

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2012/32

Polyvinyl Chloride Homopolymer Resin (PVC)

Exported from the Republic of Korea

Preliminary Affirmative Determination and Imposition of Securities

CUSTOMS ACT 1901 - PART XVB

On 23 April 2012 the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) initiated an investigation following an application lodged by Australian Vinyls Corporation Pty Ltd, the sole manufacturer of polyvinyl chloride homopolymer resin (PVC) in Australia. The application requested the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of PVC exported to Australia from the Republic of Korea (Korea).

The goods the subject of the application (the goods) are polyvinyl chloride homopolymer resin (PVC).

In accordance with s.269TD(4)(a) of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act), on 28 June 2012 the CEO gave public notice in *The Australian* newspaper that a preliminary affirmative determination has been made and 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.

On 28 June 2012 the CEO also gave public notice, in accordance with s.269TD(5) of the Act, that the officer of Customs taking securities is satisfied that it is necessary to require and take securities to prevent material injury to the Australian industry occurring while the investigation continues.

Customs and Border Protection will require and take securities under s.42 of the Act in respect of any interim dumping duty that may become payable in respect of the goods from Korea entered for home consumption on or after 28 June 2012.

Customs and Border Protection made a preliminary comparison of weighted average normal values to weighted average export prices and calculated a dumping margin of 5.4%. The effective rate of securities is 5.4%.

In reaching this preliminary decision, Customs and Border Protection is satisfied that the goods appear to be dumped and appear to have caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods. Preliminary affirmative determination report No. 187 (PAD 187) was placed on the public record on 28 June 2012.



PAD 187 is available online at <u>www.customs.gov.au</u>, or by contacting the case manager on (02) 6245 5434.

The CEO is due to report to the Minister for Home Affairs (the Minister) with recommendations on or before 25 September 2012. The Minister will then decide whether to publish a dumping duty notice and, if relevant, the level of the measures to be imposed. Depending on the Minister's decision, any securities taken may be converted to interim dumping duty or acquitted.

Enquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number (02) 6245 5434, fax number (02) 6275 6990 or email itrops1@customs.gov.au.

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