



**AUSTRALIAN
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

Australian Customs Dumping Notice
No.2000/3

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XV B

**PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION
IN RELATION TO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF PVC BOTTLE
COMPOUND FROM SINGAPORE**

On 11 October 1999, the Australian Customs Service commenced an investigation into the alleged dumping of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) bottle compound exported to Australia from Singapore. This investigation was initiated following an application lodged by Australian Vinyls Corporation Limited, the major Australian manufacturer of PVC bottle compound. Australian Customs Dumping Notice No. 99/041 advised of the initiation of this investigation.

The goods are classified under subheading 3904.21.00, statistical code 19, in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

Pursuant to section 269TD of the *Customs Act 1901*, Customs has made a preliminary affirmative determination that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of exports from Singapore.

Customs has also imposed securities under section 42 of the *Customs Act 1901* in respect of any interim dumping duty that may become payable on exports from Singapore that are entered for home consumption on or after 27 January 2000. These preliminary measures have been imposed to prevent material injury occurring to the Australian industry while Customs completes its investigations and the Minister for Justice and Customs considers Customs' report of its investigation into this matter.

In reaching this preliminary affirmative determination, Customs found evidence that:

- the export price of like goods that have already been exported to Australia is less than the normal value of those goods; and
- the export price of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future is likely to be less than the normal value of the goods; and

- because of that, material injury has been caused to and threatens the Australian industry producing like goods.

The reasons for this determination are set out in a report which has been placed on the public file. The report includes further particulars of how the export prices, normal values and dumping margins were established and of the material injury considerations.

When Customs has completed its report on its investigation and has forwarded it to the Minister, the Minister will decide whether measures are to be imposed and if so, the level of the measures. Depending on the Minister's decision, the securities imposed by this preliminary affirmative determination may be converted to interim duty or refunded.

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