



**AUSTRALIAN
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

Australian Customs Dumping Notice No. 2000/44

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB

ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES RELATING TO CERTAIN COATED PAPER EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM AUSTRIA AND FINLAND

The Australian Customs Service has completed its Section 269TAG inquiry into woodfree ($\leq 10\%$ mechanical pulp content) white papers coated both sides and sold in sheets. These sheets have a nominal weight from 90 to 150 grams per square metre (gsm) generally referred to as A1 and A2 grade coated paper (A1 grade has a coating weight of more than 20 gsm per side and A2 has approximately 14 to 20 gsm per side). The inquiry was initiated after the Minister for Justice and Customs (the minister) directed Customs to re-examine whether anti-dumping measures should be imposed on exports of the goods by Sappi Gratkorn GmbH (Sappi Gratkorn) of Austria and whether the price undertaking applying to Metsa-Serla Oy Metsa-Serla) (now Forest Alliance Ltd) of Finland was set at the appropriate level. The inquiry commenced on 29 October 1999.

During the course of the inquiry, Customs found the volume of dumped exports from Austria, over a reasonable examination period, did not exceed 3 per cent of the total Australian imports. Customs also considered there was no imminent and foreseeable threat of substantially increased dumped exports of the goods from Austria.

Customs therefore recommended to the minister that certain variable factors and dumping margins in respect of Sappi Gratkorn be determine and refer the matter back to the Chief Executive Officer of Customs for termination. The minister accepted Customs recommendation and the inquiry in respect of Sappi Gratkorn was terminated.

Customs also found that certain variable factors relevant to the level of price undertaking previously made by Metsa-Serla had changed and it had changed its name to Forest Alliance Ltd (Forest Alliance). Customs recommended the minister accept a price undertaking by Metsa-Serla and Forest Alliance that reflected these changed factors.

The notice advising the termination in respect of Sappi Gratkorn and acceptance of a price undertaking from Metsa-Serla and Forest Alliance will be published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* and *The Australian Financial Review* on 20 September 2000.

The level of price undertaking will not be published as it includes confidential information and publication of these figures may adversely affect the business or commercial interests of certain interested parties.

Bona fide importers of the goods can obtain details of the new rates from the Dumping Liaison Officer of Customs in their respective capital city.

Customs Report No. 19 will be sent to all interested parties that participated in the inquiry. Requests for additional copies of the report may be directed to the Trade Measures Branch, Canberra on telephone number (02) 6275 6057 or facsimile (02) 6275 6990. The report is also available on the internet at:

<http://www.customs.gov.au/notices/reports/report19.htm>

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