Anti-Dumping Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2021/089

Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel

Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Initiation of Exemption Inquiry No. EX0084

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 zinc coated (galvanised) steel (the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of India (India), Malaysia, the Republic of Korea (the ROK), Taiwan and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam).

The exemption category being sought is under sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the 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, in the form of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice, were initially imposed on the goods by public notice on 5 August 2013 by the then Attorney-General following consideration of *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No. 190* (REP 190) and *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No. 193* (REP 193).

Exports of the goods from China, India, Malaysia, the ROK, Taiwan and Vietnam are subject to dumping duty and exports of the goods from China and India are subject to countervailing duty. A number of exporters are exempt from the duties. Certain goods subject to specified Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) are also exempt from the duties.

Details of these exemptions can be found in the Dumping Commodity Register on the Commission's <u>website</u>.

The Exemption Goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry are certain galvanised steel ("the exemption goods") meeting the following specific characteristics:

Coils, non-alloy steel, hot rolled, zinc coated complying with American Society for Testing and Materials Standard A653 / A653M - 11 (ASTM A653/A653M-11) or ASTM A653/653M-20, having ALL of the following:

- (a) thickness NOT less than 2.75mm and NOT greater than 6.0mm;
- (b) width NOT less than 784mm and NOT greater than 1,263mm;
- (c) minimum yield strength NOT less than 330 MPa;
- (d) minimum tensile strength NOT less than 430 MPa;
- (e) inside diameter NOT less than 500mm and NOT greater than 710mm;
- (f) zinc coating mass NOT less than 0.080 kg/m2 per side;
- (g) weight NOT less than 14 metric tonnes;
- (h) chemical composition by weight of ALL of the following:
 - (i) carbon content NOT greater than 0.20%;
 - (ii) manganese content NOT less than 0.30% and NOT greater than 0.90%;
 - (iii) phosphorus content NOT greater than 0.03%;
 - (iv) sulphur content NOT greater than 0.03%;
 - (v) chromium content less than 0.30%;
 - (vi) molybdenum content less than 0.08%;
 - (vii) aluminium content NOT greater than 0.10%;
 - (viii) copper content NOT greater than 0.25%;
 - (ix) nickel content NOT greater than 0.25%;
 - (x) titanium content NOT greater than 0.04%;
 - (xi) vanadium content less than 0.10%;
 - (xii) silicon content NOT greater than 0.45%

The exemption goods are generally classified to tariff subheadings 7210.49.00 (statistical codes 55, 56, 57 and 58), 7212.30.00 (statistical code 61), 7225.92.00 (statistical code 38) and 7226.99.00 (statistical code 71) of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. The exemption goods are identical to those described in TCO Number 1328432¹ with the exception of the characteristic for inside diameter.

¹ Available on the Australian Border Force website.

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

The Current Inquiry

An application for an exemption under sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act has been made to the Minister by Austube Mills Pty Ltd (ATM). In relation to the exemption goods, the applicant claims 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.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing the goods and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Minister whether the 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. 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.

Lodgement of Submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than 21 days after publication of this notice, addressed to:

Investigations
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or email <u>investigations@adcommission.gov.au</u>, or fax to (03) 8539 2499 or +61 3 8539 2499 (outside Australia).

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 email investigations@adcommission.gov.au.

Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission 9 July 2021