

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/52

PROCESSED DRIED CURRANTS EXPORTED FROM GREECE

Initiation of a continuation inquiry

Customs Act 1901 - Part XVB

The Anti-Dumping Commissioner (the Commissioner) will inquire into whether the continuation of anti-dumping measures in respect of processed dried currants (currants) exported from Greece for a further five years is justified. The existing anti-dumping measures are due to expire on 14 January 2014.

The goods

The goods subject to anti-dumping measures, in the form of a dumping duty notice, are processed dried currants of the grape variety *Vitis Vinifera L. Black Corinth*.

The goods are correctly classified to tariff subheading 0806.20.00, statistical code 29 in Schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*. The rate of duty for the goods exported from Greece is 5 per cent.

Background to the measures

The anti-dumping measures were initially imposed by public notice on 14 January 2009 by the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) following consideration of Trade Measures Report No. 140. These measures were applicable to all exporters from Greece.

On 13 May 2013 the Minister revised the level of measures relating to exports of currants from Greece by one exporter (Agricultural Co-Operative Union Aeghion (Aeghion)), after consideration of International Trade Remedies Branch Report No. 192.

The anti-dumping measures in so far as they relate to exporters other than Aeghion have not been reviewed since their introduction in 2009.

The continuation inquiry

On 5 April 2013, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) published a notice in *The Australian* to invite certain persons to apply to the Chief Executive Officer of ACBPS for the continuation of anti-dumping measures on

currants exported to Australia from Greece in accordance with section 269ZHB of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act)¹.

Following receipt of an application made by Sunbeam Foods Pty Ltd (Sunbeam) representing the Australian industry, in accordance with section 269ZHB(1)(b) of the Act, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) initiated this inquiry into whether the continuation of measures for another 5 years is justified. Consideration Report No. 213, which sets out the Commissioner's decision not to reject the application, is available on the public record. A notice was published in *The Australian* on 11 July 2013 indicating that an inquiry will be undertaken.

Lodgment of submissions

Interested parties are invited to lodge written submissions concerning this inquiry no later than close of business on 20 August 2013, addressed to:

The Director
Operations 2,
Anti-Dumping Commission
5 Constitution Avenue
Canberra ACT 2601

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

Interested parties wishing to participate in the continuation inquiry 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 end of the period mentioned above if to do so would, in the Commissioner's opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

The Commissioner must maintain a public record of each inquiry. The public record must contain, among other things, a copy of all submissions from interested parties. Interested parties making submissions must also provide a non-confidential version for the public record.

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:

- (i) 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
- (ii) 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.

¹ Prior to 1 July 2013, the administration of Australia's anti-dumping system resided with ACBPS. Since 1 July 2013, the Anti-Dumping Commission was established to administer the anti-dumping system.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "For Official Use Only".

Public Record

Documents included in the public record are available at www.adcommission.gov.au Alternatively, the public record may be examined at Customs House by contacting the case manager on the details provided below.

Statement of essential facts

The dates specified in this notice for lodging submissions must be observed to enable the Commission to report to the Minister within the legislative timeframe.

A statement of essential facts will be placed on the public record by 29 October 2013, or by such later date as the Minister may allow in accordance with section 269ZHI of the Act.

The statement will set out the essential facts on which the Commissioner proposes to base recommendations to the Minister. The statement will invite interested parties to respond to the issues raised within 20 days of the statement being placed on the public record.

Report to the Minister

Submissions received in response to the statement of essential facts 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 13 December 2013 (or such later date as the Minister may allow).

The Commission contact

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone (02) 6275 5755 or email operations2@adcommission.gov.au.

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