



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2006/23

Polyvinyl chloride homopolymer resin exported from the United States of America - initiation of continuation inquiry

The Australian Customs Service (Customs) will conduct an inquiry into whether it should recommend to the Minister for Justice and Customs (the Minister) that anti-dumping measures continue to apply to polyvinyl chloride homopolymer resin (PVC) exported to Australia from the United States of America (USA).

The goods covered by the anti-dumping duty notice are polyvinyl chloride homopolymer resin, classified under sub-heading 3904.10.00, statistical code 18, in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

On 13 March 2006, Customs announced that anti-dumping measures currently applying to imports of PVC from the USA were due to expire on 22 January 2007 and invited interested parties to apply for the continuation of those measures. The measures applying to the goods described above are subject to specified normal values and non-injurious free on board prices.

Customs has received an application from Australian Vinyls Corporation Limited (AVC), the Australian producer of like goods to the goods to which the notice applies, for the continuation of the measures for a further period of five years.

Interested parties are invited to lodge submissions concerning the continuation of the measures. Submission should be made as soon as possible, but no later than 11 July 2006.

Submissions in response to this notice may be lodged (by pre-paid post or delivered) with:

Director
Operations 2
Trade Measures Branch
Australian Customs Service
5 Constitution Ave
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Or by fax on (02) 6275 6888

Two copies each of non-confidential and confidential submissions should be provided. Submissions provided in confidence must be clearly marked "In-Confidence".

All non-confidential submissions will be placed on the public record for this inquiry together with a copy of all relevant correspondence between Customs and other persons. The public record is held at the above address and arrangements can be made to inspect the material held by contacting Trade Measures office management on (02) 6275 6547.

During the inquiry, Customs will examine whether the expiration of the measures would lead, or would be likely to lead, to a continuation of, or a recurrence of, the dumping and the material injury that the anti-dumping measures are intended to prevent.

A statement of essential facts (SEF) will be placed on the public record within 110 days, 19 September 2006 (or by such later date as the Minister may allow in accordance with s. 269ZHI), setting out the facts on which the CEO proposes to base the recommendations to the Minister. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to Customs in response to the SEF

within 20 days of that SEF being placed on the public record.

A report and recommendation to the Minister will be made by day 155, 3 November 2006 (or by such later date as the Minister may allow in accordance with s. 269ZHI).

Interested parties (as defined) are invited to examine the public file, on request, at Customs House, 5 Constitution Ave Canberra. Please ring Trade Measures Branch management on 02 6275 6547 for an appointment.

For further information regarding this inquiry, please contact the Director Operations 2 on phone (02) 6275 6044, fax (02) 6275 6888 or e-mail tmops2@customs.gov.au. All dumping notices are available on the Customs website on the Internet at www.customs.gov.au.

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