



INTERNATIONAL TRADE REMEDIES ADVISORY SERVICE Suspected circumvention activity

Fact sheet

The following provides an overview of what to do if you suspect importers are avoiding anti-dumping and countervailing duties.

Anti-dumping and countervailing duties

The Australian Border Force (ABF) oversees the collection of duties. Importers self-assess whether duties are payable to the ABF.

The [Dumping Commodity Register](#) (DCR) has key information about the goods subject to duties. It describes the goods and lists duty rates by country and exporter.

If you suspect an importer describes goods in a way to avoid paying duties you can:

- submit a Border Watch online report, or
- submit an application to the Commission for an anti-circumvention inquiry.

Border Watch online report

If your business suspects importers breaching the payment of duties, you may contact the ABF via the [Border Watch online report](#).

The online report has an option to select 'Anti-dumping' as a category of a 'Customs, trade or border protection offense'. There is also an option to remain anonymous.

Anti-circumvention application

Another option may be for you to submit an application to the Commission for an anti-circumvention inquiry. Types of circumvention activities that Australia's anti-dumping system can address are:

- assembly of exported parts in Australia
- assembly of parts in a third country
- export of goods through one or more third countries
- arrangements between exporters
- avoidance of intended effect of duty, and
- slight modification of goods

The application must be in an approved form and contain detailed information about the alleged circumvention activity including relevant evidence.

Find out more

- Review the listing of [Dumping Commodity Registers](#) for each commodity subject to measures
- Read the information on the [Department of Home Affairs](#) web page about reporting suspicious customs or trade activity
- Read more about [anti-circumvention inquiries](#) on the Anti-Dumping Commission web page
- Contact the International Trade Remedies Advisory (ITRA) Service by email itra@industry.gov.au or the ITRA Hotline (02) 6213 7267
- Contact the Anti-Dumping Commission by email clientsupport@adcommission.gov.au or by business.gov.au on 13 28 46