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Senator XENOPHON: Sure. So, in review 266 concerning a steel pipe and tube exporter from South Korea—I do not think it would be from North Korea!—you have concluded that an exporter previously found to be dumping is now no longer dumping, because that is what their financial information tells you. Are you familiar with that case?

Mr Seymour: I do not have that case detail in front of me.

Senator XENOPHON: Maybe you could take it on notice?

Mr Seymour: Yes, sure.

Senator XENOPHON: The concern that has been expressed to me is that the financial information, given the way the system works, has not been tested or verified. Is that right?

Mr Seymour: I will take it on notice and come back to you in terms of the approach we took on that particular matter.

ANSWER

Anti-Dumping Commission Case number 266 involves a review of the existing anti-dumping measures applying to certain hollow structural sections (steel pipe and tube) exported to Australia from Korea by Kukje Steel Co Ltd. The review affects only those goods exported by Kukje. It will not affect the anti-dumping measures applying to other Korean exporters.

Kukje submitted, for the purpose of the review, detailed financial information relating to its full costs, export sales and domestic sales – data that is essential for assessing dumping margins. The Anti-Dumping Commission (Commission) is using this information to assess whether Kukje was dumping in the year ending 30 June 2014 (the ‘review period’).

The Commission has decided not to undertake an on-site verification exercise for Kukje. A risk-based approach is taken in regards to the level of site verification on a case by case basis - Kukje was visited in 2012 for on-site verification of similar HSS costs and sales data, submitted for the purposes of investigation 177 and was fully cooperative. In addition, the Commission has other means for testing the relevance and reliability of data. It can and does, for example: (i) test export price data against the Customs and Border Protection import database; and (ii) compare exporter data over time and among exporters of similar products. The Commission also examines movements in independent variables to test whether expected correlations hold up.