



TRADE MEASURES BRANCH LIAISON STATEMENT

General information

Trade Measures Branch provides liaison services and guidance to clients regarding anti-dumping and countervailing matters.

Our clients:

- Australian industry;
- Australian and foreign Governments;
- Importers;
- Exporters to Australia;
- Brokers and freight forwarders;
- International organisations (e.g. WTO);
- Industry associations;
- Other Australian Government Departments and
- Other Customs and Border Protection staff.

Our role

To provide guidance to our clients on:

- New and existing anti-dumping and countervailing measures;
- Reviews or revocations of existing measures;
- Dumping duty assessments;
- Applications for continuation of existing measures past the five-year expiration date.
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In addition we provide assistance and advice on entering goods affected by anti-dumping and countervailing measures and, through monitoring, ensure compliance with the measures.

We will do this by:

- Providing written and/or oral responses to enquiries within 15 days of receipt of your email or written correspondence. If we cannot fully answer your query in that time, we will give you an interim response and advise you as to when a final response can be expected;
- Providing guidance on the information requirements and format of all applications and submissions;
- Providing guidance on anti-dumping and countervailing processes and procedures;
- Where appropriate, providing the opportunity for face-to-face meetings to discuss any issues arising from the application;

- Reviewing draft applications to ensure they are properly documented and providing comment within 10 working days and, as necessary, providing a deficiency list to assist in amending the draft application;
- Publishing material relating to anti-dumping and countervailing measures and making it available through various media;
- Providing information on how to enter goods subject to anti-dumping and countervailing measures;
- Ensuring compliance with measures through a monitoring program and providing feedback where appropriate; and,
- Ensuring Trade Measures staff are trained to respond to liaison inquiries.

What we can't do:

- We cannot write an application or submission on your behalf; and,
- When assessing your draft application at the pre-lodgement stage, we cannot provide advice on the merits of your case. Should you supply the additional information suggested of the assessment, this does not guarantee initiation when you lodge a formal application. Information regarding the pre-lodgement screening process can be found in the Dumping and Subsidy Manual at www.Customs.gov.au.

Once you have contacted the Trade Measures Branch for advice:

The officer who provides the advice will be required to fully brief the assigned case officer with the following:

- Details of the nature of your initial inquiry; and
- Provide a report to the case officer of the advice that has been provided to you including any request for further information requirements.

Service for small to medium enterprises (SME's)

SMEs are defined as firms with less than 200 full time equivalent employees and/or less than \$10 million turnover (ABS). SMEs can be industry, importer or exporter firms. The liaison officer will advise SMEs on how to lodge an application, the investigative process and provide general assistance.

How to contact us

All initial inquiries should be directed to Trade Measures Branch Liaison as follows:

- Telephone (+61 2) 6275 6066
- By facsimile (+61 2) 6275 6888
- By email at tmliaison@customs.gov.au
- By writing to

Liaison
 Trade Measures Branch
 Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
 5 Constitution Avenue
 Canberra ACT 2601
 Australia

More information

Other publications relating to anti-dumping include:

- Dumping and Subsidies – An introductory guide to Australia’s laws;
- Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Investigation Process – How it works;
- Dumping Commodities Register – Introduction to ICS.

These documents, Australian Customs Dumping Notices (ACDNs) and other useful material are available at: www.customs.gov.au

If you have a comment regarding our performance please contact:

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