



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/40

Hot rolled plate steel

**Exported from the People's Republic of China, Republic of
Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan**

Extension of time granted to issue the statement of essential facts

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 12 February 2013, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) published a notice announcing the initiation of an investigation into the alleged dumping of hot rolled plate steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), and Taiwan, and the subsidisation of hot rolled plate steel exported to Australia from China.

A full description of the goods is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2013/18 and ACDN No. 2013/20. These ACDNs are available on the internet at <http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/notices.asp>.

The initiation notice advised that the statement of essential facts (SEF) for the investigation would be placed on the public record by 3 June 2013. The SEF sets out the facts on which Customs and Border Protection proposes to base its recommendations to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister).

Customs and Border Protection requested an extension of the deadline for the publication of the SEF due to:

- delays in the provision and receipt of information and data by interested parties;
- delays in undertaking verification visits to international interested parties' premises due to availability of key personnel and suitable visit dates; and
- the need to consider allegations of complex subsidy and dumping issues (including the allegation of there being a market situation in China such that domestic sales and costs are unsuitable for establishing normal value).

The Minister has, under section 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline for the publication of the SEF. The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than 1 August 2013. Interested parties are invited to make submissions to Customs and Border Protection in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record. A recommendation to the Minister will now be made in a report due on or before 16 September 2013.

Documents included in the public record are available at <http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/cases.asp>. Alternatively, the public record may be examined at Customs House by contacting the Case Manager on the details provided below.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number (02) 6275 6129, fax number (02) 6275 6990 or itrops2@customs.gov.au.

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