Anti-Dumping Commission

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2018/35

Certain Aluminium Extrusions Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China Initiation of an exemption inquiry (EX 0063)

Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975

I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (Commissioner), have initiated an exemption inquiry in relation to certain goods the subject of anti-dumping measures applying to certain aluminium extrusions (aluminium extrusions or 'the goods') exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China).

The exemption category being sought is under subsections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Duty Act). Under these provisions the Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation (Assistant Minister) may exempt goods from dumping and countervailing duties where satisfied:

that like or directly competitive goods are not offered for sale in Australia to all purchasers on equal terms under like conditions having regard to the custom and usage of trade.

The Anti-Dumping Measures

Anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice and countervailing duty notice were initially imposed on aluminium extrusions by public notice on 28 October 2010 following consideration of the *Report to the Minister No. 148* (REP 148). The dumping duty notice and the countervailing duty notice continued in force for a further five years after 28 October 2015 (*Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 287* refers). These measures are applicable to all exporters from China, with the exception of Guangdong Jiangsheng Aluminium Co Ltd.

The Exemption Goods

The goods the subject of the exemption inquiry are aluminium extrusions ("the exemption goods") are described by the applicant as:

| Product Description | Grade | Width [Square / Outside Diameter (round only)] | Wall thickness |
|--|-----------|--|--------------------|
| Thin wall Aluminium Extruded Round Tube | 6063-T595 | 8 mm +/- 0.1 mm | 0.9 mm +/- 0.12 mm |
| Thin wall Aluminium Extruded Square Tube | 6063-T4 | 17 mm +/- 0.2 mm | 0.9 mm +/- 0.1 mm |

The application states that the exemption goods are classified to the following tariff subheadings and statistical codes of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

| Tariff subheading | Statistical code | |
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The Current Inquiry

An application for exemption has been made to the Assistant Minister by Hills Limited, an importer of the goods. The application was first received on 14 November 2017, however a revised version of the application was received on 9 January 2018.

The exemption inquiry will examine whether the goods the subject of the application satisfy the conditions of subsections 8(7)(a) and 10(8)(a) of the Dumping Duty Act.

After making inquiries of the Australian industry producing certain aluminium extrusions and other interested parties, I will recommend to the Assistant Minister whether the goods should be exempted from the anti-dumping measures.

Public Record

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a public record for exemption inquiries. However, in the interests of transparency, a public record will be maintained. This notice, along with a non-confidential version of the application and any non-confidential submissions that are received, will be published on the public record, available at www.adcommission.gov.au.

Lodgment of Submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than the close of business on **18 May 2018**, addressed to:

The Director, Investigations 1 Anti-Dumping Commission GPO Box 2013 CANBERRA ACT 2601

or email: <u>investigations1@adcommission.gov.au</u>, or fax to (03) 8539 2499 or +61 3 8539 2499 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in the inquiry must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their business or commercial interests, must:

- (i) provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests; or
- (ii) satisfy me that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "For Official Use Only". Interested parties must lodge a non-confidential version or a summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above (clearly marked "PUBLIC RECORD").

Report to the Assistant Minister

There is no legislated timeframe for completing the report and recommendation to the Assistant Minister.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number 03 8539 2436 or email Investigations1@adcommission.gov.au.

Dale Seymour Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission

5 April 2018