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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia

Peter Harris
Chairman
Productivity Commission

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Ref.: 254/102

Dear Chairman Harris,

On behalf of the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Taiwan, I would like to submit its comment on Australia's notification to the Committees on Safeguards of the World Trade Organization (G/SG/N/6/AUS/4) of safeguard investigation against import of Certain Processed Fruit Products (2008.30.00, 2008.40.00, 2008.50.00, 2008.70.00, 2008.97.00, 2008.99.00).

As to the products concerned and pursuant to the World Trade Atlas statistics, my government would like to point out the average import shares of the above mentioned products from Taiwan between 2010 and 2012 (0.72%, 0.10% and 0.06% respectively) were significantly small and below the threshold of 3% of the total importation into Australia. Attached please find the individual data of concerned products imported from Taiwan for your reference. Therefore, my government contends that an exemption from the safeguard measures should be conferred upon these Taiwanese products according to Article 9.1 of the Agreement on Safeguards.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Australia's Imports of Certain Processed Fruit Products from Taiwan

Source : Australian Bureau of Statistics (World Trade Atlas)

CCC Code : 2008.30.00

Volume : Kilogram

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	16,368	0	0
Australia's total import	676,483	1,271,262	1,128,795
% of import from Taiwan	2.42%	0%	0%

CCC Code : 2008.40.00

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	4,573	0	0
Australia's total import	1,870,522	1,949,241	1,757,641
% of import from Taiwan	0.24%	0%	0%

CCC Code : 2008.50.00

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	NA	NA	0
Australia's total import	NA	NA	4,089,490
% of import from Taiwan	NA	NA	0%

CCC Code : 2008.70.00

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	94,573	35,622	0
Australia's total import	7,646,552	9,234,018	7,827,267
% of import from Taiwan	1.24%	0.39%	0%

CCC Code : 2008.97.00

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	NA	NA	0
Australia's total import	NA	NA	7,122,542
% of import from Taiwan	NA	NA	0%

CCC Code : 2008.99.00

Item	2010	2011	2012
Import from Taiwan	91,125	62,889	94,351
Australia's total import	23,502,851	32,413,409	27,048,619
% of import from Taiwan	0.39%	0.19%	0.35%