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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Procedures afforded to overseas versus Australian manufacturers

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: SI-53

I also asked about the number of times that the Commissioner has accepted data from interested parties without conducting on-site verification of the data received, regardless of the nature of an investigation or inquiry – that is, a dumping investigation, review inquiry or a duty assessment. I was told that it is not possible for the Commission to undertake on-site verification exercises in relation to all cooperative exporters in all types of investigations, reviews and other inquiries.

Can you elaborate on the risk management approach taken to verification activities?
What are the key risks assessed by the Commission when making decisions about how many countries and which exporters should be subject to on-site or other types of verification?

ANSWER

The Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) considers a variety of factors when determining what type of verification activity is most suitable in the circumstances. The Commission's current practice for deciding on a verification program for a particular case matter is based on a set of key guiding principles. These are:

- the type and complexity of the inquiry
- the largest exporters (by volume) of the product under investigation from a particular country or exporter
- past experience with a particular exporter
- exporter/importer relationships
- estimated size of the dumping margin
- official travel advice in regards to the relevant country
- the suitability of off-site verification activities