Anti-Dumping Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO 2021/107

Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel

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

Findings of an Exemption Inquiry No EX0084

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have completed an exemption inquiry in relation to zinc coated (galvanised) steel (the goods) subject to anti-dumping measures. The anti-dumping measures apply to 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 was sought pursuant to 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, Energy and Emissions Reduction (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. The then Attorney-General imposed the measures 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. Exports of the goods from China and India are subject to dumping duty and countervailing duty. A number of exporters are not subject to measures. 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 1328432,¹ with the exception of the characteristic for inside diameter.

The inquiry

Austube Mills Pty Ltd (ATM) lodged an application on 24 June 2021 for an exemption from the anti-dumping measures under sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act. I initiated an exemption inquiry on 12 July 2021.

¹ Available on the Australian Border Force website.

In the process of conducting the inquiry, I sought information from interested parties by public notice,² including the Australian industry producing like goods. BlueScope Steel Ltd is the sole Australian industry member and responded that it did not oppose the exemption. I did not receive a response from any other interested party.

Based on the available information, I made a recommendation to the Minister that he exempt the exemption goods from the duties in accordance with sections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act.

The Minister has accepted my recommendation and has exempted the exemption goods from the duties through *Ministerial Exemption Instrument No. 2 of 2021*.

The exemption takes effect from 24 June 2021, being the date of ATM's application.

Further Information

If importers believe that goods they are importing are exempted from dumping and countervailing duty (in accordance with this exemption instrument), they may enter the goods for home consumption via the Integrated Cargo System and select the exemption category 'GOODS'. No dumping or countervailing duties will be applied to the shipment.

Parties seeking a refund of duties already paid should contact the Commission's client support team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The exemption granted as a result of this inquiry may be subject to review and may be revoked by the Minister if circumstances change.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Commission's client support team on 13 28 46 or for international callers +61 2 6213 6000 or by email at: clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au

Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission 20 December 2021

² ADN No 2021/089

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