

Australian Government

Addendum to Subsection 2.1 Existing Measures

This addendum provides further information regarding the existing measures in relation to aluminium zinc coated steel. It has no impact on Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd's application for a review of measures.

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB

ANTI-DUMPING COMMISSION

CONSIDERATION REPORT NO. 272

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES

ALUMINIUM ZINC COATED STEEL

EXPORTED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

BY

DONGBU STEEL CO LTD

7 November 2014

PUBLIC RECORD

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This addendum replaces pages 5 and 6 of the Consideration Report 272 placed on the Electronic Public Record 28/10/2014

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Existing measures

On 5 September 2012, a dumping investigation into aluminium zinc coated steel exported from the People's Republic of China (China) and the Republic of Korea (Korea) was initiated following an application by BlueScope Steel Limited (BlueScope). The investigation, as outlined in International Trade Remedies Branch Report 190 (REP 190),³ found that:

- aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia was dumped. For China the dumping margins were between 5.5% to 19.3%; for Korea the dumping margins were between a negligible rate and 7.7%;
- the dumped exports caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods; and
- continued dumping may cause further material injury to the Australian industry.

In REP 190 Dongbu was found to have a dumping margin of 5.8%. The investigation determined that the free on board non-injurious price for each exporter was the price equal to the respective normal value. As such, the lesser duty rate did not apply.

On 26 November 2012, a countervailing investigation into aluminium zinc coated steel exported from China was initiated following an application lodged by BlueScope. The investigation, as outlined in International Trade Remedies Branch Report 193 (REP 193)⁴, found that:

- aluminium zinc coated steel exported from China to Australia was subsidised with margins ranging from negligible to 21.7%;
- the dumped and subsidised exports from China caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods; and
- continued dumping and subsidisation may cause further material injury to the Australian industry.

³ REP 190 investigated galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported from China, the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Taiwan. Due to the close nature of these products and common interested parties, findings from both dumping investigations were detailed in one report.

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Accordingly, it was recommended that the Attorney-General (the decision maker at that time) impose interim dumping duty (IDD) on the goods exported from China and Korea and interim countervailing duty (ICD) on the goods exported from China. The Attorney-General accepted these recommendations and, on 5 August 2013, notice of the Attorney-General's decision was given in Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2013/66 (ADN 2013/66)⁵.

The Attorney-General's decision was appealed to the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (ADRP) in relation to certain findings made in REP 193 relating to the countervailing investigation into aluminium zinc coated steel exported from China. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry⁶ did not accept the ADRP's recommendation to revoke the countervailing duty notices but decided to vary the countervailing duty notices so as to reduce the countervailable subsidies as outlined in Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2014/12 (ADN 2014/12)⁷. Notice of the Parliamentary Secretary's decision was published on 20 February 2014 with the notice having effect from 5 August 2013.

⁵ ADN 2013/66 outlines the details of the IDD applicable to galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China, Korea and Taiwan, as well as the details of the ICD applicable to galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China.

⁶ On 25 September 2013, responsibility for anti-dumping matters was transferred to the Minister for Industry. The Minister for Industry subsequently delegated responsibility for anti-dumping matters to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry.

⁷ ADN 2014/12 details of the ICD applicable to zinc coated galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China.