



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2006/50

Termination of part of the investigation - certain hollow structural sections exported from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 – PART XVB

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has terminated part of the above investigation into the alleged dumping of certain hollow structural sections (HSS) exported to Australia so far as it relates to the following exporters from Thailand: Saha Thai Steel Pipe Co., Ltd (Saha) and Pacific Pipe Public Company Limited (Pacific Pipe).

Customs initiated an investigation on 8 June 2006 following an application by Smorgon Steel Tube Mills Pty Ltd, OneSteel Trading Pty Ltd and Orrcon Operations Pty Ltd on behalf of the Australian industry. Saha and Pacific Pipe were identified as the only exporters of HSS from Thailand during the investigation period (1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005). Saha and Pacific Pipe both responded to the exporter's questionnaire and Customs' officers visited Saha in July 2006 and Pacific in July and August 2006 to verify the information contained therein. The investigation teams' findings are summarised in the respective exporters' visit reports. A copy of Saha's exporter visit report was placed on the public record on 15 September 2006. A copy of Pacific Pipe's exporter visit report was placed on the public record on 13 October 2006. In making his decision, the CEO took into consideration all responses to the exporter visit reports.

As a result of investigations covering the period from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005, the CEO was satisfied that there had been no dumping of HSS to Australia from Thailand by Saha and Pacific Pipe. The investigation was terminated in accordance with s. 269TDA(1) of the *Customs Act 1901* in so far as it relates to those exporters.

The investigation into the alleged dumping of certain HSS by exporters other than Saha and Pacific Pipe will continue. On or before 7 November 2006, Customs will place on the public record a statement of essential facts on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister for Justice and Customs in relation to the application.

A notice of the decision to terminate will be published in the *Australian* as soon as possible.

Division 9 of Part XVB of the Act allows the applicant to request a review of this decision. A request for a review can be made by lodging an application with the Trade Measures Review Officer, in the approved manner and form, within 30 days of publication of the notice.

The Trade Measures Review Officer details are

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