



INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED DUMPING OF NEWSPRINT EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA FROM FRANCE AND KOREA

NOTE FOR FILE – TELEPHONE MEETING WITH NEWS LTD

Background

On 22 April 2014, the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) initiated an investigation into allegedly dumped exports of newsprint from France and South Korea. This was in response to an application for a dumping duty notice from the sole Australian producer of newsprint, Norske Skog Industries Australia Limited (NSIA).

The Commission requested a meeting with News Ltd to discuss various matters related to the newsprint case.

Date: Thursday 13 November 2014

Location: Customs House, Melbourne

Attendees: James Buchanan, News Ltd

Jukka Mäntynen, Manager, Operations 1, ADC

Joseph Crowley, Senior Investigator, Operations 1, ADC

Matters discussed

- Matters related to the negotiation of contracts for the supply of newsprint:
 - price, reliability of supply and quality are important considerations in supply choices.
 - clarification in relation to the timing and process of recent contract negotiations for the supply of newsprint.
 - Additional information provided in relation to pricing submitted in FY 14 and FY 15.
- Matters related to the quality of newsprint:
 - All newsprint used by News Ltd is suitable for cold set printing and satisfies customer requirements.
 - News Ltd may in some locations use both newsprint made of 100 per cent recycled paper as well as locally supplied Newsprint from Norske Skog.
- Matters related to the skate system:
 - Some News Ltd sites have a skate system to accept newsprint deliveries. However, newsprint deliveries can be made in alternative ways.