

Anti-Dumping Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2024/54

Hollow structural sections (HSS) exported from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan

Findings of Exemption Inquiry No 0099

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Isolde Lueckenhausen, the Acting Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have completed exemption inquiry EX0099. This inquiry is about certain hollow structural sections (HSS, or the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (ROK), Malaysia and Taiwan. Exports of the goods from these countries are subject to anti-dumping measures.

The exemption was sought 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 and Science (the Minister) may exempt goods from interim dumping duty, dumping duty, interim countervailing duty and countervailing duty (collectively, the duties) 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 a dumping duty notice and countervailing duty notice, were initially imposed on the goods exported from China, the ROK, Malaysia and Taiwan by public notice on 3 July 2012.¹ This followed the then Minister for Home Affairs' consideration of *International Trade Remedies Branch Report No 177*.

The dumping duty notice applies to all exporters from China, the ROK, Malaysia and Taiwan other than Kukje Steel Co Ltd and Hi-Steel Co Ltd.

The countervailing duty notice applies to all exporters from China other than Huludao City Steel Pipe Industrial Co. Ltd, Qingdao Xiangxing Steel Pipe Co and Dalian Steelforce Hi-Tech Co Ltd.

For further details as to the anti-dumping measures and the duties, refer to the Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) website, <u>www.adcommission.gov.au</u>.

¹ ADN No. 2012/31 contains details of the measures imposed at that time.

The goods subject to measures may be classified under the following subheadings in Schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*:

| Tariff subheading | Statistical codes |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 7306.30.00 | 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 |
| 7306.61.00 | 21, 22, 25 |
| 7306.69.00 | 10 |
| 7306.50.00* | 45* |
| 7306.61.00* | 90* |

* Note: The tariff subheadings (7306.61.00 (90) and 7306.50.00 (45)) only apply to the following exporters/suppliers:

- Dalian Steelforce Hi-Tech Co. (China)
- Tianjin Friend Steel Pipe Co. Ltd (China)
- Tianjin Ruitong Iron and Steel Co. Ltd (China)
- Roswell S A R Ltd (China) and
- Alpine Pipe Manufacturing SDN BHD (Malaysia).

The exemption goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry (the exemption goods) are:

Steel electric resistance welded pipe, circular, seamless, JIS G3445 Standard, cold drawn, internally grooved, in the following sizes:

- 51.0 mm Outside Diameter x 47.0 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm
- 63.5 mm Outside Diameter x 59.5 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm
- 76.2 mm Outside Diameter x 72.2 mm Inside Diameter, Wall Thickness 2.0mm

Having all of the following specifications:

- Length ranging from 4.0 metres to 5.8 metres or from 5.8 metres to 8.9 metres;
- Surface roughness (Ra) no greater than 1.6 micrometres;
- Outside and inside diameter tolerance no greater than +/- 0.1mm;
- Straightness tolerance 0.1mm; and
- E355-SR grade steel (JIS G3445 STKM 11A-E-C), cold drawn and stress relieved in a controlled atmosphere.

<u>The inquiry</u>

An application was lodged by Schiavello Manufacturing Pty Ltd on 22 December 2023. After examining the application, I initiated an exemption inquiry on 25 January 2024.

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 reasons for my recommendation are set out in *Exemption Inquiry Report No 0099* (REP EX0099).

The Minister has accepted my recommendation and has exempted the exemption goods from the duties through *Ministerial Exemption Instrument No 2 of 2024* (the exemption instrument). The exemption takes effect from 22 December 2023.

A copy of REP EX0099 and the exemption instrument is available on the commission website (<u>www.adcommission.gov.au</u>).

Further information

If importers believe that goods they are importing are exempted from the duties in accordance with the exemption instrument, when they or their broker enter these goods for home consumption via the Integrated Cargo System, the exemption category 'GOODS' should be selected and no interim dumping or interim countervailing duties will be applied to the shipment. Parties seeking a refund of the duties already paid should contact the commission's client support team on 13 28 46 or +61 2 6213 6000 or email <u>clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

The decision to grant the exemption does not prevent further applications for exemptions from the duties being considered. Parties can apply for an exemption where they believe their goods satisfy any of the conditions for exemption detailed in sections 8(7) and 10(8) of the Dumping Duty Act. Further information on the application process can be found on the commission's website.

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 on 13 28 46 or +61 2 6213 6000 or by email at <u>clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

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