



ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/107

Sodium Bicarbonate Exported from the People's Republic of China by VanderArk International Ltd

Initiation of an Accelerated Review

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

The Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commissioner) has commenced an accelerated review of the current anti-dumping measures in respect of sodium bicarbonate exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) in so far as they relate to new exporter VanderArk International Limited (VDA).

The application lodgement date of 21 November 2013 is the commencement date of the accelerated review.

The goods

The goods the subject of the anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice, are sodium hydrogen carbonate, also referred to as sodium bicarbonate or baking soda, which can be manufactured via the natural alkali method or the Solvay method. For the natural alkali method, alkali is mined, purified, filtered, carbonised and dried before packing. The Solvay method is a synthetic process that includes crude bicarbonate formation, filtration, light ash finishing and refining.

Existing measures

Measures were imposed on imports of sodium bicarbonate from China on 3 November 2005.

On 8 November 2010, the Minister signed a notice regarding the review of anti-dumping measures applying to sodium bicarbonate. As a result of this review anti-dumping measures applying to this product were revised.

The current anti-dumping measures on sodium bicarbonate exported to Australia from China expire on 3 November 2015.

The current review

On 21 November 2013, VDA, a Chinese exporter of sodium bicarbonate, lodged an application requesting an accelerated review of the anti-dumping measures in so far as they relate to VDA.

Following consideration of the application the Commissioner decided not to reject the application. Further detail on the consideration of the application is contained in the Anti-Dumping Commission Consideration Report Number 235 (CON 235).

The review period is from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013.

Public Record

There is no legislative requirement for the Commission to maintain a public file for accelerated reviews. However, in the interests of ensuring this process is conducted in an open and transparent manner, a public file for this accelerated review has been opened and is accessible at: <http://www.adcommission.gov.au/cases/default.asp>

The public record will contain, among other things, a copy of the application, CON 235 and a copy of all submissions from interested parties (letters and electronic mail are generally regarded as submissions if they contain information relevant to the accelerated review).

Measures

The Commissioner determined under paragraph 269ZH(b) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) that securities are required and will be taken in respect of interim dumping duty that may be payable on exports of the goods by VDA from China, for the period of the review.

Lodgement of submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning the accelerated review not later than **20 January 2014** with:

The Director Operations 2
Anti-Dumping Commission
Customs House
5 Constitution Avenue
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or by email to operations2@adcommission.gov.au, by fax number 1300 882 506 or +61 2 6275 6888 (outside Australia).

Interested parties wishing to participate in the review must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties should note that the Commissioner is not obliged to have regard to a submission received by the Commission after the date mentioned above if to do so would, in the Commissioner's opinion, prevent the timely preparation of the Report to the Minister.

Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their business or commercial interests, must:

- provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests, or
- satisfy the Commissioner that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY".

Interested parties must lodge a non-confidential version or a summary of their submission in accordance with the requirement above (clearly marked "PUBLIC RECORD").

Report to the Minister

Submissions received by 20 January 2014 will be taken into account in completing the report and recommendation to the Minister. A recommendation to the Minister will be made in a report on or before 3 March 2014, unless the Commissioner terminates the accelerated review.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the case management team by email to operations2@adcommission.gov.au, by telephone on +61 2 6275 6968 or by fax on 1300 882 506 or +61 2 6275 6888 (outside Australia).

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