



Australian Government

**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2009/47

Recognition of market economy status for Vietnam for anti-dumping purposes

Regulation changes to Schedule 1B of the *Customs Regulations 1926*

In February 2009 Australia and Vietnam agreed to the recognition of market economy status (MES) for Vietnam following the signing of the Association of South Asian Nations (ASEAN) – Australia and New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA). It was agreed that MES must occur before the date of entry into force of AANZFTA by 1 January 2010.

In order to facilitate the recognition of MES for Vietnam, regulation changes to Schedule 1B of the *Customs Regulations 1926* (the Customs Regulations) were required so that the “economies in transition” provisions contained in Part XVB of the *Customs Act 1901* do not apply (for anti-dumping purposes) to Vietnam.

An amending regulation to add Vietnam to Schedule 1B of the Customs Regulations has been enacted and was effective on and from 16 December 2009.

As a result, Vietnam will no longer be treated as an economy in transition for anti-dumping purposes by the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service from the date specified above.

These regulation changes will not affect current anti-dumping cases, as there are no ongoing anti-dumping cases or anti-dumping measures for commodities exported from Vietnam.

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