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Re: Investigation No. 242 – Newsprint exported from France and Korea

Background

Norske Skog Industries (Australia) Limited ("Norske Skog") is the applicant company that has requested the imposition of anti-dumping measures on exports of newsprint from France and Korea. The investigation was commenced on 22 April 2014, with Anti-Dumping Commission ("the Commission") officers undertaking an industry verification visit at Norske Skog's Sydney offices from 13 to 16 May 2014.

Timeframes

Norske Skog understands that a Preliminary Affirmative Determination ("PAD") can be published from Day 60 of an investigation. Day 60 in the current investigation was on 21 June 2014. The Norske Skog industry visit report is currently being finalized by the Commission. Importer visit reports are also due to be published. I understand from your discussions with Norske Skog's consultant that the Commission is seeking to conduct exporter verification visits in August 2014 (dates yet to be confirmed). It is therefore unlikely that the scheduled date for publication of a Statement of Essential Facts ("SEF") – 11 August 2014 – will be achievable.

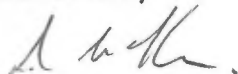
Preliminary Affirmative Determination

Norske Skog is concerned that delays in the inquiry process will jeopardize Norske Skog from accessing relief from the injurious dumping in a timely manner. The Commission has available to it information from Norske Skog concerning injury experienced by the Australian industry. The Commission is also in receipt of completed Exporter Questionnaire Responses from the exporters of newsprint in France and Korea. This available information can be considered by the Commission to take a preliminary view on injurious dumping to the Australian industry.

Norske Skog therefore requests that the Commission publish a PAD and impose provisional measures as soon as possible, as additional delays will result in further injury to the Australian newsprint industry.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 8268 2037 or Norske Skog's consultant John O'Connor on (07) 3342 1921.

Yours sincerely



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