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Customs Act 1901 – Part XV B

## **ANTI-DUMPING NOTICE NO 2023/028**

**A4 copy paper**

**Exported to Australia from multiple countries**

**Initiation of Revocation Reviews Nos 622, 623, 624 and 625**

***Notice under section 269ZC(5) of the Customs Act 1901***

I, Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM, the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission, have initiated 4 revocation reviews (nos 622, 623, 624 and 625). These revocation reviews concern the measures applying to certain A4 copy paper (the goods) exported to Australia from the Federative Republic of Brazil (Brazil), the People's Republic of China (China), Finland, the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), the Republic of Korea (ROK), the Russian Federation (Russia), the Slovak Republic (Slovakia) and the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand) (collectively, the subject countries). The measures are in the form of dumping duty notices (for all subject countries) and a countervailing duty notice (China only) (collectively, the notices).

I initiated these revocation reviews after a request was made by the Minister for Industry and Science (the Minister) to review the measures as they affect exporters of A4 copy paper exported to Australia from the subject countries. The Minister's request noted that:

- Paper Australia Pty Ltd (Opal) ceased production of A4 Copy Paper in Australia, as announced on 15 February 2023.
- Opal was previously the sole member of the Australian industry producing like goods and the applicant for the anti-dumping measures.<sup>1</sup>

The revocation reviews will examine whether the anti-dumping measures are no longer warranted. After concluding the revocation reviews, I will recommend to the Minister that the notices:

- remain unaltered or
- be revoked, in part or generally.

### **The goods**

The goods subject to measures are:

Uncoated white paper of a type used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, in the nominal basis weight range of 70 to 100 gsm [grams per square metre] and cut to sheets of metric size A4 (210mm x 297mm) (also commonly referred to as cut sheet paper, copy paper, office paper or laser paper).

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Minister's letter is available on the combined electronic public record (EPR) for cases 622, 623, 624 and 625.

Further information on the goods specifies that the paper is not coated, watermarked or embossed and is subjectively white. It is made mainly from bleached chemical pulp and/or from pulp obtained by a mechanical or chemi-mechanical process and/or from recycled pulp.

The goods are generally, but not exclusively, classified to the tariff subheading 4802.56.10 (statistical code 03 and 09) in Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

### **The measures**

The measures and the corresponding review numbers are summarised in Table 1. Further detail is available on the Dumping Commodity Register on the Anti-Dumping Commission (the commission) website.<sup>2</sup>

Anti-Dumping Notice No and Type		Country / Exporter	Date of effect	Review No
<a href="#">2017/039</a> <sup>3</sup>	Dumping	Brazil, China (except by UPM Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and UPM (China) Co., Ltd), Indonesia (except by PT Indah Kiat & Paper Tbk, PT Pindo Deli Pulp & Paper Mills or PT Pabrik Kertas Tjiwi Kimia), and Thailand	19 April 2017	622
<a href="#">2017/040</a>	Countervailing	China (except by UPM Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and UPM (China) Co., Ltd)		623
<a href="#">2019/037</a> <sup>4</sup>	Dumping	Finland, ROK, Russia and Slovakia (except by Mondi SCP a.s (SK))	10 April 2019	624
<a href="#">2022/096</a> <sup>5</sup>	Dumping	Indonesia (by PT Pabrik Kertas Tjiwi Kimia only)	20 October 2022	625

**Table 1 – Summary of anti-dumping measures applying to the goods**

### **Public Record**

A public record must be maintained for each review. The public record must contain, among other things, a copy of all submissions from interested parties. Documents included in the public record may be examined at [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au). The commission has combined the public record for these 4 revocation reviews into one case page.

### **Lodgment of submissions**

Interested parties, as defined by section 269T(1) of the *Customs Act 1901*<sup>6</sup>, are invited to lodge written submissions concerning these revocation reviews, no later than the close of business on **11 June 2023**<sup>7</sup>, addressed to:

The Director, Investigations Unit 1  
Anti-Dumping Commission  
GPO Box 2013  
Canberra ACT 2601

or by email to [investigations1@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations1@adcommission.gov.au).

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/adc/measures/2023-04/dcr - a4 copy paper.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Original investigation is described in *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 341*.

<sup>4</sup> Original investigation is described in *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 463*.

<sup>5</sup> Original investigation is described in *Anti-Dumping Commission Report No. 583*.

<sup>6</sup> All legislative references in this notice are to the *Customs Act 1901*.

<sup>7</sup> As this date is a Sunday, submissions will become due on the next working day, 12 June 2023.

Interested parties wishing to participate in these revocation reviews must ensure that submissions are lodged promptly. Interested parties should note that I am not obliged to have regard to a submission received by the commission after the date mentioned above if to do so would, in my opinion, prevent the timely placement of the statement of essential facts on the public record.

Interested parties claiming that information contained in their submission is confidential, or that the publication of the information would adversely affect their business or commercial interests, must:

- (i) provide a summary containing sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information that does not breach that confidentiality or adversely affect those interests, or
- (ii) satisfy me that there is no way such a summary can be given to allow a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information.

Submissions containing confidential information must be clearly marked "OFFICIAL: Sensitive". Interested parties making submissions must also provide a non-confidential version for public record (clearly marked "PUBLIC RECORD").

### **Statement of Essential Facts**

The dates specified in this notice for lodging submissions must be observed to enable me to report to the Minister within the legislative timeframe. A statement of essential facts (SEF) will be placed on the public record by **23 August 2023**, or by such later date as allowed in accordance with section 269ZHI.<sup>8</sup> The SEF will set out the essential facts on which I propose to base a recommendation to the Minister. Interested parties are invited to lodge submissions in response to the SEF within 20 days of the SEF being placed on the public record.

### **Report to the Minister**

Submissions received in response to the SEF will be taken into account in preparing the report and recommendation to the Minister. A recommendation to the Minister will be made in a report on or before **7 October 2023**<sup>9</sup> (or such later date as allowed under section 269ZHI).

### **Commission contact**

Enquiries about this notice may be directed to the case manager on telephone number +61 3 8539 2438 or [investigations1@adcommission.gov.au](mailto:investigations1@adcommission.gov.au).

Dr Bradley Armstrong PSM  
Commissioner  
Anti-Dumping Commission

5 May 2023

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<sup>8</sup> On 14 January 2017, the powers and functions of the Minister under section 269ZHI were delegated to the Commissioner. Refer to Anti-Dumping Notice No 2017/10 for further information.

<sup>9</sup> As this date is a Saturday, the report will become due on the next working day, 9 October 2023.