the Minister by International Drilling Equipment Pty Ltd and are relevant to this notice.

The goods the subject of these exemption inquiries are:

Case number	Exemption goods description
EX0070	40 mm steel threadbar grade strength 500N
EX0071	28 mm steel threadbar grade strength 500N
EX0072	fully threaded prestressing steel threadbar with a grade strength of 885 MPa to 1100 MPa and diameters of 15 mm to 75 mm

The applicant provided further details as follows:

### *EX0070 and EX0071*

- The rib geometry is completely different from steel reinforcing bar. It is a continuously rolled coarse thread onto which steel nuts and couplers can be screwed anywhere along the entire length of the threadbar. This is impossible with standard stock reinforcing bars as they are not threaded.
- Threadbar is used in ground applications such as rock bolting/anchoring as well as soil nailing.
- Threadbar can be readily modified on site because the continuous thread allows couplers and joiners to be used to extend the bars and for end anchorage such as nuts and plates to be installed at any position along the threadbar.
- Design engineers specify threadbar instead of reinforcing bars, because machining a thread on rebar reduces the strength of the bar at the point where the machining has occurred. There are also significant lead times involved in machining a thread onto rebar due to the galvanizing process.

### *EX0072*

- The rib geometry is completely different from steel reinforcing bar. It is a continuously rolled coarse thread onto which steel nuts and couplers can be screwed anywhere along the entire length of the threadbar. This is impossible with standard stock reinforcing bars as they are not threaded.
- Threadbar can be readily modified on site because the continuous thread allows couplers and joiners to be used to extend the bars and for end anchorage such as nuts and plates to be installed at any position along the threadbar.
- Fully threaded prestressing steel threadbar is unique in that it has “double the strength of reinforcing bar”, “has stringent mechanical properties including elongation, ductility and relaxation” and “allows for effective and sufficient stressing against concrete and rock”.
- Design engineers specify fully threaded prestressing steel threadbar instead of threadbar with a grade strength of 500N because of the higher maximum yield strength.

- The prestressing steel threadbar required by the applicant has diameters which range from 15 mm to 75 mm and yield strengths of between 885 MPa to 1100 MPa and is “not currently made by Australian Industry”.

These exemption inquiries will examine whether the goods the subject of the applications satisfy the conditions of subsection 8(7)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act.

### **The Current Inquiries**

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing steel reinforcing bar and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Minister whether the exemption goods should be exempted 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 for each inquiry. This notice, along with a non-confidential version of the applications and any non-confidential submissions that are received, will be published on the public record, available at [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au).

### **Lodgment of Submissions**

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning these inquiries no later than the close of business on **4 March 2019** addressed to:

The Director, Investigations 4  
Anti-Dumping Commission  
GPO Box 2013  
Canberra ACT 2601

or email [investigations4@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations4@adcommission.gov.au) or fax to (03) 8539 2499 or +61 3 8539 2499 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in these inquiries 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 "For Official Use Only".

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 recommendations to the Minister.

**Anti-Dumping Commission contact**

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager, on telephone number +61 2 6102 9258 or email [investigations4@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations4@adcommission.gov.au).

Dale Seymour  
Commissioner  
Anti-Dumping Commission

25 January 2019