



**AUSTRALIAN
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

Australian Customs Dumping Notice
No. 2000/5

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XV B

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF HIGH
STRENGTH STRUCTURAL BOLTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA (KOREA) AND TAIWAN**

On 11 October 1999 the Australian Customs Service initiated an investigation into an application lodged by Ajax Fasteners for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of high strength structural bolts exported to Australia from Korea and Taiwan.

The goods under investigation are high strength structural bolts imported separately, or as assemblies consisting of bolts and nuts, with or without washers. The goods are classified within tariff subheadings 7318.15.00 statistical code 29 and 7318.16.00 statistical code 30. The goods, when imported from Korea or Taiwan, are subject to a duty rate of 10%.

Australian Customs Dumping Notice No. 99/040 advised of the initiation of this investigation.

Pursuant to s. 269ZH1 of the *Customs Act 1901*, on 31 January 2000 the Minister granted an extension of a maximum of 21 days for the publication of the statement of essential facts. Customs' has been granted the additional time as:

- the goods being examined are complex in terms of the number of diameters and the range of sizes within each diameter of the bolts;
- the different costing methodologies used by each exporter in Korea has resulted in additional analysis being required to enable comparisons between Korean domestic manufacturing costs;
- complications have resulted from some parts of the goods being manufactured whilst others have been purchased from outside organisations in Korea; and
- the non-cooperation of several of the exporters will involve comparison of data obtained about their exports against other exporter's verified data.

The statement of essential facts sets out the facts on which the CEO proposes to base the recommendations to the Minister. The statement of essential facts will now be placed on the public record on or before 19 February 2000. Customs will make every effort to publish the statement at an earlier date if possible.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions to Customs in response to the statement of essential facts within 20 days of that statement being placed on the public record.

Inquiries about this notice may be directed to Steve Cooper on telephone (02) 6275 6295, and facsimile number (02) 6275 6990.

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