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Australian Paper welcomes ADC findings on dumped paper

Australia's only office paper manufacturer has welcomed the decision by the Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to accept the Anti-Dumping Commission's (ADC) final recommendations relating to the dumping of A4 copy paper in the Australian market.

The ADC confirmed that all Chinese, Thai and Brazilian, and the majority of Indonesian, exporters of A4 copy paper have been selling dumped paper into the Australian market.

"We thank the ADC for their commitment in conducting a rigorous investigation into the dumping of A4 copy paper into the Australian market, and the Assistant Minister for accepting these recommendations. By imposing dumping duties on imports from all countries under investigation, the ADC has confirmed the damage sustained by local manufacturing from dumped copy paper," said Peter Williams, COO Australian Paper.

Recent data from the Department of Finance confirmed that many Australian Government departments are purchasing paper from dumped sources.

"Government Departments must act now and stop buying dumped copy paper to support valuable manufacturing jobs in the Latrobe Valley," Mr Williams said.

"The ADC's findings are an opportunity to restore fairness to the local copy paper market so that Australian Paper is secure to invest in the future of Latrobe Valley manufacturing. Any country which has been selling dumped copy paper into the Australian market has been putting local jobs at risk and should be excluded from the Australian Whole of Government Stationery and Office supply tender.

"Government employees should immediately check the copy paper in their print rooms to see if it is dumped paper from Indonesia, China, Brazil or Thailand. Australian made paper offers a cost effective, environmentally superior alternative to dumped paper, and also protects vital regional jobs," said Mr Williams.

Mr Williams added that the ADC must continue to keep a close eye on imports coming into Australia to ensure dumping findings are not circumvented, and that dumping duties are immediately added to the imported price of copy paper so they do not enter the market below the injurious pricing level.

"The ADC should remain ready to investigate and continue to take appropriate action to maintain fair competition in the Australian market," Mr Williams said.

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