

Australian Government

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Customs Act 1901 – Part XVB

ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO. 2021/056

Painted steel strapping

Exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Investigation No. 553 into Alleged Dumping and Subsidisation

Preliminary Affirmative Determination No. 553 (PAD 553) and imposition of securities

Public notice under section 269TD of the Customs Act 1901¹

On 27 May 2020, Dale Seymour, the then Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping and subsidisation of painted steel strapping (the goods) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China) and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam), following an application lodged by Signode Packaging Group Australia Pty Ltd (Signode).

A full description of the goods is available in Anti-Dumping Notice (ADN) No. 2020/050. This ADN is available on the public record at <u>www.adcommission.gov.au</u>

As specified in the *Statement of Essential Facts No. 553* (SEF 553) and pursuant to section 269TD(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*², I am satisfied there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice and a countervailing duty notice in respect of the goods exported to Australia from China except goods exported by Qinhuangdao Jiashilun Packaging Materials Co., Ltd (Jiashilun). As a result, I have made a preliminary affirmative determination (PAD) to that effect.

¹ This is a public notice under section 269TD(4)(a) of the Customs Act 1901 of the Commissioner's preliminary affirmative determination and a public notice under section 269TD(5) of the Customs Act 1901 of the Commonwealth's decision to require and take securities.

² All references in this notice to "the Act" are references to the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth), unless specified otherwise.

In making this PAD, having regard to the requirements of the Act and the findings in SEF 553, I am satisfied that dumped and subsidised goods exported from China (except by Jiashilun) appear to have caused material injury to the Australian industry producing like goods.

Under section 269TD(4)(b) of the Act, I am satisfied that it is necessary for the Commonwealth to require and take securities under section 42 in respect of interim dumping and countervailing duty that may become payable on goods exported from China (except by Jiashilun) in order to prevent material injury to the Australian industry occurring while the investigation continues.

However, as set out in SEF 553, I am not satisfied that there appears to be sufficient grounds for the publication of a dumping duty notice in respect of goods exported from Vietnam. This is because, having regard to the requirements of the Act and the findings in SEF 553, I am not satisfied that dumped goods from Vietnam have caused material injury to the Australian industry. As such, I am not satisfied it is necessary for the Commonwealth to require and take securities on goods exported from Vietnam.

Exporter/Country	Dumping margin	Subsidy margin
Jiashilun (China)	- 6.2%	0.2%
All other Chinese exporters	11.5%	42.6%
Sam Hwan (Vietnam)	1.7%	N/A
All other Vietnamese exporters	4.3%	N/A

The preliminary analysis of dumping and subsidy margins is tabulated below.

The Commonwealth will require and take securities under section 42 of the Act in respect of interim dumping and countervailing duty that may become payable in respect of the goods exported from China (except by Jiashilun) entered for home consumption on or after **23 April 2021**.

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

These securities will be imposed at the rate specified in the below table.

Exporter	Duty method	Effective rate of dumping and countervailing securities (%)
Jiashilun (China)	N/A	Exempt
All other Exporters (China)	Ad valorem	54.1

The actual security liability may be higher than the effective rate of security due to a number of factors. Affected parties should contact **business.gov.au** on 13 28 46 or +61 2 6213 6000 (outside Australia) for further information regarding the actual security liability calculation in their particular circumstance.

I must report to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology (the Minister) with final recommendations in relation to this investigation on or before

15 June 2021. The Minister will then decide whether to publish a dumping duty and countervailing duty notice and, if relevant, the level of measures to be imposed.

Further, if dumped or subsidised goods give rise to retrospective notices being imposed on the goods under section 269TN of the Act, the dumping duty and countervailing 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 +613 8539 2527 or via email at: <u>investigations3@adcommission.gov.au</u>.

Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM Commissioner Anti-Dumping Commission 23 April 2021