

Explanatory note

On 19 December 2016, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) initiated an investigation into the subsidisation of galvanised steel coil from the People's Republic of China. This decision came after New Zealand Steel submitted an application that contains sufficient evidence of subsidisation of the product, of material injury to New Zealand Steel, and of a link between the two.

Initiating the investigation isn't confirmation that China has subsidised its steel industry, just that the application provides sufficient evidence for MBIE to investigate further.

The investigation must be completed within 180 days (not counting 22 days over the holiday period). After its investigation MBIE will make a recommendation to the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs who then makes a final determination on the investigation, including whether or not to impose duties, by 9 July 2017.

MBIE runs a transparent investigation process by maintaining a public file of investigation documents.

The investigation is governed by the New Zealand [*Dumping and Countervailing Duties Act 1988*](#) and the [*World Trade Organisation Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures*](#).