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The Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Economics
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

Further to requests by some members of the Committee at the public hearing on 4 May, attached is a public submission of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) outlining the consistency of the Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping) Bill 2011 with Australia's international trade obligations.

As noted in Bruce Gosper's letter to you of 27 April 2011, DFAT has an interest in the inquiry in relation to the Bill's consistency with Australia's international trade obligations relating to trade remedies, in particular, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures. It is important that the Committee is aware of the relevance and impact of these obligations.

I trust this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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