



**AUSTRALIAN  
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**Australian Customs Dumping Notice**  
**No. 2000/9**

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES

**FINDING ON CERTAIN GALVANISED STEEL PIPE EXPORTED  
FROM THAILAND**

The Australian Customs Service (Customs) commenced an investigation on 27 April 1999 after an application lodged by Tubemakers of Australia Limited. The investigation concerned the alleged dumping of hot dip galvanised, welded, circular hollow section, steel pipe in nominal sizes DN 15-100 (HDG CHS steel pipe) exported from Thailand. HDG CHS steel pipe is classified in terms of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* under subheading 7306.30.00, statistical codes 30 to 37.

Customs has completed its investigation and found that:

- there have been dumped exports of HDG CHS steel pipe from Thailand;
- the Australian industry producing HDG CHS steel pipe has suffered material injury in the form of price undercutting, price depression, price suppression, loss of sales, loss of market share and reduced profits and profitability;
- the dumped exports from Thailand have caused material injury to the Australian industry; and
- future exports of HDG CHS steel pipe from Thailand may be dumped.

Customs therefore recommended to the Minister that she impose anti-dumping measures, in the form of interim dumping duty, on exports of HDG CHS steel pipe from Thailand.

The Minister accepted those recommendations and declared that section 8 of the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* applies to exports of HDG CHS steel pipe from Thailand entered for home consumption in Australia on or after 14 September 1999, being the date from which Customs imposed securities.

Trade Measures Report No. 11 of 29 October 1999 (the report) sets out reasons for this decision, including material findings of fact or law on which the decision is based. The report includes particulars of:

- export prices and normal values ascertained for the purposes of anti-dumping measures;

- dumping margins, including an explanation of the methods used to compare export prices and normal values to establish those dumping margins; and
- considerations relevant to the determination of material injury to the Australian industry.

The summary from the report is attached. Copies of the full report are available on request from the Office Manager, Trade Measures Office Management, Australian Customs Service, Canberra, telephone (02) 6275 6057 or facsimile (02) 6275 6990. The report is also available on the internet at:

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

Notification of this decision appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette and the Financial Review of 17 February 2000. The export prices, normal values and non-injurious price reveal confidential details of the companies concerned and these figures will not be released publicly. The amount of interim dumping duty will be ascertained by reference to a measure of the quantity of pipe (tonnes). Interim dumping duties (expressed as a percentage of export price) are set out below.

Exporter	Interim dumping duty by grade of pipe			
	Extra-light	Light	Medium	Heavy
First Steel Industry Co Ltd	33%	22%	20%	-
Pacific Pipe Co Ltd	30%	24%	24%	20%
Saha Thai Steel Pipe Co Ltd	15%	6%	3%	-
Residual rate	27%	17%	14%	13%

Interested parties may request a review of this decision by lodging an application for review with the Trade Measures Review Officer within 30 days of the publication of this notice. An applicant must provide sufficient particulars of the grounds for review and specify the finding or findings to be reviewed. For further information and a copy of the application form, contact the Trade Measures Review Secretariat by telephone on (02) 6250 6220 or facsimile on (02) 6250 5914.

Any questions about this notice may be directed to Justin Wickes by email at [justin.wickes@customs.gov.au](mailto:justin.wickes@customs.gov.au) , telephone on (02) 6275 6346 or facsimile on (02) 6275 6990.

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 17 February 2000

## 1 SUMMARY

This report presents the results of the Australian Customs Service (Customs) investigation into the alleged dumping of hot dip galvanised, welded, circular hollow section (HDG CHS) steel pipe exported to Australia from Thailand.

Tubemakers of Australia Limited (Tubemakers) lodged an application with Customs, on behalf of the Australian industry, requesting that anti-dumping measures be imposed on HDG CHS steel pipe exported to Australia from Thailand. Tubemakers claimed that these exports were dumped and causing material injury to the Australian industry.

The Australian market for HDG CHS steel pipe is supplied by local production and by imports from a number of countries, including Thailand. The two producers of HDG CHS steel pipe in Australia are Tubemakers and Palmer Tube Mills (Aust) Proprietary Limited (Palmer). Tubemakers manufactures HDG CHS steel pipe at its Newcastle plant, New South Wales and Palmer manufactures HDG CHS steel pipe at its Acacia Ridge plant, Queensland and at its Sunshine plant, Victoria.

HDG CHS steel pipe has been exported from Thailand to Australia in a range of nominal sizes, grades and end-types. Customs has found that these exports were dumped, with dumping margins ranging up to 49%. Customs has also found that imports from Thailand held about 13% of the Australian market in 1997-98 and 7% in 1998-99.

Customs has found that the Australian industry has suffered material injury in the form of price depression, price suppression, price undercutting, loss of sales, loss of market share and reduced profits and profitability.

Customs is satisfied that dumped exports of HDG CHS steel pipe from Thailand have caused material injury to the Australian industry. Customs is also satisfied that exports in the future from Thailand may be at dumped prices.

In the light of the above, Customs has recommended that the Minister take anti-dumping action against exports of HDG CHS steel pipe exported from Thailand by all exporters.