

## AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2013/37

# Zinc coated steel and Aluminium zinc coated steel

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# Preliminary Affirmative Determination

### Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

On 26 November 2012 the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) initiated investigations into the alleged subsidisation of zinc coated (galvanised) steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), following an application lodged by BlueScope Steel Limited.

A full description of the goods is available in Australian Customs Dumping Notice (ACDN) No. 2012/40 and ACDN NO. 2012/62. These ACDNs are available on the internet at <u>http://www.customs.gov.au/anti-dumping/notices.asp</u>

In accordance with paragraph 269TD(4)(a) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act), the CEO gives public notice that, on 15 May 2013, preliminary affirmative determinations have been made that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of countervailing duty notices in respect of galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China.

In reaching this preliminary decision, the CEO is satisfied that subsidised goods appear to have caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods.

Customs and Border Protection's preliminary analysis of subsidy margins is tabulated below.

Galvanised steel (PAD 193a)

Manufacturer / exporter	Preliminary subsidy margin
Angang Steel Company Limited	Negligible
ANSC-TKS Galvanizing Co., Ltd.	Negligible
Wuhan Iron and Steel Company Limited	12.5%
Yieh Phui Technomaterial Co., Ltd	5.2%
Selected non-cooperating exporters	22.8%

\* Note: The manufacturers / exporters listed above may supply the goods directly or indirectly through traders.

#### Aluminium zinc coated steel (PAD 193b)

Manufacturer / exporter	Preliminary subsidy margin
Angang Steel Company Limited	Negligible
Union Steel China Co., Ltd	7.9%
Yieh Phui Technomaterial Co., Ltd	5.0%
Jiangyin Zong Cheng	10.3%
Selected non-cooperating exporters	21.7%

\* Note: The manufacturers / exporters listed above may supply the goods directly or indirectly through traders.

Reasons for making these preliminary determinations are set out in Statement of Essential Facts No. 193 (SEF 193), placed on Customs and Border Protection's public record and 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.

On 6 February 2013, the CEO made preliminary affirmative determinations that there appeared to be sufficient grounds for the publication of dumping duty notices in respect of galvanised steel and aluminium zinc coated steel exported to Australia from China, Korea and Taiwan. Following this determination, Customs and Border Protection required and took securities under section 42 of the Act, in order to prevent material injury occurring while the investigation continues.

Having regard to the quantum of the dumping securities currently in place, the due date for Customs and Border Protection's final report to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) in this investigation, and the operation of the collection and later conversion of securities system, Customs and Border Protection has decided to not require and collect countervailing securities at this time.

However, if the CEO becomes satisfied at a later date that countervailing securities should be collected in order to prevent material injury occurring while the investigation continues, Customs and Border Protection may require and take such countervailing securities in the future. Any such imposition of countervailing securities will be subject to a separate public notification.

The CEO must report to the Minister with final recommendations in relation to this investigation on or before 29 June 2013. The Minister will then decide whether to publish countervailing duty notices and, if relevant, the level of measures to be imposed.

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number 02 6275 8008, fax number 02 6275 6990 or itrops2@customs.gov.au.

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