



**AUSTRALIAN  
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**Australian Customs Dumping Notice**  
**No.2000/35**

**CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB**

**PRELIMINARY AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION:  
DUMPING INVESTIGATION INTO EXPORTS OF  
TINPLATE  
FROM TAIWAN**

The Australian Customs Service is investigating whether dumping duties should be imposed on exports of tinsplate from Taiwan. Australian Customs Dumping Notice No. 2000/17 of 30 March 2000 advised the initiation of this investigation.

The goods under investigation are flat rolled coil or cut sheet products of non alloy steel of a thickness of less than 0.5 millimetre and a width of 600 millimetre or more, plated with tin and known as tinsplate. The goods are classified within 7210.12.00, statistical code 19 and are duty free.

In accordance with section 269TD of the *Customs Act 1901*, Customs has made a preliminary affirmative determination that there are sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice on the goods under investigation. In effect, this means that dumping duties may be imposed on the goods.

Pending the completion of this investigation and a final decision by the Minister, Customs has imposed securities on the goods under investigation to prevent further material injury occurring to the Australian industry.

The securities are imposed under section 42 of the *Customs Act 1901* in respect of any interim dumping duty that may become payable on exports of certain tinsplate from Taiwan that are entered for home consumption on or after 23 August 2000. This applies to all goods under investigation except for the following specifications:

- 0.27 millimetre thickness with 2.8/2.8 tin coating full width coil;
- 0.27 millimetre thickness with 2.8/11.2 tin coating full width coil; and
- 0.22 millimetre thickness with 2.8/2.8 tin coating cut sheet.

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 the goods; and

- the export price of like goods that may be exported to Australia in the future may be less than the normal value of the goods; and
- because of that, material injury has been caused to the Australian industry producing like goods.

The reasons for this determination are set out in Statement of Essential Facts No. 26 which includes the material findings of fact or law on which the determination is based and on which Customs proposes to base its recommendations to the Minister. The SEF includes particulars of how the export prices, normal values and dumping margins were established and of the material injury considerations.

Interested parties have an opportunity to respond to the SEF by Thursday 7 September 2000. The SEF sets out the procedures for making submissions. The SEF has been placed on the Public File and may be obtained by contacting Phil Hilyard on telephone number (02) 6275. 6057. Alternatively, the SEF may be located on the Internet at [www.customs.gov.au/notices/statements of essential facts](http://www.customs.gov.au/notices/statements_of_essential_facts)

Customs will have regard to submissions received in response to the SEF in compiling its final report and recommendations to the Minister. The decision on whether or not to impose measures is made by the Minister. Depending on the Minister's decision, the securities may be converted to interim dumping duty or refunded.

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