



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2006/39

Certain hollow structural sections from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand

Extension of time for publication of the statement of essential facts

On 8 June 2006, the Australian Customs Service published an initiation notice for an investigation into the alleged dumping of certain hollow structural sections exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), the Republic of Korea (Korea), Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand.

A full description of the goods is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No 2006/25 advising initiation of the investigation. This ACDN is available on the internet at <http://www.customs.gov.au>.

The initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) would be placed on the public record by 26 September 2006. The SEF sets out the facts on which Customs proposes to base its recommendations to the Minister.

In view of the large number of identified exporters, Customs' undertook a selection exercise in respect of exporters in China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan. This process resulted in delays in exporters responding to the exporter questionnaire and Customs verification of relevant information required for its assessment of export prices and normal values. Customs also experienced delays in obtaining and verifying data from interested parties generally. Consequently, Customs requested an extension of the deadline for the publication of the SEF.

The Minister for Justice and Customs has, under s. 269ZH1 of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline. The SEF will now be placed on the public record on or before 7 November 2006. Customs will make every effort to publish the SEF at an earlier date if possible.

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 recommendation to the Minister will be made in a report due on or before 22 December 2006.

Enquiries about this notice should be directed to the case management team, by e-mail to tmops4@customs.gov.au, by telephone on (02) 6275 6729 or by facsimile on (02) 6275 6990.

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