



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2009/04

Draft Subsidy Manual

Customs dumping and subsidy manual is designed to promote a consistent approach to investigations, findings and decisions. It provides interested members of the community with an explanation of the practices used by the Trade Measures Branch in conducting anti-dumping and countervailing investigations.

A draft revised Customs dumping manual was released for comment on 12 December 2008. Submissions in response to that draft are due with Customs by no later than close of business 27 January 2009.

To supplement the dumping manual, Customs has prepared a draft subsidy manual (exposure draft) dealing with key aspects of countervailing investigations such as:

- Identification of a subsidy;
- Specificity;
- Upstream subsidies, and
- Concurrent imposition of countervailing and dumping duties.

The exposure draft outlines the legislative framework and proposed principles and practices to be followed by Customs in conducting countervailing investigations.

Customs invites all stakeholders to provide comment on the exposure draft. The document can be found on Customs website by following the anti-dumping link in the main menu and going to the 'Reference Material' page. The document is under the heading 'Documents for Comment - January 2009'.

Submissions on the exposure draft should be made in writing and received by Customs no later than close of business 20 February 2009, addressed to:

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Trade Measures Branch
Customs House
5 Constitution Ave
CANBERRA ACT 2601
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To enable Customs to properly assess stakeholder comments, submissions should clearly reference issues raised to specific line numbers contained in the exposure draft.

Following consideration of received submissions, Customs intends publishing a revised dumping and subsidy manual on Customs internet site and will also issue an ACDN at the time advising when it will take effect.

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