

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/24

Food service and industrial pineapple

Exported from Thailand

Extension of time to issue the Statement of Essential Facts for variable factors review

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 19 December 2012, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) published a notice announcing the initiation of a review of the variable factors of the measures related to food service and industrial (FSI) pineapple exported to Australia from Thailand by Tipco Foods Public Company Ltd (TIPCO).

On 29 January 2013, Customs and Border Protection published a notice announcing that the review related to FSI pineapple had been extended to include all exports of FSI pineapple from Thailand.

A full description of the goods under review is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2012/65. This ACDN is available on the internet at <u>http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/notices.asp</u>.

The initiation notice advised that the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF) for the variable factors review would be placed on the public record by 8 April 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 to the deadline for the publication of the SEF for the review due to:

- postponement of the due date for responses to importer and exporter questionnaires as a result to the extension of the variable factors review for which notice was provided on 29 January 2013;
- shortening of the time available to Customs and Border Protection to undertake verification and analysis of data provided in responses to importer and exporter questionnaires as a result of the extended review; and
- insufficient time for interested parties to respond to Customs and Border Protection's analysis of importer and exporter data for consideration when forming Customs and Border Protection's preliminary findings.

The Minister has, under s. 269ZHI of the *Customs Act 1901*, extended the deadline for the publication of the SEF for the reviews. The SEF will now be placed on the public record no later than **8 May 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. Final recommendations will be made in reports to the Minister due on or before **22 June 2013**.

Documents included in the public record are available at

<u>http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/cases.asp</u>. Alternatively, the public record may be examined at Customs House by contacting the case manager on the details provided below.

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the case manager by email to <u>itrops1@customs.gov.au</u>, by telephone on +61 2 6275 5675 or by facsimile on +61 2 6275 6990

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