



Australian Government

**Australian Customs and
Border Protection Service**

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2009/14

Hot Dip Galvanised Steel Pipe exported to Australia from Thailand

Initiation of Continuation Inquiry

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) will inquire into whether the continuation of anti-dumping measures in respect of hot dip galvanised (HDG), welded, circular hollow section (CHS), steel pipe exported from Thailand is justified. The inquiry will commence on 9 June 2009.

The goods subject to anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice, are HDG CHS steel pipe in nominal sizes DN 15-100, commonly produced to a standard such as British Standard BS1387 or Australian Standard AS1074 (the goods). The goods are classified to the tariff subheading 7306.30.00, statistical codes 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, in Schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

The Minister responsible for Customs, following consideration of Trade Measures Report No 11, initially imposed the measures on 17 February 2000. After ministerial consideration of Trade Measures Report No 84 in 2005, the measures were continued for a further five years.

On 16 March 2009, the CEO gave public notice that anti-dumping measures applying to imports of the goods from Thailand were due to expire. OneSteel Australian Tube Mills Pty Ltd (OneSteel ATM), the Australian industry producing like goods, lodged an application for the continuation of anti-dumping measures on 15 May 2009.

During the inquiry, Customs and Border Protection 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.

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning the continuation of the measures with:

The Director,
Operations 1, Trade Measures Branch
Customs House, 5 Constitution Avenue
Canberra ACT 2601,

or by facsimile number 02 6275 6990, or by email tmops1@customs.gov.au,
not later than 19 July 2009.

Confidential submissions must be clearly marked "In-Confidence" and be accompanied by two non-confidential versions suitable for placement on the public record. 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 Border Protection and other persons.

A statement of the essential facts (SEF) on which the CEO proposes to base a recommendation to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) will be placed on the public record by 28 September 2009 (or such longer period as the Minister allows under s. 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act)). Interested parties are invited to lodge submissions in response to the SEF within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record. Submissions to the SEF should be lodged with Customs and Border Protection at the above mail, fax, or email addresses.

A report and recommendation to the Minister will be made by 11 November 2009 (or such longer period as the Minister allows under s. 269ZHI of the Act). Unless the Minister, after considering that report, decides to take steps to secure the continuation of the anti-dumping measures, they will expire on 17 February 2010.

Particulars of the reasons for the decision to initiate this inquiry are shown in a report held on the public record. Interested parties wishing to examine the public record may do so at <http://adpr.customs.gov.au/Customs> or at Customs House, 5 Constitution Avenue, Canberra ACT during business hours by contacting Trade Measures office management on telephone number 02 6275 6547.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number 02 6275 6729 or e-mail tmops1@customs.gov.au. The report and all dumping notices are available on the Customs and Border Protection's internet website at www.customs.gov.au.

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