Custom Tariff (Anti – Dumping) Amendment Bill 1988

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. B.O. Jones, MP

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To require notices to be issued on the normal value of goods and any decision by the Minister not to impose an anti-dumping duty where the Anti-Dumping Authority has made a recommendation on the matter. The Bill will also fix a general three year period after which notices and undertakings given will cease to have effect.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Customs Legislation (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1988

Main Provisions
Clause 4 will substitute a new definition of importer into section 4 of the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975 (the Principal Act). The major difference between this definition and the current one is that this definition makes it clear that, if other provisions do not apply, the beneficial owner of the goods on arrival will be the importer.

Clause 8 will require a notice to be issued stating the determined normal value of the goods when a dumping duty is applied. This is not to occur where that information would adversely affect a business or person. Clause 10 will impose a similar requirement in respect of third country dumping duties.

A new section 12A will be inserted into the Principal Act by clause 13. The proposed section will require the Minister to give a notice of a decision not to impose a dumping duty where the Anti-Dumping Authority has made a recommendation concerning the imposition of a dumping duty.
Proposed section 12B deals with the period in which notices and undertakings made after the commencement of this Bill will remain in force. This will generally be three years. Similarly, notices published, or undertakings given, before 1 March 1986 will be revoked on 1 March 1989, unless they expire at an earlier date. Notices published, or undertakings given, on or after 1 March 1986 will be revoked three years after publication.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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