



AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/53

New Anti-Dumping Commission commences operations on 1 July 2013

Purpose

The purpose of this Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) is to advise the general public that the new Anti-Dumping Commission (Commission) within the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) commences operations on **1 July 2013**. The Commission will administer Australia's anti-dumping system. This function was previously administered by the International Trade Remedies Branch (ITRB).

Background

Legislation to establish the Commission, headed by a statutory Anti-Dumping Commissioner (Commissioner) was passed in the Parliament on 14 March 2013.

The new Commission will be responsible for the administration of Australia's anti-dumping system and implementing a program of reform in line with Australia's World Trade Organization obligations.

Commissioner

The recruitment process for the Commissioner's position is underway. This position is a significant government appointment made in accordance with the process detailed at Annex J to the Cabinet Handbook (7th Edition), which is available on the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's website at www.dpmc.gov.au. A separate notice will be published in relation to the governance arrangements for the Commission.

Commencement of operations

Location

The Commission will be located in a new office in Melbourne and will continue to maintain an office in Canberra. The Commission's new Melbourne office will be located in Customs House, Docklands Melbourne. The Commission will have an operational presence in both offices.

The addresses for the Commission's offices are detailed below:

(1) Melbourne office

Anti-Dumping Commission
Customs House
1010 Latrobe St
MELBOURNE DOCKLANDS VIC 3008

(2) Canberra office

Anti-Dumping Commission
Customs House
5 Constitution Avenue
CANBERRA ACT 2601

New Client Engagement and Business Support section

From 1 July 2013, a new Client Engagement and Business Support section will be established within the Commission. This section builds on the previous Quality Assurance & Operational Support section and includes enhanced client engagement, communications and relationship management functions and web-based support, including the Electronic Public Record. This section will also provide more targeted assistance to potential applicants in developing dumping and / or countervailing applications.

The Business Support team within this section will be primarily responsible for responding to dumping related enquiries from stakeholders received through the "Dumping Hotline" and client support email address, as shown below.

Telephone: 1300 884 159 (**new Dumping Hotline number**)
Fax: 1300 882 506
Email: clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au

The "1300" telephone number above and client support email address replace the previous "Dumping Hotline" telephone number (02) 6275 6066 and the liaison support email address at itr@customs.gov.au.

A transition period until 31 December 2013 will be provided during which enquiries from stakeholders directed to the previous "Dumping Hotline" number and liaison email address will automatically divert to the Commission's new "Dumping Hotline" number and client support email address.

As international stakeholders cannot use "1300" numbers, they will continue to be able to contact the Business Support team on telephone number +61 2 6275 6066 and fax number +61 2 6275 6888.

International Trade Remedies Advisory Service

The International Trade Remedies Advisor (ITRA) position will continue to be delivered by the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) post 1 July 2013.

Small to Medium Enterprises that require assistance with lodging dumping and / or countervailing applications or in making submissions to an investigation / inquiry should contact the ITRA on telephone number (03) 9867 0267 or by email at trade.remедies@aigroup.asn.au.

New Commission website and updating of ITRB materials

From 1 July 2013, the Commission's new website at www.adcommission.gov.au will go live. This new website will look different from the existing "anti-dumping" web pages on the ACBPS website (at www.customs.gov.au), and is structured to improve accessibility of information by stakeholders. The significant majority of existing ITRB materials available on the current "anti-dumping" web pages will be updated (to reflect the establishment of the Commission) and will be available on the Commission's new website. Given the scope of the reference materials that require updating, this process will continue post 1 July 2013.

The Commission's new website will also include a new section to highlight recent announcements and developments (including when new documents have been uploaded onto the Electronic Public Record) and will have a dedicated web page for the recruitment of Commission staff.

The launch of the Commission's new website is the first phase in a series of improvements to the Commission's website. The second phase will involve significant rewriting of reference material to improve the readability of materials that detail complex and technical dumping concepts. These improvements will enhance transparency and will enable stakeholders to acquire a better understanding of the anti-dumping system. This second phase will be implemented in the second half of 2013.

Interested parties should also be aware that final reports and public notices provided to the Minister before 1 July 2013 will include references to the ITRB, the ACBPS and the ACBPS

website. These references do not impact the validity of the reports and notices and if these are accepted by the Minister, will not be amended / updated before they are published.

Impact on on-going dumping and / or countervailing investigations and inquiries

The commencement of the Commission will not impact any on-going investigations and inquiries and will not result in increased investigation / inquiry timeframes. There will be no changes to Operations teams or Delegates / Case Managers involved in on-going investigations and inquiries. Interested parties involved in these cases will be notified of the Commission's commencement and can contact the Client Engagement and Business Support section (see contact details above) for further information. Alternatively, interested parties are encouraged to contact the Case Managers for their cases.

New application forms and guidelines for applicants

From 1 July 2013, new application forms for dumping and / or countervailing investigations and inquiries and associated guidelines for applicants will be available from the Commission's website at www.adcommission.gov.au. These application forms include new lodgement addresses. Potential applicants should refer to these forms before lodging any applications to ensure the applications are lodged correctly.

The Commission's Client Engagement and Business Support section (see contact details above) can provide information about the application forms and lodgement methods.

Access to Australian Bureau of Statistics import data to assist potential applicants

From 1 July 2013, a new import data assistance program will be administered by the Commission to increase access to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) import data for potential applicants. Australian industry members with a *bona fide* intention of lodging a dumping and / or countervailing application will be eligible to apply to the Commission to obtain relevant import data from the ABS on their behalf, and at no cost to approved applicants.

Australian industry members must submit an application for the import data assistance program using the designated form, which will be available on the Commission's new website shortly. Potential applicants should refer to guidelines for applicants that provide an overview of application eligibility, the application process and include contact details for applicants seeking assistance in making an application. These guidelines will also be available on the Commission's website shortly.

A notice will be published in early July 2013, which will provide further details in relation to the new import data assistance program. This notice will be available on the Commission's website.

Anti-Dumping Commission contact

Enquiries concerning this ACDN may be directed to the Anti-Dumping Reform Project Manager on telephone number (02) 6275 6044, fax number (02) 6275 6888 or email at clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au.

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