



**REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING MEASURES ON
 CERTAIN ALUMINIUM ROAD WHEELS EXPORTED FROM
 THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

NOTE FOR FILE – VERIFICATION OF EXPORTER DATA

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) will not undertake in-country verification of data submitted by selected exporters as part of its review into the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to aluminium road wheels exported from the People's Republic of China (China).

Background

On 15 September 2014 the Commission initiated a review into the anti-dumping and countervailing measures on certain aluminium road wheels exported from China.

The measures subject to review were initially imposed on 5 July 2012, following an investigation into the dumping and subsidisation of aluminium road wheels exported from China.

Exporter sampling

Upon initiation of the review, the Commission determined that due to the large number of exporters of aluminium road wheels to Australia, it would be necessary to limit the number of exporters whose data would be individually examined as part of this review. The Commission thereby identified a group exporters of ARWs ('selected exporters'), whose data would be analysed in order to determine dumping and subsidy margins for those exporters, as well as all other exporters of aluminium road wheels. Sampling Report 263 provides further information (accessible at <http://www.adcommission.gov.au/cases/Pages/CurrentCases/EPR263.aspx>).

The selected exporters are as follows:

Company name
CITIC Dicastal Co., Ltd
Pilotdoer Wheel Co., Ltd
Zhejiang Jinfei Kaida Co., Ltd
Zhejiang Yueling Co., Ltd
Jiangsu Yaozhong Aluminium Wheels Co., Ltd

The list of selected exporters has been amended since the release of Sampling Report 263. These changes are identified below.

- Jiangsu Yaozhong was initially identified in Sampling Report 263 as a "residual exporter"; however, as Jiangsu Yaozhong was the applicant and has since submitted a completed exporter questionnaire to the Commission, the Commission has extended the review to Jiangsu Yaozhong, as provided under subsection 269TACAA(2) of the Act.
- In addition, one manufacturer– Zhejiang Dicastal Hongxin Technology Co., Ltd – was identified in Sampling Report as a 'selected exporter'. However, as the company did not submit a completed exporter questionnaire to the Commission, the company will instead be treated as an uncooperative exporter for the purposes of this review.

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Any exporters of the goods not identified as ‘selected exporters’ have either been allocated to the “residual” or “uncooperative and all other” exporter categories. Refer to Sampling Report 263 for more information.

Selected exporter data integrity and analysis

During the previous investigation, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service undertook verification exercises for four of the five selected exporters whose data will be examined as part of this review.

During the previous investigation, in-country verifications were undertaken for:

- CITIC Dicastal Co., Ltd;
- Pilotdoer Wheel Co., Ltd; and
- Zhejiang Jinfei Kaida Co., Ltd

and an off-site verification was undertaken for Zhejiang Yueling Co., Ltd.

The Commission has determined that, in recognition of the verification work undertaken during the previous investigation, in-country exporter verification visits would not be undertaken as part of this review. The Commission has undertaken, however, some analysis of selected exporters’ data, to ensure that it would be satisfied that information submitted by exporters was complete, accurate and reliable for the purposes of this review. This included identifying outliers and anomalies in exporter data, cross-referencing exporters’ information with findings from the previous investigation and with external information where needed, and seeking clarification from exporters on any matters of concern.

Dumping and countervailing margin calculations

The Commission intends to release preliminary dumping or subsidy margins for exporters in the Statement of Essential Facts for this investigation.

The Commission typically releases a ‘dumping margin report’ in instances where it has investigated an exporter’s data but has not taken in-country verification of that exporter. In this review, the Commission has determined that releasing dumping margins through the Statement of Essential Facts would ensure that exporters’ dumping margins most accurately reflect the Commission’s preliminary determinations regarding whether there have been changes to the variable factors applicable to the dumping margins imposed on aluminium road wheels – particularly in relation to whether or not a market situation continues to apply to those goods.

The Commission will ensure the Statement of Essential Facts details the methodology undertaken to establish dumping and countervailing margins for each selected exporter, and by exporter category (that is, residual and all other exporters). The Commission will work with selected exporters prior to the release of the Statement of Essential Facts to ensure that no confidential data is included in that report.

Selected exporters’ confidential dumping and countervailing margin calculations will also be made available to those exporters as soon as possible.

Interested parties will have the opportunity to comment on the methodologies used to calculate dumping and subsidy margins by making submissions to the Commission in response to the Statement of Essential Facts. Further details about the submissions process will be included in that document upon release.