



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2014/10

Hot Rolled Structural Steel Sections Exported from Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and Thailand

Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 24 October 2013, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) published a notice announcing the initiation of an investigation into the alleged dumping of hot rolled structural steel sections (HRS) exported to Australia from Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

A full description of the goods is available in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2013/75. This ADN is available on the internet at www.adcommission.gov.au.

The initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) for the investigation would be placed on the public record by 11 February 2014. The SEF will set out the facts on which I propose to base recommendations to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry.

I have requested an extension to the deadline for the publication of the SEF. The prescribed 110 days for publication of a SEF has proven insufficient in this case for the following reasons:

- the Commission's inability to undertake a face to face verification of data and information provided by a major exporter of HRS based in Thailand as a result of political unrest in that country; and
- delays experienced in the investigation as a result of national holidays and business closures in December 2013 and early January 2014 in Australia and in the nominated countries.

The Parliamentary Secretary has, under section 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline for the publication of the SEF. The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than 12 May 2014. Interested parties will be invited to make submissions to the Commission in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record. A recommendation to the Parliamentary Secretary will now be made in a report due on or before 26 June 2014.

Documents included in the public record are available at www.adcommission.gov.au. Alternatively, the public record may be examined at the Commission's office by contacting the case manager on the details provided below.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number +61 3 9244 8270, fax number 1300 882 506 or +61 2 6275 6888 (outside Australia) or operations3@adcommission.gov.au.

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Anti-Dumping Commission
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