

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2015/33

Steel Reinforcing Bar

Exported from the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Turkey

Preliminary Affirmative Determination and Imposition of Securities

Customs Act 1901 - Part XVB

On 17 October 2014, I, Dale Seymour, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission), initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of steel reinforcing bar (rebar) exported to Australia from the Republic of Korea (Korea), Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand) and the Republic of Turkey (Turkey), following an application lodged by OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd.

The goods subject of the application are hot-rolled deformed steel reinforcing bar whether or not in coil form, commonly identified as rebar or debar, in various diameters up to and including 50 millimetres, containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process. The goods covered by this application include all steel reinforcing bar meeting the above description of the goods regardless of the particular grade or alloy content or coating.

The following products are excluded from the goods:

- plain round bar;
- stainless steel; and
- reinforcing mesh.

The goods are currently classified to the following tariff subheadings in schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

- Tariff subheading 7214.20.00 with statistical code 47;
- Tariff subheading 7228.30.90 with statistical code 49;
- Tariff subheading 7213.10.00 with statistical code 42; and
- Tariff subheading 7227.90.90 with statistical code 42.

The goods, if imported from Spain under these tariff subheadings, are subject to a general rate of duty of 5%; and the goods imported from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey are subject to a "free" rate of duty.

A notice under subsection 269TD(4)(a) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) advising that I had made a preliminary affirmative determination was published in *The Australian* newspaper on 13 March 2015. In the making of that preliminary affirmative determination, I was satisfied that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of the goods exported to Australia from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

In reaching this preliminary decision, I have had regard to the requirements of section 269TAE of the Act and am satisfied that dumped goods appear to have caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods.

The preliminary analysis of dumping margins is tabulated below. These margins were calculated under the Act by establishing export prices under subsection 269TAB(1)(a) and establishing normal values ascertained under either subsection 269TAC(1) or 269TAC(2)(c) and comparing these results in accordance with subsection 269TACB(2)(a). Margins for uncooperative exporters were calculated under 269TAB(3).

Country	Exporter / Manufacturer	Preliminary dumping margin
Korea	Daehan Steel Co., Ltd	17.6%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	25.5%
Malaysia	Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd	17.9%
	Southern Steel Berhad	4.5%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	24.9%
Singapore	Natsteel Holdings Pte Ltd	5.0%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	9.7%
Spain	Compañía Española de Laminación, S.L	14.0%
	Nervacero, S.A.	6.2%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	17.9%
Taiwan	Power Steel Co., Ltd	6.7%
	Wei Chih Steel Industrial Co., Ltd.	23.2%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	24.9%
Thailand	Millcon Steel Public Company Limited	2.2%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	3.8%
Turkey	Habas Sinai Ve Tibbi Gazlar Istihsal Endustri A.S.	4.7%
	Un-cooperative Exporters	8.2%

Preliminary Affirmative Determination Report No. 264 (PAD 264) sets out the reasons for making this preliminary determination, and has been placed on the public record. Alternatively, it may be examined at the Commission's office by contacting the Case Manager on the details provided below.

Under subsection 269TD(4)(b), I am satisfied that it is necessary to require and take securities in order to prevent material injury occurring to the Australian industry while the investigation continues.

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will require and take securities under section 42 of the Act in respect of interim dumping duty that may become payable in respect of the goods exported from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey, entered for home consumption on or after 13 March 2015.

The security that has been determined is an amount worked out in accordance with the ad valorem duty method.

The securities will be imposed in relation to the goods exported to Australia from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey by all exporters at the rate specified in the above table of preliminary dumping margin assessments.

Affected parties should contact the Commission by phone 132 846 or +61 2 6213 6000 (outside Australia) or at clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au for further information regarding the actual security liability calculation in their particular circumstance.

I must report to the Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Industry and Science (the Parliamentary Secretary) with final recommendations in relation to this investigation on or by 7 May 2015. The Minister will then decide whether to publish a dumping duty notice and, if relevant, the level of measures to be imposed.

Further, if dumped goods give rise to retrospective notices being imposed on the goods under section 269TN of the Act, the dumping duty notice will also include the duties to be imposed retrospectively.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the Case Manager on telephone number +61 3 9244 8268, fax number 1300 882 506 or +61 3 9244 8902 (outside Australia) or email at operations3@adcommission.gov.au.

Dale Seymour Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission