

SPC Ardmona

- I refer to a question from Senator Bridget McKenzie regarding SPC Ardmona and safeguards measures.
- The Government has received SPC Ardmona's two requests for provisional and definitive safeguards measures for canned tomatoes and certain processed fruits and is considering the issue.
- The Prime Minister received a letter from the managing director of SPC Ardmona requesting the implementation of safeguards measures for canned tomatoes and certain processed fruits on 29 April 2013.
- Senator Ludwig responded to SPC Ardmona's request on 8 May 2013 indicating that he had written to the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP, asking him to consider the request.
- The Minister for Trade and Competitiveness is giving urgent consideration to the matter.
- Should it be agreed, the Treasurer would refer the matter to the competent authority, to conduct a safeguard investigation.
- Any investigation and application of safeguard measures must be progressed in accordance with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.
- Further questions on safeguards matters should be directed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.