



International Trade Remedies Advisory Service (ITRA Service)

Factsheet

The ITRA Service helps Australian small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to access the Australian anti-dumping and countervailing system (the anti-dumping system).

What is the Australian anti-dumping system?

The anti-dumping system addresses where:

- imported goods are dumped (sold to Australia below their 'normal value' – usually the market price in the country of manufacture) and/or subsidised; and
- this has caused injury to Australian manufacturers.

If this has occurred, the Australian Government can impose anti-dumping measures, in the form of dumping and/or countervailing (anti-subsidy) duties on those goods.

The anti-dumping system affects not only Australian manufacturers, but also importers and end users of foreign goods.

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) administers the anti-dumping system. The Commission investigates claims that anti-dumping measures are required and runs other related activities (such as reviews of the level of duties collected). The ITRA Service is not part of the Commission and does not act on its behalf.

For further information on the anti-dumping system and the Commission, refer to their website adcommission.gov.au.

What do we do?

We help SMEs by:

- **raising awareness** of how the anti-dumping system works;
- **giving advice** on anti-dumping and countervailing matters, including options for businesses to participate in the anti-dumping system;
- assisting with preparing **applications** for:
 - anti-dumping or countervailing investigations; and
 - all other case types (e.g. reviews, duty assessments and exemptions);
- assisting with making **submissions** to the Commission; and
- **facilitating cooperation** between SMEs to ensure applications have the required level of support.

What don't we do?

We are an *advice and assistance service only* and cannot act as a consultant, agent or advocate for SMEs. We will not make representations to the Commission on behalf of SMEs.

SMEs must maintain ownership of and responsibility for their involvement in the anti-dumping system. SMEs requiring assistance with applications and submissions must lead the preparation of those documents.

In addition, we are unable to assist SMEs with appeals of decisions resulting from the Commission's investigations. However, we can provide general information on the appeals process.

Could I use the ITRA Service's help?

If you are an Australian SME, and answer yes to the below, we may be able to help you.

1. Is your business a manufacturer or producer of goods?

If so, do **all** of the following apply:

- are you facing competition from imported goods;
- do you believe that foreign exporters sell those goods to importers in Australia at prices lower than that paid by customers in their own domestic market and/or foreign exporters are benefiting from subsidy programs offered by their governments; and
- does the price of the imported goods have an effect on the price of your goods (are imported goods undercutting the price of your goods or causing you to lower your prices) or have you lost sales to imported goods?

2. Is your business an *importer who buys goods from overseas*?

If so, do **any** of the following apply:

- are you paying anti-dumping measures on goods that you believe do not require those duties (for example, there is no longer a domestic manufacturer of those goods, you are unable to source the goods from an Australian manufacturer or there is a valid Tariff Concession Order that applies); or
- are you paying anti-dumping measures on goods but believe you are paying too much in duties, as the rate of duties collected does not reflect the current level of dumping and/or subsidisation of your exporter?

3. Is your business otherwise affected by an *anti-dumping matter*?

For example, are you purchasing and/or further working goods from an importer that are subject to a current anti-dumping investigation or anti-dumping measures?

Who can access our services?

Any Australian registered business (holding an Australian Business Number), that is an SME. An 'SME' is a business that has 200 or less full-time staff in total (where a business is part of a group of businesses, this number is for the group combined).

We are not limited to helping Australian manufacturers who want anti-dumping measures to be enforced. We assist all SMEs affected by the anti-dumping system, including importers that buy overseas goods.

What is the cost?

The ITRA Service is a free service to SMEs.

Where can I find more information?

Email itra@industry.gov.au or phone **(02) 6213 7267**.